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The famous nineteenth-century oracle of sixteen questions and 256 answers, with a guided three-question reading and printable pages

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Before you begin



Some questions will not wait. Will I get what I am hoping for? Is this person sincere with me? Should I go, or should I stay?

For two hundred years, people in England and America took such questions to a small and mysterious book: *Napoleon's Oraculum*. You make a few pencil marks, count them, and the book leads you to one of 256 answers. No cards, no special gift, no waiting for anyone to reply — the answer is in your hands within a few minutes.

This edition gives you the complete Oraculum, newly set and explained, together with a simple method for a **three-question reading**: one question about yourself, one about another person, and one about the road ahead. Printable worksheets let you keep a record of your questions — and of what the answers made you think.

A word of honesty. The Oraculum is a historical curiosity and a game of chance, two centuries old. It is offered for entertainment and reflection, not as advice about health, law, money or any other serious matter. Its real gift is the pause it creates: the moment when you put your question into words, and then listen to your own reaction to the answer.

The answer is not the end of the reading. Your reaction to it is.

How to consult the Oraculum

1

CHOOSE YOUR QUESTION

Pick one of the sixteen questions (page 12) and note its number. Hold the question quietly in your mind.

2

MAKE FOUR LINES OF MARKS

Without counting, draw four rows of short strokes, one under another — as many or as few in each row as your hand wishes.

3

COUNT EACH ROW

An **odd** number of strokes gives **one dot**. An **even** number gives **two dots**. Write the dots one under another: this is your figure.

4

FIND YOUR FIGURE IN THE ORACULUM

In the table (page 13) find your figure in the top row. Follow its column down to the line of your question. There you will find a letter.

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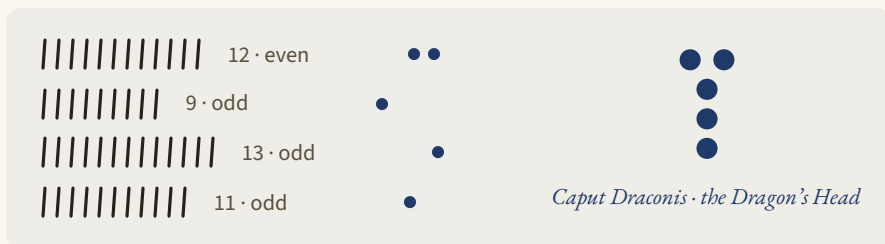
READ YOUR ANSWER

Turn to the page of that letter and find your figure again. Beside it is your answer.

The rules of the old book

- Ask the same question only once in a day.
- Do not consult the Oraculum on the “unlucky days”: January 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 20, 22; February 6, 17, 28; March 24, 26; April 10, 27, 28; May 7, 8; June 27; July 17, 21; August 20, 22; September 5, 30; October 6; November 3, 29; December 6, 10, 15.
- And a modern one: write your question down *before* you make your marks.

An example



Question 9: *Does the person love and regard me?* — four rows of marks: 12, 9, 13, 11. Counted: even, odd, odd, odd. The figure is **Caput Draconis · the Dragon's Head**. In the Oraculum, its column meets question 9 at the letter **P**. On page **P**, beside the figure, we read:

The person loves you sincerely.

The Oraculum, continued

Find your figure in the top row, go down to your question: the letter tells you the page of your answer.

NO. QUESTION								
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1 Will I get my wish?	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
2 Will my undertakings succeed?	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A
3 Will I win or lose my cause?	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B
4 Will I live in foreign parts?	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C
5 Will the absent one return?	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D
6 Will I recover stolen goods?	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E
7 Is my friend true?	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F
8 Shall I travel?	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
9 Does the person love me?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
10 Will the marriage prosper?	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
11 What partner shall I have?	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K
12 A son or a daughter?	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L
13 Will the patient recover?	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M
14 Will the prisoner be freed?	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N
15 Lucky or unlucky today?	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O
16 What does my dream mean?	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P



THE ANSWERS

Find your figure on the page of your letter. The small number shows which question each answer belongs to.



1 What you wish for, you will shortly **obtain**.



16 Signifies trouble and sorrow.



15 Be very cautious what you do **this** day, lest trouble befall you.



14 The prisoner **dies**, and is regretted by his friends.



13 Life will be spared **this** time, to prepare for death.



12 A very handsome daughter, but a **painful** one.



11 You will have a virtuous woman or man, for your wife or husband.



10 If you marry this person, you will have enemies where you little expect.



9 You had better decline **this** love, for it is neither constant nor true.



8 **Decline** your travels, for they will not be to your advantage.



7 There is a true and sincere friendship between you **both**.



6 You will **not** recover the stolen property.



5 The stranger **will**, with joy, soon return.



4 You will **not** remove from where you are at present.



3 Providence **will** support you in a good cause.



2 You are **not** lucky.