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# ASATRU FREE ASSEMBLY

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ANNOUNCING....

PEOPLE OF THE LORD AND LADY is a newly-formed special interest focus within the Asatru Free Assembly. It is dedicated to the Scandinavian deities called the Vanir -- Frey, Freya, Nerthus, and Njord, gods and goddesses of love, fertility, joy, and plenty. By this special interest focus we hope to balance and complement the better-known family of Norse deities called the Aesir -- Odin, Thor, Tyr, and the others.

Some of the things we're interested in are -- reverence and love for the Earth without anti-technological bias....a relinking with the forces and cycles of nature....a deeper awareness of the soul of the Pagan Northlands....experiencing the spiritual power and beauty of the ancestral clan....and loving life all the more!

The worship of the Vanir isn't quite a Norse Wicca, although there are similarities. Some of these are the emphasis on fertility and the seasons, the well-being and interrelation of humankind and the ecology, the pursuit of joy, and deities whose names translate from the old tongue as Lord and Lady! In addition, the festivals of the Vanir-faith are similar to those of Wicca and other European Pagan traditions.

PEOPLE OF THE LORD AND LADY, at this time, is a "focus" rather than an "organization". One joins only in one's soul and spirit, but it is none the less real for that!

The Runestone, the journal of the Asatru Free Assembly, is being enlarged (at no increase in price) to serve as the voice of these beings of love, joy, and plenty. These added pages, in time, will constitute the basic written guide to the restored worship of the Vanir as practiced by the AFA.

Our recent study of the Vanir-faith has been a much-needed exploration of an often neglected area of our spirituality. In some respects it amounts to the birth of a "new" Pagan tradition. It is our joy to announce this significant event to the Pagan community.