

NORSE NEOPAGANISM: A RETURN TO SPIRITUAL ROOTS OR AN EXCUSE FOR RACISM?

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This paper examines the emergence of Norse Neopaganism, focusing specifically on Asatru and its variants within the United States. While many individuals turn to these religions out of a desire to embrace their ancestors' beliefs, many others seem to find Norse Neopaganism as the ideal companion of white supremacy. The paper will examine both the development of Asatru and the motivations behind it as well as the development of its racially based offspring. The relationship between white supremacist groups and Norse Neopaganism will be explored, as well as the conflict between white supremacist Christians and white supremacist Neopagans. The paper demonstrates the evolution of this diverse set of religions and their potential impact on society.