

= Sinthgunt =

Sinthgunt is a figure in Germanic mythology , attested solely in the Old High German 9th- or 10th @-@ century " horse cure " Merseburg Incantation . In the incantation , Sinthgunt is referred to as the sister of the personified sun , Sunna (whose name is alliterative to Sinthgunt) , and the two sisters are cited as both producing charms to heal Phol 's horse , a figure also otherwise unattested . The two are then followed by Friia and Uolla , also alliterative and stated as sisters .

As Sinthgunt is otherwise unattested , her significance is otherwise unknown , but some scholarly theories exist about her role in Germanic mythology based on proposed etymologies , and the potential significance of her placement within the incantation .

= = Etymology = =

The etymology of Sinthgunt is unclear . Within the original manuscript , Sinthgunt is spelled " Sinhtgunt " (emphasis added) . Sticking directly to this reading has yielded interpretations such as " the night @-@ walking one " . As a result of the paring with Sunna , the personified sun , this etymology has been interpreted as a reference to the moon . However , this reading has yielded problems ; the moon in Germanic mythology is considered masculine , exemplified in the personification of the moon in Norse mythology , Máni , a male figure . Interpretations from the amended " Sinthgunt " have resulted in readings such as " the one moving into battle " or " heavenly body , star " .

= = Placement = =

The figures Fulla (Uolla) and Frigg (Friia) are attested together in later Old Norse sources (though not as sisters) , and theories have been proposed that the Fulla may at one time have been an aspect of Frigg . As a result , this notion has resulted in theory that a similar situation may have existed between the figures of Sinthgunt and Sól , in that the two may have been understood as aspects of one another rather than entirely separate figures .