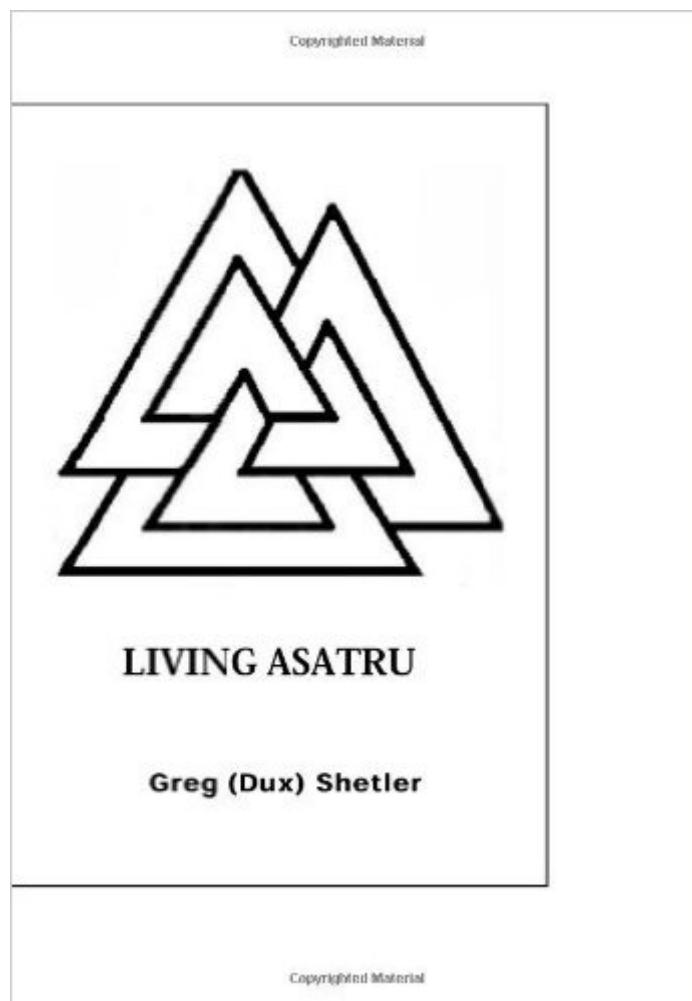


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# Living Asatru



## **Synopsis**

A concise personal perspective on how to bring the beliefs and ethics of Asatru to life on a day-to-day basis, written by a founding director of Asgard Troth (an Asatru "Church") and the Texas Asatru League (an association of Asatruar in Texas). Known to many as Dux, Greg is an ordained Gothi, and continues today as a member of Asgard Troth.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Greg Shetler's "Living Asatru" is a concise introduction to Asatru. Beginning with an explanation of what Asatru is not by debunking some common enough misconceptions, Shetler then goes on to give explanation of what Asatru actually is; starting with where we are today in reconstructing a religion which we know mostly from archeology and mythology. He stresses the importance of Oaths, Honor, and Ethics through the section on 'Lessons from the Lore' and even includes modern day life hypothetical examples of application of ethics and oaths. A basic introduction to the Aesir and Vanir, the holy tides of the year, the runes and a few ceremonies follow. While not meant as a thorough resource, it does fill its intended niche quite well as a basic handbook of Asatru, perfect for the beginner, and a book any kindred would do well to have on hand as a basic introduction to Asatru for new seekers.

This little book is very direct and to the point. It goes over a lot of main topics which are very essential to Asatru: what Asatru is and is not, the Nine Noble Virtues, ethics, Orlog, Frith, oaths, a basic introduction to the Gods and Goddesses, the Blots, ceremonies, and even a little bit about the

runes and different types of magic. He gives very good modern day examples, focusing less on abstract concepts and more on how one can apply them and really "live" Asatru, as the title says. I didn't agree with some of what he had to say, but he clearly stated that the book contains his own interpretations and opinions. The author encourages the reader to learn more about Asatru through different sources. That said, I'd recommend this book to anyone. It's a great introduction to Asatru and it's well worth a read.

This book, although it does not delve very deeply into the religion, does give a good overview of the belief system of Asatru. The author claims only to give the reader ideas for their own research. A great jumping off point for the beginner. Also a wonderful resource for those who are exploring the many religions out there. I gave this book to my family when they were interested in what I believed. It is a great resource for them to understand my religion, even though they are not interested in becoming Asatru themselves. It makes a great resource for explaining Heathenism when you get tongue-tied and don't know where to begin answering people's questions.

If you're sick and tired of touchy feely hippie new age writing this is the book for you. It lays out in very unapologetic language the ways of Asatru without the usual wiccan influence. It is a straight forward look at Asatru from a Hardcore Asatruar's point of view. Great book for anyone interested in the northern path without the overly celtic influence of most other writings.

This is a simple book, written from the (clearly stated at the start) viewpoint of the author and therefore to be taken as suggestions and ideas rather than hard fact and research. It quickly explores the myths of what Asatru is and is not, the Gods, the holy days, the rituals. I especially liked the modern day examples of heathen values, and frequently loan this book out to friends who are interested in heathenry. It's small, it's easy to read, and it clarifies many subjects in terms anybody can understand. I highly recommend this book.

This is one of the very first books I bought on Asatru, and I have since read pretty much read everything out there - this is still my favorite book on the subject. Greg introduces Asatru in an unbiased and straight forward manner. There are lots of books out there rife with extra detail that might overwhelm a person interested in exploring Asatru - this is not one of them. Living Asatru achieves a perfect balance of depth and breadth. I wish there were such excellent introductions to other faiths for people; Greg's work is an invaluable contribution to the community. Eoghan

Odinsson, Award Winning Author of "Northern Lore: A Field Guide To The Northern Mind, Body & Spirit"

Am only a third of the way through this very first book about Asatru and I am very pleased with all I am learning! The fact that my Germanic Scandinavian ancestors likely practiced Asatru make it all the more special to me! I would most definitely recommend this book for anyone who's interested in learning about Asatru!

This book is good for a glimpse into the culture of Asatru. One can glean the basic building blocks for a foundation in creating a solid life based on Asatru values. I think the book is a good starting point on a quest of additional research. I think an overlooked message of this book is that there are people around the world improving their lives with Asatru. If you feel alone you are not. If you want comradery you can find it. There is an opportunity to improve this book with improvement in sentence structure and grammar. A major distraction to me was the constant use of quotation marks. To compound this annoyance, the period is placed outside the quotation marks at least ninety percent of the time. Here is an example: I picture the author constantly lifting his hands and "Wiggling" his index and middle fingers for emphasis as he "holds a conversation". Please consult an "Experienced" editor before your next publication so your readers have a better literary "Experience". Here is a start. In the United States, periods and commas go inside quotation marks. Do not use quotation marks in an attempt to emphasize a word.

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