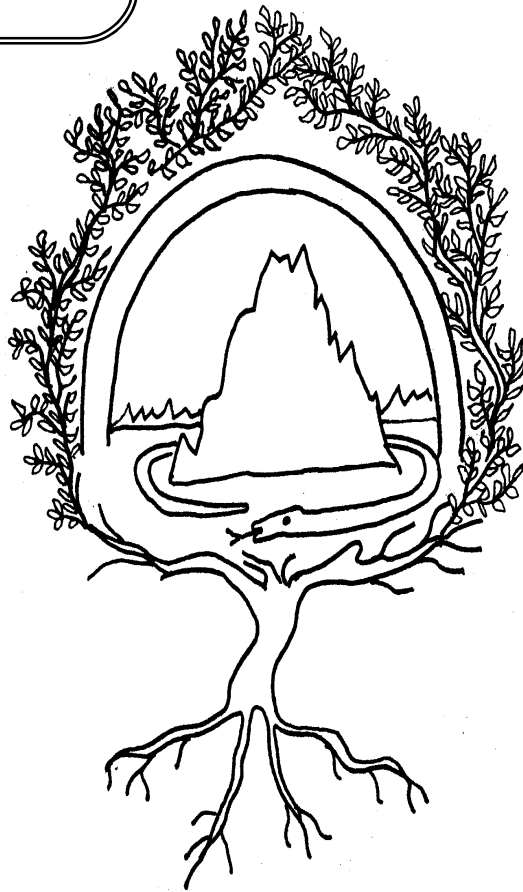


**The tree as a symbol of life and of the spirit can be found in all the religions of the world.**

In the Bible, in the Book of Revelation we are told that the leaves of the tree of life were for the “healing of the nations” and “Blessed are they that do His commandments! They will have the right to the Tree of Life.”

In Jewish and Christian belief, at the creation of the world, “the Lord God made trees to spring from the ground.....and in the middle of the garden He set the tree of life.”



Buddha found divine Wisdom while seated beneath a Bo-tree, which to His followers became a Tree of Creation. It combined the attributes of wisdom, creation and preparation for the next world.

In the Indian scriptures, the Upanishads, it is written: “The Tree of Eternity has its roots in heaven above and its branches reach down to earth. It is Brahman (the Hindu name for God), pure Spirit, Who in truth is called the Immortal. All the worlds rest on that Spirit and beyond Him none can go.”

In Nordic myth there was a World Tree named Yggdrasil. It was an ash tree whose branches overspread the world and reached the heavens, while its roots penetrated the underworld. Halfway up its trunk was Midgard, the disc-shaped earth, surrounded by ocean.