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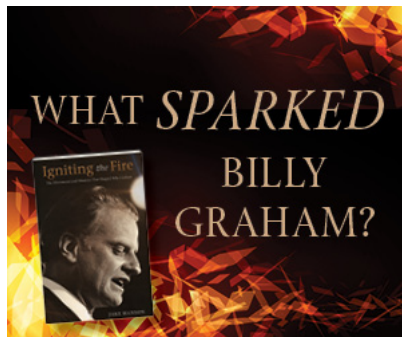
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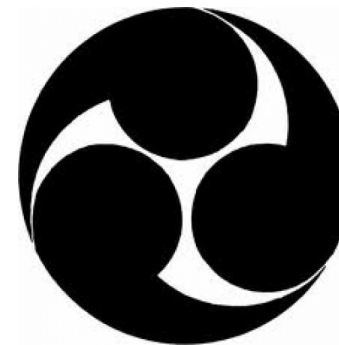
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**Graphical characteristics:**

Asymmetric, Closed shape, Monochrome, Contains curved lines, Has no crossing lines.

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