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“It is always a pleasure to review works by Frank Joseph. In this case a double pleasure . . . Mr. Joseph brings a welcome new insight into runology due to his deep research into the origins of the symbols themselves, their names, and the Norse gods they embody in a compressed form. . . This work is enhanced by the exquisite illustrations of well-known fantasy artist Ian Daniels.” (*Jennifer Hoskins, New Dawn Magazine, May 2011*)

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