



Forn Sed Norge is a religious society for those who believe in the Norwegian folklore, the spirits and entities the folklore represents, in addition to gods and other beings from the Norse pantheon. The purpose of the society is keeping alive the old traditions, beliefs and ways, and making interest for the popular faith and the Norse cultural heritage.

Forn Sed Norge is recognized by the Norwegian government as a religious society.

Anyone who wishes to restore the Ancient Way in its former glory, reclaim our cultural heritage and honour the ways of the old Gods is welcome to become a member of this society.

Forn Sed Norge strongly opposes any nazist, racist and other hostile attitudes and interpretations of the Norse heritage, and rejects any form of prejudice or intolerance.

Forn Sed Norge aim is to restore the Ancient Way and our cultural heritage in its former glory. We wish to do this without infringing upon any other religious or philosophical alignments, old or new, or the cultural heritage of other nationalities. Fanaticism and intolerance will never be consistent with the purpose of this society.

The Ancient Way is founded upon tolerance, honesty, loyalty, reverence for nature and all life. The chief content of the Heathen way is that each man and woman is responsible for themselves and their activities. The Håvamål, sung by Odin, offers moral advice to Heathen man amongst other things. The Voluspå and other writings describe the worldview. In religious questions we rely primarily upon the ancient Eddas and folkloristic beliefs in the Nordic countries.

Using the name Asatro for the Way is actually misleading, as the faith is not restricted to the Aesir. You may recognize other gods in Norse mythology and folklore as well, e.g. spirits of the land, elves, disar, vanir, jotuns, dverger, nisser and other creatures. The members of the society may practise their faith according to their own preferences, within the bounds of Norwegian law. They may dedicate images and other symbols to the divine powers, but it is not demanded that others must worship these.

With Forn Sed Norge we aim to create a viable forum for everyone who wish to maintain old traditions, ways and customs and promote understanding and interest for our Norse heritage. This can be done through courses and work groups on different themes, e.g. Norse language, history, arts, crafts, music or traditional foods. We have great ambitions, and in this spirit, some of the members of the society have published the largest existing collection of Norse literature on the Internet - in Norse. A link to this collection may be found on this site. The society is building an archive of articles and other sources, as well as its own library. Our goal is to publish a substantial list of the existing sources and literature that will be easily accessible for our members. Members receive a periodical - Ni Heimer.

Among other, equally important activities we can mention meetings that we arrange during the year to pay respect to our gods, the divine powers and other creatures of nature through blot.

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Membership.

Are you interested in the Ancient Way, seeking a community of other heathens, interested in old traditions, Norse mythology, folklore, Norse history and culture? Foreningen Forn Sed is open to all people who are interested in what Norse is, including popular beliefs. No matter, what you put in to it, religious or not.

To become a member, you have to be over 15 years of age, be residing in Norway and be willing to uphold the laws of the organization. If you are under 15, you need parental consent to join. All members are equal, have the right to vote and can run for all offices within the organization. If you are a member of another religious society, you'll have to withdraw from that society (in Norway). According to Norwegian law, you cannot be a member of two confessional societies at the same time.

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