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This article is about the neo-Nazi symbol. For the alchemical symbol, see Sol niger. The Black Sun symbol
The Black Sun (German: Schwarze Sonne) is a Nazi symbol, a type of sun wheel (German: Sonnenrad)<sup>[1]</sup><sup>[2]</sup> employed in Nazi Germany and later by neo-Nazis and in some strains of Satanism. The symbol's design consists of twelve radial sig runes, similar to the symbols employed by the SS in their logo.<sup>[note 1]</sup> It first appeared in Nazi Germany as a design element in a castle at Wewelsburg remodeled and expanded by the head of the SS, Heinrich Himmler, which he intended to be a center for the SS. Whether the design had a name or held any particular significance among the SS remains unknown. Its association with the occult originates with a 1991 German novel, *Die Schwarze Sonne von Tashi Lhunpo* ("The Black Sun of Tashi Lhunpo"), by the pseudonymous author Russell McCloud. The book links the Wewelsburg mosaic with the neo-Nazi concept of the "Black Sun", invented by former SS officer Wilhelm Landig as a substitute for the Nazi swastika.<sup>[3]</sup><sup>[4]</sup> Wewelsburg mosaic
View of the mosaic's placement in Wewelsburg in 1933, Heinrich Himmler, the head of the SS, acquired Wewelsburg, a castle near Paderborn, Germany. Himmler intended to make the structure into a center for the SS, and between 1936 and 1942, Himmler ordered the building expanded and rebuilt for ceremonial purposes.<sup>[5]</sup> As a product of Himmler's remodeling, twelve dark-green radially overlaid sig runes, such as those employed in the logo of the SS, appear on the white marble floor of the structure's north tower, the *Obergruppenführersaal*, or "General's Hall".<sup>[note 1]</sup> The intended significance of the image remains unknown. Some scholars have suggested that the artist may have found inspiration from motifs found on decorative Merovingian disks (*Zierscheiben*).<sup>[note 2]</sup> Neo-Nazism
A leather belt with the black sun symbol as belt buckle. The item is from the 2010s. The Black Sun symbol is widely used by neo-fascist, neo-Nazi,<sup>[6]</sup> the far-right and white nationalists. The symbol often appears on extremist flags, t-shirts, posters, websites and in extremist publications associated with such groups. Modern far-right groups often refer to the symbol as the sun wheel or *Sonnenrad*.<sup>[5]</sup><sup>[7]</sup><sup>[8]</sup> The name "Black Sun" came into wider use after the publication of a 1991 occult thriller novel, *Die Schwarze Sonne von Tashi Lhunpo* (The Black Sun of Tashi Lhunpo), by the pseudonymous author Russell McCloud. The book links the Wewelsburg mosaic with the neo-Nazi concept of the "Black Sun", invented by former SS officer Wilhelm Landig as a substitute for the Nazi swastika and a symbol for a mystic energy source that was supposed to renew the Aryan race.<sup>[3]</sup><sup>[4]</sup><sup>[9]</sup> A number of far-right groups and individuals have utilised the symbol in their propaganda, including the Christchurch mosque shooter Brenton Tarrant and Australian neo-Nazi group Antipodean Resistance, and the symbol was displayed by members of several extremist groups involved in the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.<sup>[10]</sup> Along with other symbols from the Nazi era such as the *Wolfsangel*, the *Sig Armanen* rune, and the *Totenkopf*, the black sun is employed by some neo-Nazi adherents of Satanism.<sup>[11]</sup> Scholar Chris Mathews writes: The Black Sun motif is even less ambiguous. Though based on medieval German symbols, the Wewelsburg mosaic is a unique design commissioned specifically for Himmler, and its primary contemporary association is Nazi occultism, for which Nazi Satanic groups and esoteric neo-Nazis adopt it.<sup>[11]</sup> During the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, NATO tweeted a photo of a female Ukrainian soldier for International Women's Day. The soldier wore a symbol on her uniform that "appears to be the black sun symbol" (because the symbol is the same color as its surrounding uniform, it is difficult to see). After receiving complaints from social media users, NATO removed the tweet and stated "The post was removed when we realised it contained a symbol that we could not verify as official." The Ukrainian Azov Battalion has used the symbol as part of its logo. The Azov Battalion in particular has since become a point of propaganda for the Russian government and Russian president Vladimir Putin during Russia's invasion of Ukraine, who have sought to frame the invasion as "denazification". Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who is Jewish, has responded by stating that Russia's invasion of Ukraine was comparable to those of Nazi Germany and that Putin exhibits "pure Nazi behavior".<sup>[12]</sup> See also Esotericism in Germany and Austria
Fascist symbolism
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List of symbols designated by the Anti-Defamation League as hate symbols
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Informational notes
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^ According to Goodrick-Clarke, "[i]t has been suggested that this twelve-spoke sun wheel derives from decorative disks from the Merovingians of the early medieval period and are supposed to represent the visible sun or its passage through the months of the year. These disks were discussed in scholarly publications during the Third Reich and may well have served the Wewelsburg designers as a model."<sup>[3]</sup>
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