

# Nine Triads

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Three grand arcs:

- the lift of the pole vaulter over the bar
- the golf ball's flight to the green
- the home run into the bleachers

Three pleasurable curves:

- the ice skater's figure eight
- the long cast of the fisherman
- the arched back of the gymnast

Three swishes that lift the heart:

- the basketball's spin through the net
- the skier's swoop down the snowpacked hill
- the diver's entry into the water

Three glides of satisfaction:

- the ice hockey forward's, after the goal
- the swimmer's turn at the end of the pool
- the finish of the bobsled run

Three swift arrivals to admire:

- the completed pass
- the arrow into the bull's-eye
- the sprinter at the tape

Three shots requiring skill:

- the slapshot
- the shot-put
- the putt-out

Three carriers of suspense:

- the place kick for a field goal
- the rim shot
- three balls and two strikes

Three vital sounds:

- the hunter's horn
- the starter's gun
- the bell for the end of the round

Three excellent wishes:

to move the body with grace  
to fly without a machine  
to outrun time.

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