



Working With Reverse Cards

HI!

This mini-lesson is all about reverse cards.

When a card is **reversed, it means it is upside-down**. In many Oracle Card decks, the reverse meaning is different from the upright meaning. The author of each deck gets to choose what those cards mean and sets the intention. It's a good thing to read the guidebook in order to understand the creator's intention.

If you have any experience with tarot cards, seeing an upside-down card may freak you out. I know people who slip a reverse card back into the deck or turn it around. There are even some who shuffle their deck in such a way that there are no reverse cards- ever!

This superstition comes from tarot cards. Traditionally, reverse tarot cards mean the opposite and speak to the shadowy nature of the upright meaning. So when someone sees a reverse card they automatically think something bad was going to happen or that it was telling them something unpleasant. This belief carried over to Oracle Cards.

I can't speak for all Oracle Cards, but I can speak for mine. My Oracle Cards are not designed this way. In my decks, the reverse cards are **not** the opposite. They are asking you to slow down, and protect you from making a boo-boo! They are pointing out the obstacles you may not be seeing. Who doesn't want that kind of help?

In Oracle School, we refer to reverse cards as extra hugs from the Universe!

I think that the loving messages from reverse cards are so important and shouldn't be avoided, so in my later decks, I refer to them as protection and alignment messages! When my Oracle Cards are in reverse, they are nothing to be afraid of!! Rather you should feel so much love and support from the Universe. So when you see a reverse card, get excited, I do!

If you have any of my physical decks, I invite you to look through the deck and begin reading the reverse messages. This will help you better understand the deck and you'll be able to accept the messages as I intended - extra love, support, guidance, and hugs from the Universe!

That's all for now!