

identify with dancers, sign-talkers or martial artists.<sup>31</sup> Gardeners perform 'ordinary' actions -- but so do dancers, sign-talkers and martial artists. Nevertheless, the level of skill required to perform (say) *Swan Lake* -- or to 'speak' a sign-language or to defend one's self as Bruce Lee did seem to set people who acquire such skills apart from ordinary life. A general public forgets that artists participate in ordinary life as much as people who have *not* chosen to realize any of the optimum embodied movement potential of which human beings are capable. Human beings are capable because they are agents who have *conceptions of living or existing*. Because of this they act reflexively. They possess intentions, language-use, meanings and rules.

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<sup>31</sup> Most religious rites are composed of 'ordinary actions'. In fact, this is why the Tridentine Mass was included in the ethnographies of my Doctoral work: the actions in the Mass don't require 'special skills' for their performance.

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