



Elemental and Numerological Correspondences in Tarot

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Tarot Elemental Correspondences

FIRE	WATER	AIR	EARTH
MAJORS: The Emperor Strength Wheel of Fortune Temperance The Tower The Sun	MAJORS: The High Priestess The Chariot The Hanged Man Death The Moon Judgement**	MAJORS: The Fool The Lovers Justice The Star	MAJORS: The Magician* The Empress The Hierophant The Hermit The Devil The World
MINORS: Wands	MINORS: Cups	MINORS: Swords	MINORS: Pentacles

* For me, The Magician is Earth, but the majority view for The Magician's elemental correspondence is Air.

** There is a split in views on whether Judgement corresponds with Fire or Water. I personally attribute Judgement with Water.





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Elemental Attributions

FIRE <i>Physical Plane</i>	Career, professional goals and your professional aspirations; creative projects; ambitions; life path development; health and wellness (personal vitality and general holistic care, <i>cf.</i> “physical body” correspondence in Earth).
WATER <i>Emotional Plane</i>	Love, relationships, home, family issue; matters relating to loved ones; matter relating to personal emotions; spiritual growth or intuitive development; matters relating to empathy and compassion.
AIR <i>Mental Plane</i>	Using the rational side of your mind; analyzing a situation with logic and objective critique; situations involving combat or pertaining to social conflicts; communications with others; public relations or how you relate to your external sphere of influence.
EARTH <i>Material Plane</i>	Assets, investments, real property, finances; stability and security; the physical body (physical condition with the body, medical issue, fertility, medical ailment, <i>cf.</i> “health and wellness” correspondence in Fire).





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Tarot Numerological Correspondences

1	2	3	4	5
The Fool The Magician Aces	High Priestess Judgement Justice Twos	The Empress Hanged Man The World Threes	The Emperor Death Fours Knights Queens Kings	The Hierophant Temperance Fives
6	7	8	9	10
The Lovers The Devil Sixes	The Chariot The Tower Sevens Pages	Strength The Star Eights	The Hermit The Moon Nines	Wheel of Fortune The Sun Tens

* Key 0, The Fool numerological correspondence to 1 is my own

* Key 19, The Sun can correspond with either 1 or 10. For me, it's 10.

* Court card numerological correspondences based on the works of Papus, A. E. Waite, and Paul Foster Case.





Numerological Correspondences

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- 1 Beginnings; new start; new venture; focus on only one aspect or a single issue and from there you can develop your plan or concept, but start small; every journey begins with a single step. You're about to take that first step. The number one is all about willpower and preparing your mental faculties to exercise or manifest that willpower. This is the number of unbound potential.

 - 2 Balance; cooperation; needing to be part of a team and not just fly solo. The number two in tarot also corresponds with the need to make decisions, to act decisively. Two is the number of choice. In determining how you will choose, think about your personal relationships and your spheres of social influence. Think about who you love and what that person might have to do with the matter at hand. Think about love or relationship building. Think about your connections with others and how those connections can help you in your endeavors.

 - 3 Fruition; developmental phase. You've got the concept, but now it's time to implement and execute. Enough thinking, more doing. This is the next step after conception. You are in the gestation phase. Time to use your assets and resources to bring your concept or goal to fruition. The number three pushes you toward manifestation.

 - 4 Reign and rule. In modern terminology, that's planning. How will you be ruling over your own dominion? You thought you had all the details of your plan worked out, and so you moved forward, but now you realize a couple of issues are still unresolved. Take a breather and do a little bit more planning. Work out the kinks and then continue. Don't be deterred, though! You're fine. It's just about a little bit more work on the foundation before you go forward. The number four compels you to think about the way you reign over your personal domain.

 - 5 Some uncertainty going on. Hanging in the balance and it's not clear which way you're going to swing. This is also the number of adventure. It's about taking risks because that's how you expand your personal horizon. There is a pioneering or entrepreneurial spirit within you and it's time to let that spirit out into the open. You are at the half-way mark. Think about the checks and balances in your life and how that factors into your decision-making. That is how you advance past the uncertainty.

 - 6 A need to return to the god principle. Harmony of body, mind, and spirit. This is the number of harmony with the trinity. Success is not just material gain and social accomplishment. To be truly successful, you must be attuned to your own spirituality and your own spirit. Six is also the number of connection with the Divine and with the spirit
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world around you. Think about that spiritual plane and what messages you need to receive from “the beyond.” This is the number of psychic ability and intuition.

7 Knowledge and wisdom. This is the number of the philosopher-sage. Think about what you know. (Also think about what you don’t know, and let your own humility guide you toward finding the answer.) Think about how to implement what you know to help you get ahead. You know more than you consciously realize and right now, it’s about mining your own Self for that information. This is also a reminder to exercise wisdom in your endeavor. Be wise. Be world-weary. Also, access your intellect. The solution to the problem is in your mind. The resolution will relate to intellectualism, knowledge, scholarship, and of course, wisdom.

8 You are so close to achieving your goal! This is the construction phase, when you are near completion but still need more material support. Think about how best to use the resources you have as investments to gain more. Pay attention to your own assets and financial security. How do you use what you have but also save enough for the future going forward? How do you maintain the balance between risk and loss? The resolution is in how you manage and how you use what you have, and I’m talking about the material, not mental.

9 Spiritual ascension. You’re in a pretty good place in your life right now; I hope you realize that. If you want more, then you must give more. Think about how you can give back to the world at large. Think about humanitarian endeavors. Think about your karma and how to improve karmic merits to ensure spiritual ascension. This is the number of inner cultivation.

10 It’s time for a transformation. It’s time to move on to a new phase of your life. You’ve done all that you can do in this current stage you’re in and now you’ve got to return to the planning stage to figure out your next goal, your next endeavor, or consider what other aspirations you have that you ought to pursue. There is going to be the need to detach from some things that you feel emotionally attached to. This is about moving on and looking forward to the light at the other end of the tunnel. This is not cessation; this is a new beginning. That light portends a new adventure in your life, one that promises much greater prospects than what you have now!

