

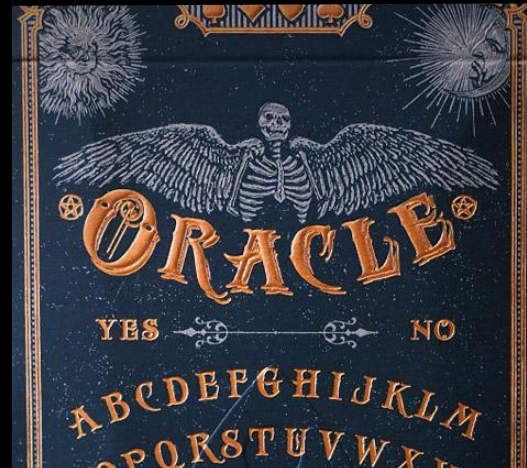
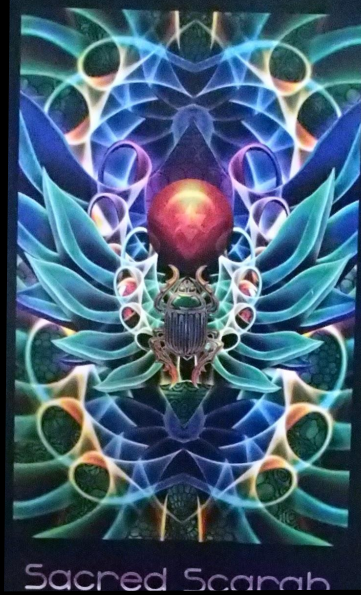
TAROT VS. ORACLE

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TOOL



THE DIFFERENCES

Tarot and Oracle have
less in common than
you might think.



ABOUT THE CARDS

Cards are cards right?

Well not really.

Some people think of **Oracle** and **Tarot** as basically the same thing, after all they are both cards and they are both used for **divination** right?

Let's dig in and look at the **differences!**



TAROT CARDS

STRUCTURE

Tarot is highly **structured** and consistently **organized**.

The cards meanings will always remain the same from deck to deck so long as it is **patterned** after the **Rider- Waite deck** or the **Thoth deck**.





STRUCTURE

- There is always **78** cards in a tarot deck
- **22** major arcana **56** minor arcana
The Minor Arcana is segmented into four suites.
- Each suit consists of **10** number cards and **4** court cards.
- The numbered cards depict the number of objects that correspond to the number of the card.

DESIGN



- The Tarot should always include the 22 cards of the Major Arcana despite the artistic design of the cards
- will in some way represent the 4 elements.
- Accompanying symbols within the cards which will help you understand the mood and the mode of each card.
- The numbered cards may or may not depict human beings.

UTILITY



- When a card has a **person** in it note the number of people, gender, and position.
- You can use the cards in **spreads** and or as a **single card** and there will always be a depth of meanings
- The **back of tarot cards should be neutral.** You shouldn't be able to tell if the card will be upright or inverted before it's revealed.
- Cards will usually have the **title only**
- Some decks include a leaflet or **small booklet** for support but generally don't offer significant user support

ORACLE CARDS



ORACLE CARDS

STRUCTURE

Oracle Cards are more free flowing. Therefore there are many different styles and formats under which cards can be categorized as oracle.





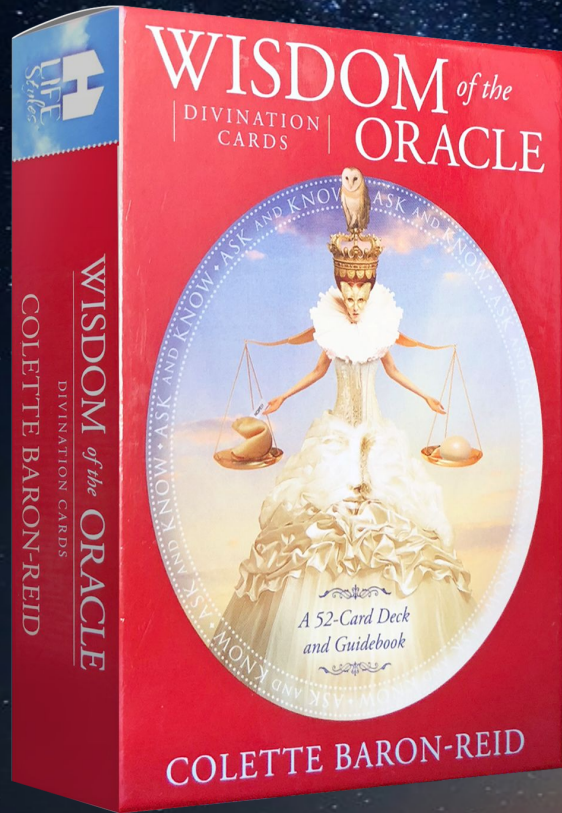
STRUCTURE

- There is **no specific number of cards** a deck should or shouldn't contain.
- Oracle decks can consist of **any** theme, style or suggested method of use.
- There are **no cards that must be present** in an oracle deck.
- There is **generally no hierarchy**. However sometimes there is and if there is a hierarchy, be sure to learn and understand the purpose of it

DESIGN



- The backs of the cards can often have an **obvious orientation** for right side up and upside down
- **Cards usually have text** on them to help the user understand the card, or to inspire some direction or feeling in the user.
- **Cards aren't necessarily numbered.**
If the card has numbering see if it has a specific meaning for that deck.
- Decks are often **themed**
- Decks often **come with booklets** that are oriented to the use of that specific deck
- They **do not** need to be used in a spread.



- Most oracle decks are **better** used **for guidance** as opposed to divination.
- Though they can be used for divination **they are somewhat limited** based on the theme, structure and design of the cards.

REVIEW

MAIN

DIFFERENCES

- Structure
- Number of Cards
- Text on the Card
- Numbering system

CORE CONCEPTS

Tarot Cards are mainly used by people practicing any form of divination.

Some people use Tarot for self discovery

Tarot is often used to attain guidance and insight for future events.

Oracle cards are best used for daily guidance

They usually have an action or guidance for the user

They aren't as suited to divination but can be used for it to a limited degree

