Concerning three things which hide: an open bag hides nothing, an open door hides little & an open person hides something.

Meaning: Open things hide little or nothing. An open person, however, is hiding something, which is why they are being so open with you. They are trying to distract you. Be suspicious.

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

Meaning: Refusal to see & deal with your own or others' insecurities can be injurious to your future. Acknowledge your shadow side. It will destroy you if you do not.

Three possessions we value the most which take pride from us: our money, our time & our conscience.

Meaning: We value these three possessions very highly. Losing them through our own foolishness can be a humbling experience & this can be a good thing.

Three things, by their very nature, cause their possessor to err: youth, prosperity & ignorance.

Meaning: You made an understandable mistake. Accept this as part of your learning process, don’t be overly-hard on yourself & forgive yourself.

Three things resemble each other: a bright sword which rusts from disuse, bright water which stinks from long-standing, & wisdom which is dead from disuse.

Meaning: Use it or lose it. It may be time to shake things up, or return to something long-abandoned.

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Three things very like each other: an old, blind horse playing the harp with his hooves, a pig in a silk dress, & a merciless person prating about piety.

Meaning: Someone is pretending to be something they are not. Someone is attempting something for which they are ill-suited. Is it you?

Three things as good as the best: bread & milk against hunger, a white coat against the cold, & a yeoman's son in a breach.

Meaning: You have a sufficiency. Perhaps it is not top-of-the-line, but it is enough. Be grateful for what you have.

Three things not easy to catch: a stag on the mountain, a fox in the wood, & the coin of the miser.

Meaning: Some things are very difficult, if not impossible to attain. If you seek generosity from a source not know for it, generosity isn't forthcoming.
Three things which are not hidden:
a straw in a shoe,
an awl in a bag, &
a harlot in a crowd.

Meaning:
Some things are too obvious to ignore.

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

Meaning:
The mistakes of others can be as beneficial to us as achieving power & prosperity by our own efforts.

Three things which move together,
as quickly one as the other:
lightning, thought, & the help of the Mighty Ones.

Meaning:
A sudden development can come from out of nowhere, & change everything in an instant.

Three things not loved,
each one without its companion:
day without night, idleness without hunger, & wisdom without reverence.

Meaning:
Day without night offers no relief. Idleness soon brings hunger. Wisdom is valueless if we don’t heed it.

There are three whose full reward can never be given them:
parents, a good teacher, & the Mighty Ones.

Meaning:
In everyone’s life, there is someone whose value is boundless. Remember to honor them.

Three glories of a gathering:
a comely mate, a good horse, & a swift hound.

Meaning:
Sometimes the best thing about a social event is everyone seeing what a fortunate person you are.

Three things which constitute a healer:
a complete cure, leaving no blemish behind, & a painless examination.

Meaning:
It may not always be possible, but a good healer will always strive for these three things.

Three false sisters:
“perhaps”
“maybe”
“I dare say.”

Meaning:
When you hear tentative words like these, unqualified support for your position isn’t hiding behind them.

Three timid brothers:
“stop!”
“hush!”
“listen!”

Meaning:
Are they really timid words, or are they the Small Still Voice Within? The answer depends on the situation at hand. Consider carefully.
Three keys that unlock thoughts: drunkenness, trustfulness, & love.

Meaning:
These three keys demonstrate vulnerable, exposed states of mind. In these states of mind, people will reveal thoughts they otherwise wouldn't.

Three sounds of increase: the lowing of a cow in milk, the din of a smithy, & the swish of a plow.

Meaning:
You want more in life? Work for it. Only effort brings reward.

Three things by which excellence is established: taking all things in moderation, abidance of oaths, & acceptance of responsibility.

Meaning:
Exercising self-discipline, keeping your word, admitting your mistakes, & doing your duty is the sure path to good character.

It is easier to determine the truth when these three prime evidences are present: items which tell a story, trustworthy witnesses who tell their story, & concurrences with known truths.

Meaning:
When presented with a mystery to solve, use these three evidences as guidelines.

Three things from which never to be moved: one's oaths, one's Gods, & the truth.

Meaning:
Stand for something, or you'll fall for anything. We must have certain abiding principles by which we live.

Three things which strengthen a person against the whole world: seeing the quality & beauty of truth, seeing beneath the cloak of falsehood, & seeing to what end truth & falsehood come.

Meaning:
Take an honest look at truth & lies & let this strengthen you against any temptation to dishonesty.

Three slender things which best support the world: the slender stream of milk from the cows, the slender blade of corn on the ground, & the slender thread over the hand of a skilled woman

Meaning:
Our means of support in this world rest on many slender things. Let's recognize this and protect it.

There are three things excellent among worldly affairs: hating folly, loving excellence, & endeavoring constantly to learn.

Meaning:

Three manifestations of humanity: affectionate bounty, loving manner, & praiseworthy knowledge.

Meaning:
A smart, generous & loving individual personifies true humanity. Strive to be one.
Three things which spring from following lawful goodness: universal love from the wise, worldly sufficiency, & a better place in the life to come.

Meaning: Staying on the right side of the law brings multiple benefits.

Three things without which there can be nothing good: truth, peace, & generosity.

Meaning: Consider the opposite of these three—a world of lies, war & stinginess. Truth, peace & generosity make for a sweeter life.

Three beautiful beings in the world: the upright, the skillful, & the reasonable.

Meaning: Moral, competent & reasonable people have a certain beauty of spirit. If you find all three in one person, you've found a true beauty.

Three beautiful things are becoming in a person: knowledge, good deeds, & gentleness.

Meaning: Being a knowledgeable, provably-good, & kind person makes a person attractive, no matter how they look.

Three things one should always keep before them: their worldly duty, their conscience, & the laws of nature.

Meaning: What your obligation calls upon you to do, what your conscience calls upon you to do, & what nature demands you respect should always be considered first and foremost.

Three tendencies of a person's lifetime: hope, love, and joy.

Meaning: No matter how bad life gets at times, most people hold onto hope, seek love, & desire joy. That is part of what it means to be human.

Three things must be united before good can come of them: thinking well, speaking well, & acting well.

Meaning: Your thoughts, words & actions must be in harmony with each other in order to achieve success.

Three things it is everyone's duty to do: listen humbly, answer discreetly, & judge kindly.

Meaning: Pay attention to the wise, answer questions unaffectedly & concisely, & be forbearing in your judgements. That's all that's required of you.
Three sureties of happiness: good habits, amiability, & forbearance.

Meaning: Maintaining good habits, being easy to get along with, & being willing to let some things slide naturally leads to a happy life.

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

Meaning: These deeds are marvelous because they are so very hard for most normal people to do.

Three antagonists of goodness: arrogance, passion, & covetousness.

Meaning: Pride, passion, & a desire for what someone else has is a recipe for a bad character.

Three rewards of those who learn to temper their emotions: experience, strength, & introspection.

Meaning: This world seems to want to provoke us at times. Great rewards await those who don’t let it.

Three things beside which the baneful cannot be: conformity to law, knowledge, & love.

Meaning: The lawless, the ignorant & the hateful cannot abide their opposites

Three things must wait long before they are attained: honesty from covetousness, wisdom from arrogance, & wealth from sloth.

Meaning: Honesty, wisdom & wealth will not be attained by pursuing their opposites. Realizing this is the first step to attaining them.

Three things hard to obtain: cold fire, dry water, & lawful covetousness.

Meaning: Somethings are next to impossible to obtain. Well, lawful covetousness might be so long as you don’t do anything about it.

Three duties of the excellent person: to love their mate & children, to love their country, & to obey the laws of their people.

Meaning: Excellence is quite simple: do what you ought to do.

Three reasons to war against fault: to not do to others as you would not have them do to you, that you not become arrogant, & that you might always let the light of wisdom shine.

Meaning: Tolerating a wrong makes you ethically-lazy. Fighting wrong makes you a better person.
Three ways to lose excellence:
to become a servant to one's passions,
to not learn from the example set by others, &
to indulge to excess.

**Meaning:**
Gluttony, lack of restraint, & not learning from others' mistakes will lose you excellence fast.

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

**Meaning:**
Lack of physical beauty is sometimes balanced off by beautiful qualities of character.

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Three candles illumine every darkness:
truth, nature, & knowledge.

**Meaning:**
When everything looks dark, remember what is true, what the laws of nature are, & what you know.

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There are three kingdoms of the happy:
the world's good word,
a cheerful conscience, &
a firm hope of the life to come.

**Meaning:**
A clear conscience, all think well of you, & the future looks bright. Why live in any other kingdom?

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Three leaderships of the happy:
good in service,
good in disposition, &
good in secrecy; &
these are found united only in a noble heart.

**Meaning:**
A good worker with an amiable disposition, & who knows how to keep a secret, is valuable.

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In three things, a person may be as the Divine:
justice, knowledge, & mercy.

**Meaning:**
To Know what the wrong is, to be aware of what justice calls for, but to show mercy is Godlike.

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Three things loveable in a person:
tranquility, wisdom, & kindness.

**Meaning:**
Who doesn't love a peaceful, wise, kind person? Only the baneful.

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Three things excellent in a person:
diligence, sincerity, & humility.

**Meaning:**
Diligence, sincerity & humility are admirable qualities to which anyone can aspire. To find all three in one person is excellent.

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Three things which show a true human:
a silent mouth, an incurious eye, & a fearless face.

**Meaning:**
Keeping your mouth shut, minding your own business, & showing no fear are also admirable qualities.
Three companions on the high road to Union with the Void: the patient poor person, a reflective wise person, & a tolerant reformer.

Meaning: These three companions are rare. If you find them on the road of life, treasure their company.

Three who are loved by the Mighty Ones: the strong just person, the brave merciful person, & the person generous without regret.

Meaning: In a world where might makes right, bravery means showing no mercy & generosity means the giver loses something, this paradox is extraordinary.

Three things without which the protection of the Mighty Ones cannot be: forgiving an enemy & a wrong done, wisdom in judgment & act, & cleaving to that which is just, come what may.

Meaning: If we want the protection of the Divine, we must be like the Divine.

Three things which the industrious will gain: precedence, wealth, & praise from the wise.

Meaning: Simply put, effort & hard work are rewarded. You want these three things? Work for them.

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

Meaning: Being law-abiding gives you a fair shot at obtaining these three things. Being lawless, less so.

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

Meaning: People admire the careful; they are not wasteful & their carefulness causes them no regret.

Three things which the generous of heart will gain: joy from their profit, felicity in giving, & a better life to come.

Meaning: Givers also gain. The Mighty Ones are generous to those who show generosity.

Three things which the early-riser will gain: health, wealth, & happiness.

Meaning: Getting up in the morning before everyone else gives you an advantage. You have more time for certain things.

Three things which the companions of lawlessness: pride, envy, & rapine.

Meaning: Feeling yourself better than others, resenting what they have, & helping yourself to what they have pretty much define lawlessness.
Three things hateful to the Mighty Ones & to humankind:
a weak look, a deceitful tongue, & a mischievous spirit.

Meaning:
No one likes a Peter Pettigrew or a Petyr Baelish. Don't let this be you.

Three roots of every evil:
covetousness, falsehood, & arrogance.

Meaning:
Every evil is born of a desire for what one does not have, a willingness to lie to get it, & a feeling one is entitled to it.

Three things which end ill:
falsehood, envy, & guile.

Meaning:
Lying, envy, & deceiving others never bring about a good end.

Three things pleasant to see:
an unhappy person becoming happy, a miser becoming generous, & the lawless submitting to authority.

Meaning:
Precious & rare miracles like these do occur from time to time.

Three chief things which deceive people:
fair words, desire of gain, & ignorance.

Meaning:
People who seek to deceive you will either flatter you, appeal to your greed, or exploit your ignorance. Beware these three.

Three things it is no worse to lose than to keep:
wealth, youth, & the love of the world.

Meaning:
These three things are transitory anyway—why place much stock in them?

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

Meaning:
Be smart enough to take good advice when it's offered, or you will suffer for it.

Three nourishments of arrogance:
recklessness, wealth, & excess.

Meaning:
Wealth & excess material goods can lead one to a wasteful attitude—recklessness—which leads to arrogance.
Three things which attack the weakest: enemies, wealth, & pride.

Meaning: The true enemies of the weak are as likely to come from within as from without.

Three things better forsaken by those who love them: sport, carousel, & strife.

Meaning: Those who most enjoy sex, drugs, alcohol, & fighting are the very people who most need to give them up.

Three things of which only the happy & the wise beware: the breaking of oaths, drunkenness, & vanity.

Meaning: Those three things can leave you vulnerable to attack or exploitation. The wise are wary of them.

Three things whose deficiency is not worse than their excess: festivity, wealth, & pleasure.

Meaning: Too much of these things is not good for you; Rarity makes them more enjoyable.

Three things which follow sloth: evil deeds, evil report, & evil end.

Meaning: ‘An idle mind is the Devil’s playground’ goes the saying. Inactivity & boredom find trouble an acceptable diversion.

Three things odious in a person: ignorance, bad deeds, & perversity.

Meaning: These three qualities describe many a villain from literature. Make sure they don’t describe you.

Three things unseemly for a person: to think themselves wise, to think another foolish, & to consider their appearance what they desire.

Meaning: Is there anyone more irritating than someone who thinks they’re smarter than you, & they’re not?

Three chief corruptions of the world: sloth, pride, & extravagance.

Meaning: Pride, an unwillingness to do anything, & spending far too much on the wrong things allow corruption to flourish.

Three things which afflict the world: envy, anger, & covetousness.

Meaning: Much of the world’s troubles are borne of these three ignoble impulses of the human heart.
Three strange things in the world: loving war more than peace, loving excess more than sufficiency, & loving falsehood more than truth.

Meaning:
Know any strange people like this? Avoid them. Better yet, stop them.

There are three people accursed: they who work against the Laws of Nature, they who do not know the Mighty Ones, & they who know much & do not share their knowledge with any other.

Meaning:
Those who work against the laws of nature, don’t think nature will strike back, & keep a tight lid on info when it should be shared, will eventually suffer.

Three kinds of evil people: the traitor, the conspirator, & the slanderer.

Meaning:
Not every evil person is the villain you see in television & movies. Some evil people have all three of three of these unpleasant traits in quiet obscurity.

Three kinds of people without fear of the Mighty Ones: the traitor, the ravisher, & the miser.

Meaning:
The traitor, the rapist, & the miser feel entitled & even justified. That is what frees them to be the awful people they are.

Three chief attributes of a person likely to do wrong: an angry countenance, an arrogant spirit, & an insatiable covetousness.

Meaning:
Those who feel that life has ‘done them wrong’ & they ‘deserve more’ will in turn, do wrong.

Three marks of a thief: an inquisitive tongue, a curious eye, & a fearful face.

Meaning:
He’s scoping out the place, & he is afraid you can read his intentions written on his face.

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

Meaning:
The royal road back to honor: admit you did wrong, want to make things right, & compensate the victim of your wrong.

Three people easy to do without: they who do no benefit to any, they who bring no joy to any, & they who keep not peace with any.

Meaning:
An argumentative person who does no good for anyone nor makes them happy is easy to do without.

Three rude ones in the world: a youngster mocking an old person, a robust person mocking an invalid, & a wise man mocking a fool.

Meaning:
It’s wrong to make fun of someone you’re going to be some day.
Three signs of a fop: the track of his comb in his hair, the track of his teeth in his food, & the track of his stick behind him.

Meaning:
People proud of their appearance want to be noticed, & want people to know they were there.

Three things which the ill-minded gain: hatred, strife, & sorrow.

Meaning:
A person with an ill-minded approach to life garners a bad result.

There are three things which the negligent will gain: shame, loss, & derision

Meaning:
Shame, loss & derision are good teachers; once you’ve experienced their lesson, you’d do anything to avoid repeating the class.

Three things which the miser obtains through his wealth: pain in gathering, care in keeping, & fear in losing.

Meaning:
The miser’s wealth causes him pain, care, & fear, yet still he values it above all things.

Three ways leading to poverty: gambling, gluttony, & harlotry.

Meaning:
All three of these things can become addictions which spend you into the poorhouse.

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Three things better than riches: health, freedom, & discretion.

Meaning:
Good health, freedom, & privacy are gifts every bit as valuable as money, perhaps more so.

Three things which most profit a person: poverty, sickness, & children; for by them they gain knowledge of much truth that cannot be without them.

Meaning:
Some things can only be learned by suffering adversity. The School of Hard Knocks is a great teacher.
Three things as good to lose as to gain:
extreme prosperity, extreme praise, & extreme dignity.

Meaning:
Extremes of anything are dangerous, because there is no balance there. Coming back to center is a good thing.

Three earthly losses which bring gain to the soul:
loss of a friend, loss of health, & loss of riches.

Meaning:
Losses like these force you to change, grow, & learn some hard lessons. What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger.

There are three kinds of people:
average people who do good for good & evil for evil,
good people who do good for evil, & evil-doers who do evil for good.

Meaning:
These types exist. Which are you? Which do you want to be?

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Three 'littles' which do much harm:
a little of bad disposition, a little of injustice, & a little of negligence.

Meaning:
Little things can cause big problems. Sometimes a little is all it takes to push something over the edge.

Three things, little of which shows much wisdom:
little conceit, little covetousness, & little gossip.

Meaning:
Certain character traits can bring you trouble. Having little of these traits in yourself is wise.

Three 'littles' which make great profit at the time:
little of eating & drinking, little of care, & little of tongue.

Meaning:
Not consuming as much as you could, not caring as much as you might, and not saying as much as you would is a smart 'little.'

Three things are to be commended in anyone:
their face proud, their discourse discreet, & their ways kind.

Meaning:
Being recognized as a discreet, kind, & dignified person is a commendation to which anyone can aspire.

Three things which make a person wanton:
beauty in their form, folly in their head, & conceit in their heart.

Meaning:
Beauty, conceit, & damned-fool ideas are a bad combination in anyone.
Three wrongful contentions: war for war, law for law, & reproach for reproach.

Meaning: When you respond in kind to negativity, you only keep the argument going, you don't solve it.

Three upright contentions: prudence for prudence, favor for disfavor, & love for hatred.

Meaning: When you respond to negativity in a positive manner, you win. You also annoy your opponent.

In three things, one will be the wrong-doer: putting a snare in the way, frightening a little child, & laughing at wrongs done.

Meaning: Trapping people, frightening people for your own amusement, & laughing at wrongs done to them is just plain mean.

There are three falsehoods: falsehood of speech, falsehood of silence, & falsehood of demeanor; for each of these will make another believe what they ought not.

Meaning: There's more than one way to lie.

Three losses which will bring gain in the end: loss of what is more than life needs, loss of bodily health, & loss of what one prizes most of all.

Meaning: Loss teaches you to value what you have, & that you can endure anything, despite the loss.

Three gains which will turn to loss in the end: gaining fame for a harmful act, gaining wealth for an injustice, & gaining the upper hand in an evil strife.

Meaning: Ill-gotten gains lead to a bad end. No one likes a cheater. Karma catches up with such people.

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, & the seeker of justice wherever they may be.

Meaning: Very few situations in life call for frenzy. Is this one of them?

The three foundations of friendship are: respect & trust, understanding & forebearance, & a loving heart & helpful hands.

Meaning: When identifying true friendship, look for these qualities. Better yet, embody these qualities.

Three things for a friend: let them be to you a second self, let not their misery estrange you from them, & do for their memory what you would do if they yet lived.

Meaning: These are the hallmarks of true friendship: to let them in your heart, & to be a loyal friend, even in their absence.
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, &
to acquire the power to

Meaning:
We reincarnate in order to improve ourselves, & to build up our store of knowledge.

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

Meaning:
The harshest judgments we endure come from ourselves & the Gods.

Three things all should strive for:
oneness with their Gods,
peace among their neighbors,
& just judgment.

Meaning:
Live a Godly life, be at peace with your neighbors & judge accurately & fairly—a good person results.

Three things which help avert calamity:
to worship the Mighty Ones,
to be upright, &
to exercise fortitude.

Meaning:
Averting calamity starts within. Be a good person, be a strong person, & call on the Gods for help.

Three things by which comes success:
listen humbly,
answer discreetly,
& judge kindly.

Meaning:
Listen with an open mind & ear, keep your answers short & pertinent, & judge others kindly.

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

Meaning:
Be silent, listen well, then respond appropriately to what you hear. The road to success is a straight one.

Three things which may not be opposed:
nature, necessity, & decay.

Meaning:
There are some things in life which brook no opposition, & the only wisdom is to accept it.

Three who are hard to believe:
a wanderer from afar,
the reader of a book in a strange tongue,
& they who are older than their neighbors.

Meaning:
Someone whose personal experience differs from our own arouses our suspicion, not trust.

Three who it is wise NOT to believe:
the stranger about their possessions,
an old person praising the days of yore,
& one who boasts of their wisdom.

Meaning:
It is sensible to take lightly the words of a braggart.
There are three concords which uphold all things: concord of love & justice, concord of truth & imagination, & concord of the Mighty Ones & occurrence.

Meaning:
Extremes of good give balance & meaning to each other & keep life moving harmoniously.

Three words of counsel from Teilo the Draoi: know thy power, know thy wisdom, & know thy time.

Meaning:
Know your strengths, the limits of your knowledge, & when to act. Be mindful you aren’t here forever.

Three things between which there is great difference: what is praised & what is forgiven, what is forgiven & what is suffered, & what is suffered & what is not punished.

Meaning:
Injustice is a harsh fact of life. That is what makes forgiveness such a rare & wonderful thing.

Three things essential for the wise to know: their Gods, themselves, & the deceits of this world.

Meaning:
Know the Gods, know yourself, & know all the various ways humans deceive. Pursue this knowledge & you can avoid much trouble.

Three things of which one who is wise may boast: their understanding, their handicraft, & that which they have mastered.

Meaning:
The wise boast only of the fruits of their own efforts, not of their ancestry, what they own, or who they know.

Three things the weary traveler needs: a good bath, a good meal, & a good night’s sleep.

Meaning:
It’s hard to think straight when you’re tired & uncomfortable. See to your comforts first. Think later.

Three things which come from peace: increase of possessions, improvement of manners, & enlargement of knowledge.

Meaning:
In times of peace, one has the opportunity to concentrate on acquiring the finer things in life.

There are three foundations of law & custom: order, justice, & peace.

Meaning:
All laws & customs come from our attempts to answer the question: what does a just, orderly, & peaceful society look like?

There are three things which lay waste to the world: a king without counsel, a judge without conscience, & a son without reverence.

Meaning:
Officials who accept no guidelines for their behavior & out-of-control progeny can cause a great deal of damage in this world.
Three monstrous things in the world:  
a youth without civility,  
a woman without dignity,  
& a man without a conscience.

Meaning: These three are monsters because none of them are pleasant to see, much less have to deal with.

There are three things, & any who move them are accursed:  
the boundary of land,  
the course of water, &  
the sign of a road or track.

Meaning: Our lives depend on the land. Changing the landscape with intent to deceive, for our benefit & others' detriment, is evil.

Three things which follow every person of exceeding excellence:  
a good name & report for themselves,  
the children where they are well-instructed,  
& good progress in everything they undertake.

Meaning: All-around excellent people leave a good reputation behind them wherever they go.

Three chief obligations of a person to their country & family:  
to gain possessions by diligence & integrity,  
to profit their country & their kindred in all they do,  
& to seek lawful learning wherever they go.

Meaning: Work hard & honestly for what you have, strive to be a valued member of the team, & don't expend effort learning how to be a criminal. Your obligation is simple.

Three things which the good poet preserves for posterity:  
memory of the praiseworthy,  
delight in thought, &  
instruction in knowledge.

Meaning: The good writer preserves what is most valuable in their words.

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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 craving,  
& they who fight by the counsel of their rage.

Meaning: If you make decisions based on impulse & momentary desire, not sober thought, you will suffer accordingly.

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

Meaning: Being rich, a good athlete, & a good drinking buddy is fine while you are alive, but what things of true value will you leave behind when you die? Consider your legacy.

Three things which ought not to be believed:  
an old person’s dream,  
a paramour’s oath,  
& a tale without authority.

Meaning: When you receive input from a dubious source, treat such input with all the skepticism it deserves.

Three persons who keep their portion rich & savory:  
a cook,  
a concubine,  
& a kept priest.

Meaning: People in positions of privilege, who are used to being taken care of & given the best of everything, like to keep it that way.
Three chicks from one nest: a loquacious farmer, a logical poet, & a half-hearted divine.

Meaning: Certain occupations come with certain traits. Do not expect such people to act out of character.

Three kinds of contenders on the death of a powerful rich person: their detractors for their reputation, kinsmen for their goods, & worms for their carcass.

Meaning: A powerful rich person is seen as easy prey by many—when they are dead.

Three ways to know a person: by their discourse, by their conduct, & by their companions.

Meaning: What do they talk about? How do they talk? What do they do? What have they done? Who do they call friends? These evidences tell you what kind of person they are.

Three measuring rods of every person: their dreams, their fears, & their unconcern.

Meaning: The measure of every person is what they want to achieve, what they fear, & what they don’t even think about.

Three hatereds which last forever: between mate & step-children, between dogs & swine, & between Cymry & Saxon.

Meaning: Some people, by their very positions in life, are destined to oppose each other. Realize this, & do not underestimate it.

Three things wrong for any to meddle with: the office of a lord, usury, & war.

Meaning: Stay out of the way of an official performing their duties, avoid loan sharks & loan sharking, & avoid conflict. Be prepared for trouble if you don’t.

Three things not easy to obtain when sought: a loan of money from a usurer, without interest; representation in court without a fee; & a dinner of rich food in a miser’s house.

Meaning: Usurers, lawyers, & misers make their money by being what they are. Don’t expect a free lunch from such people!

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

Meaning: Making everyone happy is impossible. Don’t be distressed about others’ reactions. Just make your best decision & disregard the negative Nellies.

Three things which pervert just judgment: the love of friends, fear of the mighty, & a desire for worldly goods.

Meaning: Love, fear, & greed can warp even the soundest judgment. This is why honest judges recuse themselves from certain cases—to preserve their judicial integrity.
Three things not easily found:
an arrogant person generous,
a young person wise, &
an old person mannerly.

Meaning:
Don’t expect someone to act against type, but such rarities do occur, & they are rare gems indeed.

Three diversions which will surely bring trouble:
hunting, war, & dallying with one younger, wealthier, & more well-connected or more attractive than yourself.

Meaning:
All three of these diversions expose a person to danger & risk. Acknowledge this.

Three things necessary to one who enters an inn:
a strong head,
a tough stomach &
a heavy purse.

Meaning:
Travel is both physically & financially draining. Make sure you’re up to it & prepared.

Three things one gains in an inn:
entertainment which makes them poor,
mirth which makes them do wrongly, &
joy which makes them sad.

Meaning:
Have fun at your chosen den of iniquity; just be prepared for the consequences.

Three kinds of liar, & there is none other like them:
a lord lying for privilege,
a priest for office, &
a mother for a son she loves.

Meaning:
People with something to lose, or gain, or preserve, or all three, will lie.

Three other blessings better than all:
the blessing of father & mother,
the blessing of the sick & wounded, &
the blessing of one in adversity.

Meaning:
The blessing of your parents & those in need of your kindness are the best blessings of all.

Three to whom it is right to give food:
the stranger,
the solitary, &
the orphan.

Meaning:
Generosity to the alone & vulnerable is justifiable kindness, not a ‘hand-out to the lazy.’

Three occasions for one to speak falsehood without an excuse:
to save the life of one who is innocent,
to keep the peace among neighbors, &
to preserve the Wise & their crafts.

Meaning:
There are a few times when a lie is justifiable, & those are always in defense of others.

Three things one is loath to leave:
the land where they were born & nurtured,
the friends who have proved true, &
the wealth they have amassed through their own efforts.

Meaning:
These are hard to leave, because we feel so personally-invested in them. They define us.
There are three things proper from one who has received kindness: their thanks, their remembrance, & their requital.

Meaning:
When you have received kindness, remember from whom it came, thank them, & return the favor when you can.

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

Meaning:
Though we place differing values on these three, all are deserving of our thanks.

Three qualities unbecoming in anyone: being importunate in asking, hard in giving, & ill in opinion.

Meaning:
No one likes someone who is a pest about asking for something, stingy about giving to someone, & never has a good word for anybody.

Three things which bring one many invitations: saying little, & that, wise & instructive, quiet mirth without great effort, & behaving always without arrogance.

Meaning:
The interesting, well-behaved, & down-to-earth person is always a welcome guest.

Three things which cause one loss of invitations: eating too much, speaking too much, & asking too much.

Meaning:
If the flow of invitations has dried up, consider first your own behavior. Then look for other reasons why this is so.

Three who ought not to be invited to a house: a flattering deceiver, a scornful mocker, & an envious traitor.

Meaning:
All three can bring trouble & dissention to a house, & their presence is a curse.

Three things unhandsome at a banquet: a skewer too short, a blunt knife, & a dish out of reach.

Meaning:
If you're going to have people over for a feast, make sure you're well-equipped & have everything set up for your guests' comfort.

Three reasons for keeping silent: against saying the thing one ought not, against speaking in the way one ought not, & against speaking in the place one ought not.

Meaning:
Some words are better left unsaid. Some tones are better left unvoiced. Sometimes, it's not our place to say what we want to say.

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

Meaning:
Sometimes speaking is an act of courage, but must be done in order to prevent a wrong.
These three things do no hurt against any: concealing ill manners, controlling passion, & destroying ill intention.

Meaning:
You may be a violent, ill-intentioned, ill-mannered lout on the inside, but if you never display these behaviors, how much harm have you done?

There are three things which one should give freely to guests: gracious accommodation, friendly conversation, & insured safety.

Meaning:
A good host is like a five-star hotel. They make you feel at home.

Three things a guest should never bring to another’s house: ill tidings, presumptuous license, & treachery.

Meaning:
A guest should never bring bad news, take liberties with their hosts belongings or household members, nor betray them.

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

Meaning:
The good host is always ready to show hospitality on a moment’s notice. It doesn’t take much.

There are three things without which one is not whole: a mate, a home, & a craft.

Meaning:
The requirements for a complete life are simple: someone to care about, someplace to call home, & work to do.

Three things fitting for one when they are at home: their mate laying with them, their cushion in their chair, & their harp in tune.

Meaning:
At the end of the day, home means comfortable furniture, diversions prepared, & a mate ready for sex.

Three things which will help one to get rich: their mate saving, their family not wasting, & themselves laboring.

Meaning:
If you want to become rich, work for it & in the meantime, make good use of the money you do have.

Three things which make a marriage happy: equality of age, equality of lineage, & equality of possessions.

Meaning:
The experts agree—equals attract, not opposites. In time, an unequal relationship causes resentment, then trouble, then a break-up.
Three things a person gains when their mate endeavors to be excellent: peace of mind, wellness of body, & stable prosperity.

Meaning:
When your spouse strives for self-improvement, you are a beneficiary of that effort.

Three things in a person which makes their mate a leader among their neighbors: skill, industry, & wisdom.

Meaning:
A competent, industrious & wise person makes their spouse look good, too. What a great person their partner must be, to have such a spouse!

Meaning:
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There are three uncomfortable things: a house without a mate, a chamber without food, & a body without health.

Meaning:
In this definition, ‘uncomfortable’ means ‘lack of something.’

Three things that one is better-off without: a dishonest household, disobedient children, & a drunken mate.

Meaning:
A house where everyone lies, cheats & steals, the children don’t obey, & the spouse is an addict—with a home like this, one is better off single.

Three things which will drive one from their house: their mate quarreling, their roof leaking, & their chimney smoking.

Meaning:
If their house needs repairs, & their spouse is a shrew, they will seek to spend most of their time elsewhere.

Three infelicities of a household: an idle-doer of ill, keeping a paramour, & lodging a priest.

Meaning:
All three of these ‘infelicities’ have the potential to cause domestic trouble.

Three things which make one needy: their mate luxurious, their household negligent, & themselves extravagant.

Meaning:
If you & your family waste your money on fripperies & neglect your responsibilities until they become problems, you’ll soon find yourselves poor.

Three things which bring a mate hate instead of love: peevishness, desire of dominance, & pampering their own stomach.

Meaning:
A fat, irritable tyrant is an easy spouse to hate. Make sure this isn’t you.
Three things which bring one the world’s disrespect & their mate’s hatred: lying long in the morning, being stubborn, & bringing a paramour into the house.

Meaning: Everyone hates a lazy, stubborn, unfaithful person, not just their spouse.

Three indignities of a woman: being garrulous, being querulous, & being slandering.

Meaning: Being an argumentative, slandering chatterbox is not just undignified, it makes the person with these qualities thoroughly unpleasant to be around.

Three indignities of a man: being quick to suspicion, being quick to anger, & being slow to labor.

Meaning: Being a lazy, suspicious, quick-tempered person is not just undignified, it makes people want to avoid such a person.

Three things which bring on a person a bad reputation: being apt to dally with youths, being greedy in dainties, & speaking ill of neighbors.

Meaning: Gluttony, bad-mouthing neighbors & paying too much of the wrong kind of attention to the young looks bad & gets one talked-about.

Three things necessary for a contract to be made: mutual agreement, mutual understanding, & mutual consent; & a fourth, that surety is given.

Meaning: In a contract, make sure you agree on terms & definitions, & that some form of insurance is included.

Three foundations to mutual agreement: that there be nothing hidden, that there be no malicious intent, & that there be no coercion.

Meaning: True mutual agreement can only happen in the absence of deceit, malice, or pressure.

There are three types of profit: from producing, from investing, & from good reputation.

Meaning: You make a profit three ways: either you make something, you invest your money wisely, or because people think well of you.

There are three types of investment: goods, money, & time.

Meaning: All our investments in life involve one or more of these three things. Are we investing wisely, & for maximum return?

There are three things which do not suffer trifling: health, prosperity, & time.

Meaning: Your health, your wealth, & your time are like gold, so treat them that way. Pay them attention!
Three things which keep a person in good health:
moderate food, well-apportioned labor, & natural warmth.

Meaning:
Don't eat too much, work too hard, nor get too cold—that's the key to good health.

Three foods which bring health, long life, & mental clarity:
grain food, milk food, & garden food.

Meaning:
A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, & dairy products is best.

Three foods which bring disease, short life, & dull-wittedness:
flesh food, sweetened food, & highly-seasoned food.

Meaning:
A high-sugar, high-sodium, highly animal-flesh-based diet is bad for your long-term health. Go easy on the spicy foods, too.

Three customary acts which bring short life & disease:
too much labor, too much sleep in the morning, & peevishness.

Meaning:
Working too hard, sleeping too much & being irritable can shorten your life. Modern science agrees.

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

Meaning:
Variety is not only the spice of life, it can prolong it. If you find yourself doing the same old thing, make a change.

Three things which strengthen the body:
lying on a hard bed, cold air, & dry food.

Meaning:
Adversity makes you stronger. If you would be strong, shun the soft & easy. Try discomfort. Challenge yourself.

Three things whose excess shortens one's life:
flesh food, drunkenness, & too much dallying with those of the opposite gender.

Meaning:
Overindulgence in meat, alcohol, & sex weakens your health over the long-term. Exercise restraint.

Three unfailing remedies in every disease & sickness:
nature, time, & patience.

Meaning:
Be patient with your body. Healing takes time. Keep your cures as natural as possible.

Three things of which one does not see half enough:
life, health, & riches.

Meaning:
No matter how much of a good thing you have, you wish you had more of it. Appreciate what you have.
Three things one who is prudent will not show: the bottom of their purse, the bottom of their knowledge, & the bottom of their heart.

 Meaning: Be very sparing when giving out information about yourself, especially to someone you don’t know very well.

Three things which do not go well if hurried: war, feasting, & an argument.

 Meaning: Some things, no matter how unpleasant, demand large expenditures of time, care & attention. Do not rush them.

Three things, trust in which does not end well: good health in old age, fair weather in winter, & felicity from things of the world.

 Meaning: Do not count on good things to come from traditionally-adverse circumstances. Be gratified if it happens, but otherwise, always be prepared for ill fortune.

Three things it is best to leave alone: a strange dog, a sudden flood, & one wise in their own eyes.

 Meaning: In fact, when you encounter these, back away slowly at first, then run when you can. Also leave alone poisonous creatures.

Three things we cannot control: the Void, the planets, & the truth.

 Meaning: Some things are what they are, & we cannot control or change them. Wisdom is knowing this & accepting this.

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

 Meaning: Respect the forces of nature, for they can bring you either destruction or benefit. Control is the key difference.

Three things worse yet as masters, than as servants: labor, money, & kings.

 Meaning: Seen in their truest light, labor, money & kings exist to serve. When they are the master instead, life for the people becomes hard.

Three un-equals of the world: beauty, love, & necessity.

 Meaning: Inequality is a reality. Not all inequality is bad. Some inequalities might even be desirable. Don’t let this reality make you bitter.

Three parts to everything: He one, She one, They one in the Third.

 Meaning: Every person is three people: part their Father, part their Mother, & wholly Themselves. Everything has an origin.
There are three things never at rest in anyone: the heart in working, the breath in moving, & the soul in purposing.

Meaning:
So long as you are alive, your mission in life is not finished. Be constant in your search for a reason to go on. Stay involved in life.

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

Meaning:
Variety is the spice of life. Embrace the differences between people, embrace their wisdom.

Three things from which it is not easy to win a person: their belief, their genius, & their nation or tribe.

Meaning:
When something defines a person’s sense of self, it is very difficult, if not impossible, to get them to give it up & substitute something else.

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

Meaning:
Everyone should reflect on their lives at some point, using these three questions as their touchstone.

Three instructions not wise to believe: what a person imparts in support of their own aims, what one imparts with hatred to another, & what one wise in their own eyes imparts.

Meaning:
When being given information, always consider their motive for doing so.

Three things hard for a person to do completely: know themselves, conquer their appetite, & keep their secret.

Meaning:
Try as we might to avoid it, sooner or later, our weaknesses win & expose us. Our blind spot about ourselves is often plain to others.

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

Meaning:
Passions & possessions are very difficult, if not impossible, to hide. Sooner or later, the truth comes out.

Three fears which weaken a person’s heart: fear of speaking the truth, fear of wretched poverty, & fear of evil being done to them.

Meaning:
Fear not only weakens the heart, it shrinks your life. Vanquish it, & live large.

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

Meaning:
Recognize the things which are beyond your grasp, & let them go.
Three things which come on a person without their knowing: sleep, error, & old age.

Meaning: Some things in life creep up on us. Be vigilant!

Three things which come together: age, error, & grief.

Meaning: If you live long enough, you'll inevitably make mistakes you'll heartily regret. Forgive yourself. Lose the pain & keep the lesson.

Three things which keep their word faithfully: death, retribution, & remorse.

Meaning: The three faithful, aside from taxes. They keep their word to everyone.

Three things of which not the half is to be believed, that is boasted of them: wealth, understanding & goodness.

Meaning: When someone is truly rich, wise & good, they don't have to brag about it. They let their actions speak for them.

Three things necessary for the doing of every act: knowledge, ability, & desire.

Meaning: Good action or bad, these three must be present for every action. Without any one of them, the action will fail.

The three foundations of judgment: bold design, frequent practice, & frequent mistakes.

Meaning: Judgement comes from a thorough knowledge of what works & what doesn't, & that necessitates a willingness to take risks, practice diligently & make mistakes.

The three foundations of learning: seeing much, studying much, & suffering much.

Meaning: No one wants to learn by suffering, but if we don't learn via the first two ways, we will assuredly learn via the third.

The three canons of perspicuity: the word that is necessary, the quantity that is necessary, & the manner that is necessary.

Meaning: If you would be clearly understood, you must express yourself with the proper economy of words & behavior.

Sometimes, it is not a triad which you need for instruction, but silence. If you have drawn this card, this is one of those times.

That, or Spirit doesn't want to answer this question now.