64 Triads & Their Divinatory Meanings

T-1

*Concerning things that hide: an open bag hides nothing, an open door hides little, and an open person hides something.*

You have met, or shortly will meet, someone who seems very open, friendly, and easy to talk to. This person is hiding something. Be on your guard around them until you get to know them better and discern what it is they are hiding. Their secret may or may not be harmless. A possible secondary meaning is, you may have something in an insufficiently-secure location. Take steps to correct this as soon as possible. The open-person could be looking for it.

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*Three errors not acknowledged: the fear of an enemy, the torment of love, and a jealous person’s evil suspicion of their mate.*

Refusal on your part to honestly face, admit to, and deal with uncomfortable feelings coming from your ‘shadow side’ could lead to a defeat, failure or unpleasant outcome in a course of action you propose to take, or a situation of concern to you. Be honest with yourself about what you’re feeling. No good can come from decisions based on these errors. Dealing with this effectively may mean having an air-clearing discussion with someone, or confiding in a wise person you trust.

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*Three things not easy to check: the stream of a cataract, an arrow from a bow, and a rash tongue.*

A warning to watch what you say, watch what you do, and don’t let your temper get the better of you at this time. Once an arrow is shot from a bow, a fist lands on a jaw, or a word escapes the lips, it cannot be withdrawn. Some sudden misfortune, coming swiftly, may catch all by surprise.
Three things which constitute a healer: a complete cure, leaving no blemish behind, and a painless examination.

This triad can be read one of two ways. You have, will have, or have had, a physical condition which may necessitates having to visit a medical professional. Or it may be you who is called upon to ‘heal’ a person or situation. Your capability as a healer may be at-issue. Can you conduct a painless examination, leave no blemish behind, and effect a complete cure? If you can honestly answer yes, then set your mind at ease. Finding a competent and effective health care professional with whom you can communicate effectively may be a priority now—or soon.

There are three things which move together as quickly the one as the other: lightning, thought and the help of the Gods.

You will receive sudden, unexpected assistance of some kind. This assistance may come in the form of a thought which occurs to you like a bolt out of the blue, a thought that holds an answer to some issue of concern to you right now. Or the answer or assistance will present itself, unbidden and instantaneous, at the right time, with no effort on your part. Change can happen in an instant, and sometimes, just at that moment when we think all is lost. Remember to thank the Gods later.

Three sweet things in the world: power, prosperity and error in action.

Though it is possibly you who has the power and prosperity, there may be someone who has set themselves up as an adversary to you and is watching you, waiting for you to make a crucial error, leaving the path to victory wide-open to them. So move with care at this time, even though your position looks solid and unassailable. On the other hand, it may be you who benefits from the misstep of another. Be watchful; your adversary will soon make a mistake, giving you the opportunity to benefit from their error. Think chess-player-who-makes-crucial-wrong-move.
The three false sisters: “perhaps”, “maybe”, and “I dare say.”

If someone is using quasi-language like ‘perhaps’ and ‘maybe’ with you, most-likely it’s because they just don’t want to come right out and tell you ‘no.’ Take the hint and move on to plan b. The phrase, ‘I dare say…’ often precedes a provocative observation, a statement the speaker well-knows they probably shouldn’t say, but they say it anyway. Resist rising to the bait. The three false sisters may visit you soon. Read between the lines and hear what they’re really saying.

Three keys that unlock thoughts: drunkenness, trustfulness, love.

Someone under-the-influence reveals something to you that perhaps they wouldn’t, had they been in their right minds. This can be a profitable situation; you may learn something of value. On the other hand, it can be an uncomfortable situation if they drunkenly declare their love to you and your sentiments don’t jibe with theirs. This triad could be warning you that ‘lose lips sink ships’ and you’re in danger of sinking your own ship. So watch how much you drink, who you trust with your confidences, and who you love—and strictly control what you say.

Three marvelous deeds: to forgive a wrong done, to amend everything possible, and to refrain from injustice.

You may be called-upon to be the Bigger Person at this time. To forgive a wrong done to you, no matter how unjust, to make reparations for something wrong you did, no matter how costly, or forego the opportunity to commit a wrong against someone else, no matter how much you think they deserve it. Know that your forbearance has gained you something more valuable—a good reputation in the eyes of humanity and a clear conscience. Everyone admires a person of integrity, and if you are capable of these three marvelous deeds, you are most certainly one.
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*Three things which the industrious will gain: precedence, wealth, and praise from the wise.*

Working hard and keeping yourself profitably-occupied will bring you the kind of rewards which come from hard work and honest effort. Past effort and hard work on your part may pay off soon, and will result in material gain, a promotion, or public recognition for your work. Society admires far more the person who makes themselves great by their own efforts, than it does those who inherit their position.

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*There are three things: counsel, loss, and shame; and they who have not the first, will get the other two.*

You are receiving, or will receive, good advice about a matter which has you upset, concerned, or motivated to do something about it. Be smart; listen attentively and take this advice, or loss and shame will be your lot. Your emotions about something could be warping your perspective and this could cost you if you act, based on those emotions. If you are contemplating action in a field you aren’t familiar with, it is all the more important that you actively seek-out professional advice before you act.

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*There are three things as good to lose as to gain: extreme prosperity, extreme praise, and extreme dignity.*

Too much of anything causes imbalance in life. The top rungs of the ladder are the most unstable and unsafe place to be. That’s why you need somebody at the bottom of the ladder holding it, in order to keep you grounded. You are facing a loss in the near future, but it may come in order to regulate something which Universe/The Gods regard as an extremity, something which has thrown your life off-balance, and which you may be better off without anyway. If what you are forced to part with is your dignity, strive to bear it with good grace. Play it off as a good joke. Laugh, even if it hurts. A pratfall can be a great teacher, not just a source of comedy. And handling loss with grace can gain you something—a good reputation in the eyes of others.
Three losses which bring gain in the end: loss of what is more than life needs, loss of bodily health, and loss of what one prizes the most and above all.

Whether it is the loss of your health, excess material wealth, or most-prized possession, you may be in for a loss. This triad is encouraging you to look on the bright-side of loss, and not becoming dependent on things. This loss may occur in order to force you to grow, learn, and become a stronger or better person. Loss can also open the door to new opportunities, for nature abhors a vacuum. No matter what you lose, you still have you. That may be the lesson here.

Three things which will not benefit heirs: a miser’s wealth, the praise of tavern companions, and feats of sport.

The time has come to take the long view, to consider your legacy and how you interact with the world. Being a star athlete in your youth, a valued drinking-companion in adulthood, and a wealthy person in old age is all well and good, and flatters your ego while you’re alive. But have you done anything of real benefit for your family? Will the world be left a better place because you have lived? If you don’t have a will, this triad indicates now may be the time to draw one up. And while you’re at it, consider the reputation you’ll leave behind after you die.

Three things hard for any to do: cool the fire, dry the water, and please the world.

You may be in an impossible situation. No matter what you decide, what action you take, or who you try to mollify, someone else around you is going to be unhappy, and they are going to let you know it. The situation may leave you no other option than to make some people angry. Do not let this deter you from doing what you believe to be right. Some people set impossible standards, because they enjoy having a reason to criticize others. It boosts their ego to point out others’ shortcomings. Sigh philosophically and move on; you see them for what they are.
Three things which bring one many invitations: saying little, and that wise and instructive; quiet mirth without great effort; and behaving always without arrogance.

Your deportment may have a positive effect on your social life now. You could be receiving more than one invitation. If you find yourself shut out of social activities and not receiving invitations, this triad suggests you take a good look at yourself. There may be something about your personality that is repelling people. If having an active social life is important to you, figure out where the ‘rubs’ are, and correct them.

Three things for which thanks are due, because that is as easy as reward: an invitation, a gift, and a warning.

Saying ‘thank you’ for things received, whether it’s an invitation or a gift, is only good manners. Some people can float on a good ‘thank you’ for days. But this triad foretells that what you receive soon may be a warning. Don’t take offense at the warning; the person warning you is doing it as a ‘heads-up’, not a personal threat. A timely warning can be seen as a gift too, so mind your manners and remember to thank them.

Three things all should have on hand for a guest, expected or not: an open door, an un-dry cauldron, and a warm bed.

You are put on notice that you will soon have a guest, possibly one you have expected, but more likely a surprise guest. Consider if your place of residence is currently ready to receive a guest, and make preparations. To be a really great host is to be always ready to accommodate a guest.
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*Three reasons for keeping silent: against saying the thing one ought not, against speaking in the way one ought not, and against speaking in the place one ought not.*

You are cautioned to strictly control your passions and watch what you say—and to whom, and where, you say it. You may soon be in danger of hotly speaking your mind on a subject about which you’re better-off remaining silent. Your words could complicate matters considerably and do you long-term harm. Worse, you may be tempted to speak your mind this way in a place where you really shouldn’t. Discourteous language is not soon forgotten. Words can be weapons, and they must be wielded with care.

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*Three reasons for speaking, come what may: for instruction against ignorance, counsel against strife, and truth against harmful falsehood.*

Take your courage in hand, for you may soon be in an adverse situation where you will find it necessary to speak up, and speak your truth to a potentially-hostile audience. If this troubles you, consider the principle that ‘silence implies consent’. To tolerate a falsehood, an ill-informed statement, or an incitement to violence is to agree to it, give it life, and allow it to grow. And in the end, if you knew differently and did not speak up, what would people think of you? And how would you feel about yourself?

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*Three fair things that hide ugliness: good manners in the ill-favored, skill in the common person, and wisdom in the misshapen.*

Look beyond mere appearances at this time. Someone who appears plain, ugly, too-old, or otherwise unappealing to you may harbor rich gifts. They could actually be very talented, have good qualities of character, or simply be a very interesting person to talk to. You could end up making a new friend. Good things sometimes come in plain-brown paper wrappers.
Three candles which illumine every darkness: truth, nature, and knowledge.

You may be going through a ‘dark night of the soul’ at this time, or ‘in the dark’ about something. In either case, take the triad’s advice to seek and face the truth of the situation, consider the nature of the thing which has brought about your darkness, and rely on your knowledge of the circumstances. Using the truth you know, the knowledge you possess, and the nature of the opposition you face, you may be able to arrive at illumination.

From three people, keep yourself: the joyless, the mocker, and the one who laughs at lawless doings.

It’s easy to stay away from the joyless; they’re no fun. But sometimes we enjoy the company of people who make fun of others, find crimes-committed-successfully funny, or enjoy seeing others treated unfairly. If you enjoy the company of someone with the latter-two qualities in this triad, consider what they might be saying about you, when you aren’t around. ‘One who laughs at lawless doings’ may also be ‘one who gets into unlawful situations’ and those people can be dangerous company. You don’t want to be around them when the cops arrive. There may be someone in your environment whom you need to keep at arm’s length or un-friend on Facebook.

Three things needful to one who has done wrong: to acknowledge their wrong, to seek to be upright, and to make restitution.

You may be the unhappy individual who has done wrong, and now must make right the situation. Acknowledge it, apologize to the wronged party, try to fix the damage where you can, and resolve to sin no more. In doing so you build character and repair your reputation. If you are the wronged-party, you may be feeling frustrated and deprived, because you need the evil-doer to go through these steps and they aren’t. Try pinging this triad at them, see if that works.
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*Three things which the negligent will gain: shame, loss, and derision.*

Similar to Triad 11 above, this is another warning you may be in danger of bringing loss, embarrassment and the contempt of others down on your head, only this would be from something you’ve *neglected*, not good advice you’re disregarding. Identify what it is, and correct the situation immediately. Neglecting something about which you need to be diligent makes you look stupid, and the stupid get no sympathy. Which is hard-enough, on top of the embarrassment and ridicule.

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*Three things gained by the endurance of the Cailleach: cleansing, purity and renewal.*

In European mythology, the Cailleach was a goddess of winter, depicted as an old woman. Known as a destroyer-goddess, she also had the ability to create new life. You are advised that, by enduring this wintertime-of-the-spirit, this hardship you’re suffering now, you’re undergoing a cleansing and a purifying which will, in due course, bring you a ‘springtime’ of renewal. She will freeze out of you the impure and non-essential, so future growth is possible. You come out stronger and hardier, because you *know* you can survive adversity.

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*There are three who are never profitable: they who marry by the counsel of their flesh, they who feast by the counsel of their hunger, and they who fight by the counsel of their rage.*

‘Marry in haste, repent at leisure.’ Control your passions, or they will control you. You are letting your impulses, desires and passions make important decisions for you, and this will cost you dearly. This triad is the obese guy with poor anger-management skills who married his high school sweetheart, and when he isn’t beating her and the kids, he’s getting into barroom brawls. The people who get ahead in life are the ones who think with their large-brain, take the long-view of things, and plan accordingly. Successful people who those who can control themselves.
Three things which the early riser will gain: health, wealth, and happiness.

Success and victory is dependent on you getting to the goods before anyone else does. This can mean literally getting up earlier than anyone else does, or making your move before the situation has completely evolved. Now is the time to make your move, before anyone else can get to it. A survey once found many self-made millionaires do, in fact, get up earlier than the average person. They use the extra-time for self-improvement. You may be encouraged to make this lifestyle change, or to at least consider it.

Three things which the law-abiding will gain: health, success, and honor.

You may be tempted to cut corners and disregard laws, rules, and regulations in pursuit of what you want. Resist the temptation, for it won’t work out well for you in the long run. Cheating to win and illegal activity may bring you worldly success—for a time, but no real honor, and in the end, you’ll lose it. Worry about being caught can cause stress, which leads to ill-health. Play it safe. Abide by the law, abide by the rules. Nobody gets a lifetime achievement award for being a crook.

Three things which the careful will gain: respect, plenty, and contentment.

Pay attention to the details, and act with care as you proceed. The extra care and attention you devote at this time will bring you gain and peace of mind later. The careful, the ones who pay attention to detail and spot errors, are always admired for their sharp eyes. Wealth and abundance isn’t necessarily lost in one fell-swoop; it is often lost piece-meal. That is why the careful have plenty. They diligently guard what they have. When you have everything you need, then there’s nothing that you want, then contentment settles in.
Three ways to know a person: by their discourse, by their conduct, and by their companions.

You’re going to be in a situation where you’re meeting one or more people for the first time. Use this triad’s advice to determine if there’s any you could be friends-with, or any you need to keep at arm’s length. How do they express themselves, and what do they talk about? How do they behave? What kind of people do they call friends? You may need to ask these questions of yourself, too, and behave accordingly.

Three types of profit: from producing, from investing, and from a good reputation.

You may be thinking about making money when you draw this triad. Remember, profits can come in more than one way. Is it a job you need, or could you make money from investments? You may be encouraged here to increase the number of your income-streams. A good reputation is profitable, because when you have one, people are willing to loan you money, because you’re a good credit-risk. If you have a profitable idea but need start-up capital, seek a loan.

Three things which do not suffer trifling: health, prosperity, and time.

You need to pay more attention to your health, money or time-management, and do so soon. If you have been neglecting your health, not seeing a doctor or following poor health habits, now is the time to rectify this. If you’ve been neglecting your finances, resource-management or job skills, correct that oversight now. If you’re facing a deadline of some kind, don’t dawdle, do it now. This triad is warning you that time flies, and it’s later than you think.
Three instructions not wise to believe: what a person imparts in support of what is for their own profit and success; what one imparts with hatred toward another; and what a person wise in their own eyes imparts.

You may be receiving biased information. The information may be valuable, but first consider if the source of the information has personal motives behind the information they impart. Are they invested in that company? Would an enemy of theirs be adversely-affected if you follow their advice? Or are they just ego-tripping on their own wisdom? Be all the more suspicious—and resistant—if they pressure you to ‘spend’ your energy in the direction they want you to.

There are three springs of knowledge: reason, phenomenon, and necessity.

Possibly something will happen or has happened which is so outside your normal experience, you feel the urge to seek out fresh knowledge which will help you understand what occurred. Possibly something in your daily life may change in a permanent way, which compels you to seek out knowledge to handle it better. If not these two, then perhaps you’re being called upon to use reason and common sense in order to arrive at a greater state of knowledge. If something isn’t making sense, sit down and figure out why this is so.

Three foundations of success: a silent mouth, a careful ear, and a fitting action.

Your path to success is clear and simple now. Above all, be silent. Listen carefully and absorb the information you hear. Also hear what isn’t being said, for that can be informative too. Then formulate an appropriate course of action, based on the information you receive. It’s possible you will be undertaking a formal course of study, if you’ve drawn this triad.
The three foundations of friendship are: respect and trust; understanding and forbearance; a loving heart and helpful hands.

You need to be a good friend at this time. Someone may need your assistance, or simply a listening ear, which may demand all the qualities listed above. Or you may enter into a situation—a new school, a new job, a new house—where you have the potential to make new friends. Keep the above qualities in mind, and you’ll make good ones.

There are three who judge: the judgment we place on ourselves, which lingers long; the judgment of our peers, which lingers short; and the judgment of the Mighty Ones, and this is swift, sure, and just.

You’ve probably done something which has brought judgement down on your head, or it’s coming. Rest assured, if you’ve offended the Gods, you’ll find out very quickly and affirmatively. Your friends and family may be angry, but they’ll forgive you in time. The worst and most punishing is the judgment you’ve passed on yourself. Others don’t chastise us with nearly the vigor or relentlessness with which we chastise ourselves. That judgement is the hardest to bear.

Three things on which every person should reflect: whence they come, where they are, and whither they shall go.

It’s time to stop and do a serious life-assessment right now. Where have you come from, and what have you learned so far? Where are you now, and is it where you want to be? Is it where you should be? Most importantly, where do you want to be in the future and how will you get there?
Three unequals of the world: beauty, love, and necessity.

Inequality is bothering you right now, whether you have more of certain things, or less of them. You may be wrestling with feelings of jealousy or resentment if you have less, or guilt if you have more. Find some way to make your peace with certain of the world’s inequalities, whether through prayer, meditation, charitable contributions, or work with non-profit organizations.

Three things, the whole of which is not good: doing the whole that passion desires, believing the whole that is said throughout the land, and showing the whole that one knows.

It is necessary, wise and advisable for you to show restraint and moderation at this time. Over-indulging your passion of the moment, believing everything you hear, and letting on how much you know about a certain subject can put you in a weaker position and make you look like a fool in the eyes of others. Exercise self-discipline now. You’ll be glad you did later.

Three things good as servants, bad as masters: water, fire and wind.

You may be facing a disaster, natural or otherwise, brought on by one of the above-named forces of nature. If it hasn’t happened yet, be pro-active. Seek to minimize the damage and exercise extra-caution now. Is there anything around you which could be damaged in a flood, easily catch fire, or become a deadly missile if it goes flying in a strong wind? Is there anything you can do to mitigate this? Do you have an escape plan, in case of fire or flood? If disaster has already happened, what would you change in the future to minimize your losses? On the other hand, you may soon be in a situation where you can make fire, water, and wind work for you. Just, respect their power.
Three things which we cannot control: the Void, the planets, and the truth.

Some things are always going to be beyond our control as mortal human beings. Acknowledge this, and realize that while you can’t always control what happens, you do control how you react to what happens. You may have to face a hard truth now, and let matters sort themselves out as they will. Or you may be in the unhappy situation of watching helplessly while someone you care about is hurt by the truth, or tries futilely to control what they cannot. Your support and insight can be a great comfort at such times.

Three things in the world between which there is a wonderful difference: the faces of people, the utterances of people and the writings of people.

You may have the chance to travel or be exposed to new thoughts and new people, whether it is a book you read, or a conference you attend. Your worldview will undergo an expansion. Conversely, you may be having to deal with someone who despises the world’s differences. Be patient, realize you can’t open somebody’s mind for them, and continue on. Find a way around their stubbornness. Celebrate our differences and be grateful for them. How boring the world would be if all were the same!

Three things a person cannot conceal: great love, great hate, and great wealth.

Either your secrets aren’t as invisible as you think, or someone in your life is experiencing one of these three greats and it’s painfully obvious. If it’s you, decide how you will handle the situation if confronted about it. Chances are, there are people around you who already see it. If it’s someone you know who is so-affected, treat them with compassion. They may not even realize they’re broadcasting it to the world. Broach the subject gently with them, if you feel you have to at all.
Three unfailing remedies in every disease and sickness: nature, time, and patience.

You could be sick at this time, or will soon suffer a period of ill-health. You have no choice but to suffer it and wait for it to pass. Ignoring it and proceeding as normally will do no good. Take time out to attend to your health, be patient with the healing process, and remember what healing can come from being out in nature. The same advice applies when the sickness is a broken heart—nature, time, and patience.

Three frequent changes which bring long life: change of food, change of work, and change of amusement.

It’s time for change, either brought-about yourself, or forced upon you by circumstances. If your daily routine has become stale, see if there’s something you can change which will reinvigorate you and bring fresh possibilities into your life. If change is forced upon you, realize this change is happening now in order to force you to grow. See it as livening-up things, so you can develop new neural pathways. A long life is a better one if we don’t spend overly-much time in ruts. Change is healthy, change is good. Yay, change!

Three counsels of the yellow bird: do not grieve greatly about what has happened, do not believe what cannot be, and do not desire what cannot be obtained.

Perhaps a desired position went to someone else, a desired possession is beyond your reach, a desired person favored another, or something else happened which has you wishing things could go back to what they were. Don’t spend overly-much time regretting what happened, nor hold onto convictions that aren’t supported by reality. Accept what has happened, bless the situation, incorporate it into your reality, and move on. You are powerless to do anything else.
Three things which strengthen the body: lying on a hard bed, cold air, and dry food.

A challenging time could be coming up. You may have to submit to uncomfortable or less-than-ideal conditions. Of course, you might not have a choice. Perhaps you’re going camping. So if you experience discomfort or hardship, console yourself with this maxim: that which does not destroy me, makes me stronger. Enduring uncomfortable situations can make for hilarious stories later. Promise yourself a treat when this trial is over, whether it’s a decent meal or a good night’s sleep.

Three things one who is prudent will not show: the bottom of their purse, the bottom of their knowledge, and the bottom of their heart.

It’s time to get prudent. Exposure is vulnerability, secrecy is power, so be choosy about who you reveal personal details (i.e., give your power away) to. You may soon meet someone whom it’s not wise to immediately trust, if at all. Resist any nosy inquiries from this person until you get to know them better. Certainly, don’t volunteer any personal information yet. Make ‘em work for each bit of personal information you share. If you are feeling a need to unburden yourself to someone, do it with a counselor, a clergy-person, or someone you know you can trust. If you’re an over-sharer normally, this triad is telling you to change that, and be a little more secretive.

Three parts to everything; He One, She One, They One in the Third

A couple you know has conceived a child. They may or may not know it yet, but soon they and everybody else will. If you are sexually active, this triad may pertain to you. Congratulations, parent-to-be! If parenthood isn’t what you seek, then be forewarned and take the necessary precautions—or remedial measures. He may be one and she may be one, but it takes two to tango, and three comes after two, so do what you will, but know what you do.
Three things necessary for the doing of every act: knowledge, ability and desire.

If you’re contemplating a course of action or pursuing a certain activity, ask yourself if you possess the three qualifications listed. If it’s something you haven’t done before, do you possess the knowledge and experience necessary to do the task? Do you want to do this? Desire is most important in this circumstance. If you do something and your heart isn’t in it, you won’t do a good job at it. Are you going to do this because someone else wants you to do it? If so, that’s not good enough. You’ll fail, just to get them off your back. Either talk them out of it, or find a new motivation.

Three things never end: the flowering of charity, the soul, and perfect love.

Something has come to an end for you. A relationship, a job, a dwelling-place, some phase of your education. This triad reminds you that some things in life never end; they are eternal and constant. Don’t grieve too much for the transitory. Focus on, and draw comfort from, that which abides. Find the ‘pole-stars’ of your life.

Three resources of human kind: intelligence, love, and prayer.

You are, or will soon be faced with, a challenging situation. Remember these resources are ever-renewing and always at your disposal, so make abundant use of them if you need to. You may need to draw on one, two, or all three resources to get through this time of trial.
Three purposes for the return of souls to this world: to collect into the soul the properties of all being, to acquire knowledge of all things, and to acquire the power to overcome chaos.

Someone, something, or some situation comes back into your life which you believed had passed out of your life forever. If a believer in reincarnation, this triad could foretell the arrival of someone you knew in a previous life. You may have unfinished business with this person. Or they may be in your life to teach you something or give you valuable experience. If you’ve never seriously thought about reincarnation before, now may be the time to do more research or exploration of the topic. Indeed, something may happen which forces this subject upon you.

There are only three whose frenzy is a benefit to their people: the Warrior on the field of battle, the Dancer in the place of dance, and the Seeker of Justice wherever they may be.

There are very-few situations in life where being in a frenzy of activity is a good thing, and this triad highlights those areas. If you’ve been frenzied lately, stop for a moment. Look at what you’re doing, and ask yourself who is benefitting from all this frantic activity. Are you in a frenzy because you’re avoiding looking at something you don’t want to face? Or because you haven’t sufficiently planned ahead and are now frantically playing catch-up? Are you frenzied, because you have more to do than you can shake a stick at? Or are you in a frenzy because you want to look busier than you actually are? Remember, greater frenzy means greater chance for error. You may need to re-work your operation so that there’s less frenetic activity.
Three things for a friend: let them be to you a second self, let not their misery estrange you from them, and do for their memory what you would do if they yet lived.

The time has come to devote your attention and energy to the needs of a friend, to make their needs a priority for you. They may need comfort, support, material assistance, or simply a listening-ear. This friend may not still be alive, but the obligations which friendship entails may require you to attend to their legacy. Be a true friend now.

Three words from Teilo the Draoi: know thy power, know thy wisdom, and know thy time.

Know your capabilities and more importantly, your limits, at this time as you contemplate taking a certain course of action. Failure to know both your strengths and the limits of your knowledge and abilities can result in a stalemate, or even a setback. Learning when to act and when not to act is another skill of the wise; acting at the wrong time can render your knowledge and abilities moot points. Know well what you can and can’t do. This can curb the destructive nature of ego.

Three things which are not hidden: a straw in the shoe, an awl in a bag, and a harlot in a crowd.

There is someone or something in your environment that is being annoying, an irritant, or simply demanding not to be ignored. It could be someone who has tarted-up their appearance and is trolling for someone’s attention. Their aims and behavior are unmistakably clear. Like a straw in your shoe, or an awl in your tote bag, you’re in a situation where you can’t just ignore them. The irritant must be faced and dealt-with. If it’s an object, dislodge it. If it’s a person, be diplomatic, but firm and clear.
Three sounds of increase: the lowing of a cow in milk; the din of a smithy; the swish of a plow.

Only effort will bring you gain at this time. If you want more than what you have now, then you are going to have to work for it, and work hard and long for it. Some noises are annoying, and even painful, but the sound of increase should be tolerated, perpetrated regularly and considered a sweet sound. Increase is a sweeter sound than the sounds of want.

It is easier to determine the truth when these three prime evidences are existent: physical items which tell a story; trustworthy witnesses which tell their story; and concurrence with known truths.

You may have to determine the painful truth of a situation, or more pleasantly, be presented with a delicious mystery to solve. When trying to arrive at what the story is, employ the three factors listed above. What does the evidence and common-practice tell you? This triad can also indicate you will be a witness in an investigation, or maybe even called-upon to serve on a jury. Someone you know may be accused of a crime. Remain calm and if called as a witness, tell the truth as you know it.

Three ways to lose excellence: to become a servant to one’s passions, to not learn from the examples set by others, and to indulge to excess.

This triad could be warning you’re in danger of ‘letting yourself go.’ If you’ve been considered an ‘excellent’ person at something, you’re now being warned not to get lazy and indulge any temptation to veer off the straight-and-narrow path. If you have, get back on track! Self-discipline is success, and the ‘excellent’ are nothing, if not self-disciplined. So keep your eyes on the prize, and don’t re-invent the wheel. Following the good example set by others can be a time-saver.
Three things which strengthen a person to stand against the whole world: seeing the quality and beauty of truth; seeing beneath the cloak of falsehood: and seeing to what ends truth and falsehood come.

You may be in the unhappy situation of having to take an unpopular stand. So long as you are clear about what is true and are willing to defend it, you will come out a stronger, better person for the experience. You may be in the perplexing situation of opposing something which, to your mind, is the wrong position, but is the more popularly-supported stance. Know the truth will come out in the end, and remember what happens when falsehood is seen in all its ugly glory.

Three wrongful contentions: war for war, law for law, and reproach for reproach.

Responding in kind, and in equal measure, often only escalates the dispute. Learn to counter your opponent’s thrust with a parry from a different quarter. Learn the art of verbal judo. Seek to solve the dispute by different means. The unexpected approach will hand you victory, not response in-kind. Re-think this and come at it from a different angle.