

Other Origins

Chrysoprase [*The Prophecy Keepers* Chapters One and Four (1:1, 4) and *The Charm of Urizen* Chapter 3 (2:3)] An apple-green chalcedony used as a gemstone; its shade is due to its nickel content. It fades in the sunlight and is used for spiritual protection. At one time it was thought that thieves used it to make themselves invisible.

Commendation Ceremony (2:3) The text of Bethalus's speech in his ceremony is based on a grant from 1200 AD used to commend a vassal to a lord, from E.P. Chesney, trans., University of Pennsylvania Translations and Reprints (1898) in *Middle Ages* Volume I: p 128.

Drakkar (2:1) or Drekar, "dragon ship." Viking long ship used in raids.

Karv (2:1) Viking "all-purpose" ship, smaller than the long boats.

Taflkast (2:2) A Norse dice-throwing game.

Various Mythologies

Adlivun (2:4) In Inuit mythology, Adlivun is located beneath land and sea; it is a frozen wasteland, the underworld.

Asrais (2: Prologue) The asrais are a type of nocturnal fairy who live in an underwater world. They cannot live on land. They look young, but are very ancient, and they have delicate, whitish, almost translucent bodies.

Dryad In classical mythology, Dryads are personifications of trees, especially oaks; they are young, beautiful, love music and dancing, and possess the gift of prophecy; they are long-lived, though not immortal.

Fragarach (2:5) Sword from Irish mythology known as "the answerer," brought to Ireland from one of the four great Danann cities by Lugh of the Long Arm. It was said that it could cut through any armor.

Ifrit (2:2) In Arabic mythology, Ifrit are jinn spirits, or genies, that embody elemental fire. They are malicious and difficult to control.

Loki Scandinavian god of mischief.

Milesians (2:4, 5) In Irish Mythology, the Milesians are the final invaders of Ireland. They are human with divine ancestry. They are said to be the true ancestors of the Irish.

Moruadh Fairies(2:4, 6) In Irish mythology, the Moruadh fairies are mermaids.

Nemedian Fairies In Celtic mythology, the Nemedians are a race that appeared after the Partholans died out.

Partholan (2:6) The Partholan fairies are based on the Partholans of Celtic mythology, who were said to be the first race to inhabit Ireland. They came from the west, and Partholan was their leader.