

The Battle Crow Calls

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All of these roles play into and compliment each other, you can be working with multiple aspects with one act.

Different goddesses included in Na Morrigna:

- **Badb** - Generally associated with prophecy in modern practice especially, but also the battle crow
- **Macha** - Several iterations across myth, strongly associated with justice and cursing
- **Mórrígan** - used for all these goddesses but also a goddess, strongly associated with poetry/satire, battle, and magic
- **Anu** - Generally considered The Morrigan's "name"
- **Nemhain** - "Poison" and "Wife of War" generally the shrieking phantom, possibly another name for Badb
- **Fea** - Not much said about Her, etymology is uncertain, "hateful", another wife of Be Neit, associated with cattle

The Mórrígan as queen:

- Sovereign, The Great Queen
- The sovereignty of the land
- Commander and strategist
- Provider/protector of tribe

Ways to Worship:

- Leader
- Mediator
- Advocate

The Mórrígan as the warrior:

- Justice
- Poetry of war
- "Pursue what was observed, pursue to strike down, I control bloody destruction"

Ways to Worship:

- Readiness (Training, preparedness)
- Protesting, fighting against injustice
- War poetry, inspiring allies and demoralizing opponents (see rosc)

The Mórrígan as shapeshifter:

- Spy
- Psychopomp
- Guide
- Also mention animals: heifer, crow, eel, wolf

Ways to Worship:

- Psychopomp (For instance Death Doula)
- Journeywork
- Information gathering and spreading

The Mórrígan as seer:

- Prophecy (includes Washer at the Ford)
- Poetry/Satire
- Incitement

Ways to Worship:

- Poetry, especially prophetic or inciting
- Divination
- Channeling/oracle work

The Mórrígan as sorcerer:

- Blood and Fire
- Weaving magic into hair
- Spellsongs

Ways to Worship:

- Braiding hair or magical knotwork
- Battle incitement/inspiration yet again
- Spellwork

The Mórrígan as healer:

- FULACHT NA MORRIGNA
- Washer at the Ford as a healer
- Group Gnosis: The Mórrígan finds those that are traumatized and helps them through their shit in various ways, leads through darkness to find your own light

Ways to Worship:

- Counselor/Trained Empath
- Providing sanctuary
- Food, warmth, comfort, healing

Recommended Resources:

Books:

- The Morrigan by Morgan Daimler
- Raven Goddess by Morgan Daimler
- Morgan Daimler's Dual Language collections of Irish Myth
- Book of the Great Queen by Morpheus Ravenna
- By Blood, Bone, and Blade by Bibliotheca Alexandria
- The War Goddess dissertation by Gulermovich-Epstein

Websites:

- Mary Jones Celtic Literature Collective
http://maryjones.us/ctexts/index_irish.html
- Irish Pagan School <https://irishpaganschool.com/>
 - Specific Classes:
 - [\(Free\) Getting Started with the Mórrígan](#)
 - [Introduction to the Mórrígan with Lora O'Brien](#)
 - [Faces of the Morrigan | Online Course](#)
 - [Shapes of the Mórrígan | The Irish Pagan School](#)
 - [Síd ar Cruachán – The Mórrígan's Cave | The Irish Pagan School](#)
 - [Places of the Mórrígan | Online Course | The Irish Pagan School](#)
 - [The Mórrígan Lore | The Irish Pagan School](#)
- [Lora O'Brien](#)
- [Dagda Bard](#)
- [Living Liminaly](#) run by Daimler, particularly this link:
<https://lairbhan.blogspot.com/2017/08/online-morrigan-resources.html>
- CELT at University College Cork <https://celt.ucc.ie/index.html>
- CODECS <https://codecs.vanhamel.nl/Home>