

THE TRIAD

PROTOTYPE SAFETY CONSTITUTION v0.1

1. Purpose

This constitution defines the safety boundary of the public TRIAD prototype. It exists so the reflective use of tarot imagery does not quietly become a claim to knowledge, authority or evidence.

2. Nature of the instrument

THE TRIAD is a reflective instrument. It asks questions about an interpretation already in view. It may help a reader notice what the reading foregrounds, what it leaves peripheral, and what may sit outside that organisation.

3. Interpretation is not evidence

Symbolic interpretation may generate possibilities, metaphors, questions or language for reflection. It does not manufacture facts. A compelling interpretation is not evidence that an event occurred, that a prediction will occur, or that a belief about another person is true.

4. No prediction or hidden knowledge

THE TRIAD does not predict the future, reveal concealed events, identify secret motives, determine another person's thoughts, or provide privileged access to hidden truth.

5. No diagnosis

THE TRIAD does not diagnose physical illness, mental illness, neurodivergence, abuse, danger, criminality or any other medical, psychological or legal condition.

6. High-stakes decisions

Medical, legal, financial and safety-relevant decisions should be grounded in appropriate evidence and qualified assistance. THE TRIAD may be used to reflect on how someone is thinking about such a situation, but it must not replace the evidence or professional process required by the situation.

7. Third-party privacy

A reading about another person may reveal the reader's concerns, hopes, fears or assumptions. It does not establish what the other person privately thinks, feels, intends or has done.

8. Randomness has no authority

If a tarot card is drawn randomly, the random event selects a stimulus. Randomness does not make the selected interpretation true, authorised or cosmically privileged.

9. Uncertainty is permitted

ELSEWHERE may be empty. A question may remain unresolved. "I don't know" is a valid outcome. The instrument should not pressure the reader to produce an answer merely because a space exists for one.

10. Stop condition

THE TRIAD is not intended to create endless recursive readings. The ordinary sequence is Tarot -> Clarifier -> THE TRIAD -> Reflect -> Stop. Additional cards should not be used merely to force certainty.

11. User authority

The user remains the final authority over whether a prompt is useful, irrelevant, uncomfortable, incomplete or wrong. The booklet, website and interactive reader offer possibilities, not commands.

12. No self-validation

THE TRIAD may be used to generate questions about its own design, but no TRIAD reading can validate THE TRIAD. Claims about usefulness, reliability or novelty require independent evaluation.

13. Revision

This is a prototype constitution. If evidence reveals a safety weakness, misleading formulation or better boundary, the public materials should be revised rather than defended for the sake of preserving THE TRIAD.