

TAROT YES/NO SYSTEMS

The Tarot Pendulum & The Elemental Verdict Method

Two practical frameworks for readers who want a direct answer without abandoning the nuance of Tarot.

THE TAROT PENDULUM

A Sevenfold System of Yes, No & Uncertain Answers

THE ELEMENTAL VERDICT METHOD

A Fourfold Tarot System of Yes & No

Core principle: Establish the method before drawing. The system supplies the directional answer; the traditional meaning of the card supplies context, reason, and conditions.

Yes/No Tarot is not a replacement for nuanced inquiry. It is simply another tool for those moments when the question truly calls for a direct answer.

THE TAROT PENDULUM

A Sevenfold System of Yes, No & Uncertain Answers

The Tarot Pendulum places every upright Tarot card into one of seven positions: **Definite Yes, Yes, Leaning Yes, Unknown, Leaning No, No**, or **Definite No**. Reversals mirror the polarity across the central Unknown position.

The category gives the answer. The card reveals the reason.

DEFINITE YES - 16 cards

Clear - manifested - established - strongly affirmative

The Magician; The Empress; The Chariot; The Sun; The World; Ace of Wands; Four of Wands; Six of Wands; Ace of Cups; Nine of Cups; Ten of Cups; Ace of Swords; Ace of Pentacles; Nine of Pentacles; Ten of Pentacles; King of Pentacles.

YES - 22 cards

Favorable - supported - advancing - affirmative

The Emperor; The Hierophant; Strength; The Star; Judgment; Three of Wands; Eight of Wands; Queen of Wands; King of Wands; Two of Cups; Three of Cups; Six of Cups; Knight of Cups; Queen of Cups; King of Cups; Knight of Swords; Queen of Swords; King of Swords; Three of Pentacles; Six of Pentacles; Knight of Pentacles; Queen of Pentacles.

LEANING YES - 11 cards

Possible - developing - conditional - promising

The Fool; The Lovers; Temperance; Two of Wands; Page of Wands; Knight of Wands; Page of Cups; Page of Swords; Seven of Pentacles; Eight of Pentacles; Page of Pentacles.

UNKNOWN - 9 cards

Hidden - suspended - variable - not yet revealed

The High Priestess; Wheel of Fortune; Justice; The Hanged Man; The Moon; Seven of Cups; Two of Swords; Four of Swords; Two of Pentacles.

LEANING NO - 9 cards

Resistance - hesitation - difficulty - obstacles present

The Hermit; The Devil; Five of Wands; Seven of Wands; Nine of Wands; Four of Cups; Seven of Swords; Nine of Swords; Four of Pentacles.

NO - 8 cards

Blocked - withdrawing - restricted - unfavorable

Death; Ten of Wands; Five of Cups; Eight of Cups; Three of Swords; Six of Swords; Eight of Swords; Five of Pentacles.

DEFINITE NO - 3 cards

Termination - defeat - collapse - strongly negative

The Tower; Five of Swords; Ten of Swords.

THE TAROT PENDULUM - REVERSAL LAW

When a card appears reversed, move it to the mirrored category:

UPRIGHT CATEGORY	REVERSED VERDICT
Definite Yes	Definite No
Yes	No
Leaning Yes	Leaning No
Unknown	Unknown
Leaning No	Leaning Yes
No	Yes
Definite No	Definite Yes

Hidden balance: Upright, the deck contains 49 affirmative cards, 9 Unknown cards, and 20 negative cards. Across all 156 upright/reversed card-orientation possibilities, there are **69 affirmative, 18 Unknown, and 69 negative states**.

Reading structure: Ask a clear question -> shuffle with reversals enabled -> draw one card -> locate its upright category -> apply the reversal law if needed -> interpret the traditional meaning of the card to understand why or under what conditions the answer manifests.

THE ELEMENTAL VERDICT METHOD

A Fourfold Tarot System of Yes & No

This method is intentionally simple. For Minor Arcana, the **suit/element gives the verdict**. The individual card explains the conditions. Major Arcana use their own archetypal polarity.

The Element gives the Verdict. The Card reveals the Conditions.

ELEMENT / SUIT	VERDICT	CONDITION
Fire / Wands	YES	Quickly, passionately, or through action.
Water / Cups	YES	Through emotional investment, receptivity, relationship, intuition, or emotional labor.
Air / Swords	NO	Through resistance, conflict, separation, difficult communication, or reconsideration.
Earth / Pentacles	YES	Slowly, practically, and through hands-on work, patience, resources, or consistency.

Mnemonic: Fire says YES - Act. Water says YES - Feel. Air says NO - Reconsider. Earth says YES - Work.

In this method, every Minor Arcana card follows its suit verdict. The individual card does not change the Yes/No result; it explains the nature of that result.

MAJOR ARCANA POLARITY

YES - 14	NO - 8
The Fool The Magician The Empress The Emperor The Hierophant The Lovers The Chariot Strength Wheel of Fortune Temperance The Star The Sun Judgment The World	The High Priestess The Hermit Justice The Hanged Man Death The Devil The Tower The Moon

THE ELEMENTAL VERDICT METHOD - REVERSALS

A reversed card receives the opposite verdict:

CARD TYPE	UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Wands / Fire	YES	NO
Cups / Water	YES	NO
Swords / Air	NO	YES
Pentacles / Earth	YES	NO
YES Major Arcana	YES	NO
NO Major Arcana	NO	YES

Reading structure: Ask a clear Yes/No question -> shuffle with reversals enabled -> draw one card -> identify suit or Major Arcana polarity -> observe orientation -> receive the verdict -> interpret the card for the conditions surrounding that verdict.

Remember: A YES may still require effort. A NO may reveal what must change. The traditional Tarot meaning is never discarded; it supplies the nuance after the verdict.

CHOOSING BETWEEN THE TWO SYSTEMS

Use The Tarot Pendulum when you want degrees of certainty: Definite Yes, Yes, Leaning Yes, Unknown, Leaning No, No, or Definite No.

Use The Elemental Verdict Method when you want a fast binary answer, with the element describing the manner or condition of the result.

Neither method needs to replace nuanced Tarot reading. They are structured tools for those moments when the question itself genuinely calls for a direct Yes or No.

Establish the rules first. Draw second. Interpret the card third.