

# Primali Glossary

(A Work in Progress)

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- ❖ **Polestari** - A group of individuals gathering for a Primali Rite, as well as the name of the place while the Rite gathering is taking place. (Synonym of Congregation).
- ❖ **Primali** - A short form of Primali Paganism, it is a path exploring the Primal Forces that honors the primal nature of man in a modern era. In forms of speech, Primali may also describe a Student of the Primali path, i.e. "I am Primali".
- ❖ **Ringbearer** - A person who belongs to the Polestari. They are given a brass ring as a symbol of their statement which stands for the ouroboros and the Great Cycle.
- ❖ **Orovael / Orovaela** - The term for the circlets worn by Polestari members during Rites - they may be of anything except cloth, and are worn to help the person focus on the Divine while in circle as well as to crown their Divine Selves with the symbols of the ouroboros.
- ❖ **HA A I A** - This is a joyous expression used by the Polestari as a form of celebration or affirmation. It closes every Rite except Separation Rites.
- ❖ **HA I A TA** - This form is only used during a Separation Rite, as it is an acknowledgment of bittersweet celebration and the end of a cycle.
- ❖ **Paladin** - The head of a Polestari is termed a Paladin. (Synonym of Head Preacher/High Priest/Minister) The term Paladin was chosen because the Primali believe that leadership, even spiritual leadership, is not a divine call but rather a position of trust from the community, and the term indicates one who is leading from the front and held to a high standard of integrity.
- ❖ **Priest** - Priest is the term for ordained ministers underneath the Paladin who serve the community. It is considered a gender-neutral term.
- ❖ **Student** - A Primali Student does not reference a student of the Paladin, but rather a practitioner of Primali. The term Student represents an agreement with the universe to remain a student of knowledge and humanity for the rest of one's life. Priests and Paladins are still Students, even with their rank.

## Cycle of Life Rites

- ❖ **Belly Blessing/Welcoming** - Held pre-natally or after birth, depending on the family's wishes, as a welcome to the new soul and as a dedication of the parents to raise the child in love and acceptance. The new child is presented to the community as one to be accepted and protected. (Synonym of Wiccaning)
- ❖ **Youth Rite** - Held at puberty or after at a time when the person feels ready to take on life as a thinking, feeling adult person. (Synonym of Maidening or Scouting)
- ❖ **Warrior Rite** - Held at the age of adulthood, should the person feel ready to take on caring for their chosen tribe.
- ❖ **Handfasting Rite** - Held when a couple/family decides to declare themselves a unit to the community, this can either be celebrated as a precursor to marriage or as the marriage itself.
- ❖ **Guardian Rite** - Held at the age of adulthood, should the person feels ready to take on a family and children. (Synonym for Mothering or Fathering)
- ❖ **Eldering Rite** - Held at or around the age of menopause or declining testosterone when a person feels ready to dedicate themselves to their community when their family changes shape. (Synonym for Croning or Saging)
- ❖ **Separation Rite** - Held for those who have passed on, allowing those left behind to acknowledge and mourn their separation. This can also be held for divorce, or even the end of a significant friendship. (Synonym of Funeral)

## Eight Rites of the Year

There are eight Rites that take their name from the runes of each of the Eight Forces that Primali acknowledges.

- ❖ **Uhi (Uhila) - Flame Father** - Flame Father is the primal Force of fire and earth. He is the keeper of secrets and secret places and gave himself to shatter apart and make the earth beneath our feet.
- ❖ **Mata (Matala) - The Lady of Life** - The fourth of the Sisters is the primal Force of Life. She stepped foot onto the world and from that spark all life comes, which is also why she is the Lady of Electricity.
- ❖ **Kith (Kithaka Dun) - Crom Cruach** - The only Force with a name represents the Force of Humanity. He was the first to answer to a name and as such is the

Father of us All. He is one and the same with the Snake, his other half, and is an important Force because we are human. He is our survival instinct, our pride, and our heroism.

- ❖ **Tamolech (Tamolechas) - Grandmother** - The first Force is the beginning of life in the cosmos and represents the Force of Love, Space, and Time. She brought all the others into being and wanted the inhabitants of the cosmos to understand compassion toward each other. She is love with all its edges.
- ❖ **Dauk (Dauklaeio) - The Lady of Water** - The second of the Sisters is the primal force of Water. She took chemicals and combined them to make water and brought not only water to the world but Science as well since the first technologies were for seafaring and fishing.
- ❖ **Zareft (Na'Zareft)- The Lady of Air** - The first of the Sisters is the primal Force of Air. She brought the atmosphere and gases into the cosmos and since there can be no color without air to bend the light, she brought color into being.
- ❖ **Akos (Akosa)- The Beast** - Far from a terrifying concept for Primali, the Beast is the Primal Force of the Dreaming Place - of Death and Dreams. It waits for us when we die, ready to run wild through the places we can't visit yet. It guides us through doors and reminds us that there is something not tame about all of us.
- ❖ **Kheltia (Kheltiamas)- The Lady of Light** - The third of the Sisters is the primal Force of Light, and is a triune Force (Sunlight, Moonlight, and Starlight). She brought light to the warmth of Flame Father and is the light at the darkest of times and the longest nights.

Thus, the cycle goes:

Feb 1 - Uhila

March 20 - Matala

May 1 - Kithaka Dun

June 20 - Tamolechas

August 1 - Dauklaeio

September 20 - Na'Zareft

October 31 - Akosa

December 20 - Kheltiamas

### Pronunciation Guide

Uhi/Uhila - {Oo-hai/Oo-hee-lah}

Mata/Matala - {Mah-tah/Mah-tah-lah}

Kith/Kithaka Dun - {Kith/Kith-ah-kah-doon}

Tamolech/Tamolechas -

{Tam-oh-leck/Tam-oh-leck-as}

Dauk/Dauklaeio -

{Dah-ook/Dah-oo-klah-eh-ee-oh}

Zareft/Na'Zareft - {Zah-reft/Nah-Zah-reft}

Akos/Akosa - {Ah-kows/Ah-kow-sah}

Kheltia/Kheltiamas -

{Khel-tee-ah/Khel-tee-ah-mas}