

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.

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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.

2

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.

3

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.

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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 not easy to check:  
 the stream of a cataract,  
 an arrow from a bow,  
 & a rash tongue.

Meaning:  
 The cataract & the arrow are following the laws of physics, but a rash tongue is the one of these whose physical nature is easiest to change. Watch what you say!

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Three things hard 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.

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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?

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

Meaning:

Shun the trivial & foolish. Seek quality. Never stop learning.

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

Meaning:

A smart, generous & loving individual personifies true humanity. Strive to be one

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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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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Three things excellent for anyone:  
 valor,  
 learning,  
 & discretion.

Meaning:  
 Being a brave, smart person who knows when to keep their mouth shut is the sort of person anyone may aspire to be.

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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.

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Three 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

Meaning:

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

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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.

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

Meaning:

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

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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.

42

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

Meaning:

Some things are next to impossible to obtain. Well, lawful covetousness might be—so long as you don't *do* anything about it.

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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.

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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.

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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.

48

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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

60

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.

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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.

62

There are three  
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.

63

**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.

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**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.

65

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

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

66

**Three tendencies in a bad person:  
pride without generosity,  
covetousness without justice, &  
anger without mercy.**

Meaning:  
It's not that good people don't feel ignoble sentiments from time to time—they just have good qualities to balance off the bad.

67

**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.

68

**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.

69

**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?

70

**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.

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

Meaning:  
Wealth & excess material goods can lead one to a wasteful attitude—recklessness—which leads to arrogance.

72

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.

73

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

Meaning:

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

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

Meaning:

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

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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.

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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.

77

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.

78

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?

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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.

80

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.

81

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.

82

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.

83

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 these unpleasant traits in quiet obscurity.

84

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.

85

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.

86

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.

87

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.

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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.

89

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.

90

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.

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

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

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Three things which  
the negligent will gain:  
shame, loss,  
& derision

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

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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.

94

There are three things  
which a person will gain  
from acquiring wealth:  
hate between themselves  
& others,  
hate between they &  
themselves, & hate  
between themselves &  
the Mighty Ones.

Meaning:  
If you're acquire wealth, be  
warned: it brings a *lot* of hate  
with it.

95

Three things which can  
come from just wealth:  
worldly abundance,  
brotherly charity, &  
national goodness, from  
which comes the favor  
of the Mighty Ones.

Meaning:  
Wealth well-earned & well-  
invested can do much good  
in the world.

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

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

97

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

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

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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.

99

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.

100

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.

101

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?

102

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

Meaning:  
 Into everyone's life, a little winter must come. It is winter that prepares the ground for spring & new life.

103

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.

104

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.

105

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.'

106

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.

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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.

108

**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.

109

**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.

110

**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.

111

**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.

112

**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.

113

**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.

114

**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?

115

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

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

116

**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.

117

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.

118

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.

119

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.

120

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.

121

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.

122

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.

123

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.

124

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.

125

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.

126

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.

127

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.

128

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.

129

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.

130

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.

131

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 you comforts first. Think later.

132

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.

133

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?

134

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.

135

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.

136

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.

137

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.

138

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.

139

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.

140

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.

141

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.

142

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.

143

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.

144

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.

145

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.

146

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.

147

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.

148

Three hatreds 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.

149

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.

150

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.

151

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!

152

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.

153

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.

154

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.

155

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.

156

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.

157

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.

158

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

159

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.'

160

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.

161

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.

162

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.

163

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.

164

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.

165

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.

166

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.

167

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 & dissent to a house, & their presence is a curse.

168

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.

169

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.

170

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.

171

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?

172

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.

173

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.

174

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.

175

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.

176

Three things which make one glad: their mate loving them, their labor prospering, & their conscience easy.

Meaning:  
The definition of gladness is simple: a loving spouse, good work, & a clear conscience.

177

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.

178

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.

179

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.

180

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.

181

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!

182

Three things which bring dignity to a person:  
 discretion in speech,  
 contentment in the life they lead, &  
 being peaceful among their neighbors.

Meaning:  
 Watching what you say, liking the life you have, & causing no trouble to anyone is a good way to live. A querulous person has no dignity.

183

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.'

184

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.

185

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.

186

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.

187

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.

188

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.

189

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.

190

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.

191

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.

192

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.

193

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.

194

There are 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.

195

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.

196

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?

197

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!

198

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.

199

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.

200

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.

201

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.

202

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.*

203

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.

204

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.

205

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.

206

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.

207

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.

208

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.

209

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.

210

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.

211

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.

212

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.

213

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.

214

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.

215

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.

216

There are three things never at rest in anyone: the heart in working, the breath in moving, & the soul in porposing.

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.

217

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.

218

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.

219

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.

220

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.

221

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.

222

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.

223

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.

224

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.

225

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!

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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.

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

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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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