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The Most Important Card Of Any Reading:

The Anchor Card

Welcome to Oracle Card Secrets masterclass. Three things you must know about Oracle cards. This is the second video in the Oracle Card Secrets workshop, and whether you're just starting with the Oracle cards or you've been working with them for years, you're in the right place. If you want to understand Oracle cards better, learn how they work and improve your ability to read them intuitively. I'm Colette Baron-Reid and my exposure to Oracles began when I was just eight years old when my Scottish nanny, Mrs. Kelly, would pull out cards to do readings for her friends and my kitchen.

Now, little did I know that I'd spend over 25 years making a living reading with Oracles, especially the tarot professionally. And then go on to create over a dozen unique Oracle card decks so far and sell almost a million decks to people all over the world. In today's video, I'm going to be teaching you all about the most important card in any reading, and I call it the anchor card, but before we jump in, I want to say thanks so much. I can't believe how much positive feedback we're getting. All the ah-ha moments in this comment section below the videos, and I love reading your stories by the way. I swear to God, I sit there in bed beside my husband. He's like, "What are you doing?" "I'm reading the stories."

Anyway, it just goes to show you, there's so many of us seeking to deepen our intuition and tap into universal wisdom. Now in today's world, don't you think it's so encouraging to see? I mean totally. We need this now. If you missed the first video in this series, you can't watch this one. Please go back and check out that one right now because I cover how Oracle cards work and I reveal the three most important fundamental questions. You're going to need to know these things. Okay, so you've got to go watch that video. You're going to get those three fundamental questions that you need to be aware of and anytime you pick up Oracle cards. I show you in that video the best way to approach Oracle cards intuitively as well as busting some pretty hilarious Oracle card myths.



Now I show you what to look for in the artwork so you can start to recognize the symbols and you can better read the cards intuitively. So if you haven't seen that video yet, please go watch it now. There's a link to it under this page and then come back for this second video. I'll wait. Don't worry, I've got nothing better to do. [inaudible 00:02:32] I mean we are communicating with the universe here, so all the details matter. Now I am so excited to share more about how my Oracle cards are the secret sauce to helping you get everything you want out of life. I know that's a tall order, but honestly if you've already watched that video, then let's go and I'm going to show you how.

Now in this video I'm going to show you where you to start with any reading to make sure you're heading in the right direction and you genuinely understand what's going on. Not like almost. So many people get this wrong and end up misinterpreting their cards and scratching their heads going, "What's going on here?" If you want the story the cards are telling to make sense, the key is what I call the anchor card. When you get the anchor card right, you immediately understand the theme for your reading and then how each additional card fits into the big picture. You get a big story out of that. You end up seeing how they all work together, and then you get very clear on what's going on, where's this heading and am I going to get what I want? Remember those three questions. Now, if you cheated, you don't know what they are, so go back and watch that video.

So whether you're doing a complicated spread or just pulling a few cards, your anchor card is critical. If you get thrown by your reading, chances are it's because you didn't spend enough time with the very first card. It's the first card that's the anchor card. Now, if you're here, it's not just because you want to learn about the anchor card. What you really want to know is how to become more intuitive in your readings, way more confidence so you can read for yourself and others, and of course you want to know what the universe has in store for you. Wouldn't it be nice to trust? Think about it that you always have a real live connection and a tool to dialogue with the universe. The fact is there's never been a better time to learn these secrets. I mean, come on. Doesn't it seem like the world has gone completely nuts?

I mean, honestly we have access to tons of information and facts at our fingertips, but do we have guidance as to the true wisdom about what all that information means, especially for us personally? And it's also getting so hard to separate the good information from, well, the BS. So it's so easy to be led astray, to listen to the voices around you, to get lost and off track and scaredy cats and Chicken Little, and that's why I love Oracle cards. They don't depend on anybody else, but you and the universe. There's no middleman. The universe is never going to put you on hold. I mean, she is there waiting for your call 24 hours a day. And how cool is that? The solution is to learn to tap into your own intuition to find that process and easy tool and a practice that works for you so you can move forward with confidence in your life.



And the anchor card is the key to that confidence. Once you understand this anchor card, it makes everything else so easy. Yeah, I said it, easy. Now let me tell you a story, this is very funny, about how my husband Mark had his ah-ha moment with the anchor card, but not before it almost completely wrecked as big plans to surprise me. Okay, so this is years ago before Mark and I got married and we're sitting in the airport in Milan, Italy. We're on our way to a Mediterranean cruise for Hay House. And I was getting to do a workshop and do readings on the cruise. Now I am super fried from traveling on a red-eye. I hate them. And now our connecting flight to Venice is delayed. So we hunkered down in a little corner with our \$9 airport coffees and I decide to pull out my cards.

Now, this is years and years ago and I'll be honest, my Oracle cards were in my suitcase and these are my tarot cards that were in my purse and I play with what's there and after all, they are still Oracle cards even though they're specific. But this is the best story anyway because this was the first time I'd ever been on a Mediterranean cruise and I'm like, "I wonder what's going to happen. I'm going to see what I can expect on the trip." I get it. Some people like to read reviews on TripAdvisor. Me, I read cards. So I pull out my tarot cards and all the blood drains from my face. I've done a reading and now I'm in shock because the first card, the anchor card, is the card that in my tarot [inaudible 00:07:02] represents marriage. WTF, marriage. Now on its own without the subsequent cards, it could have been a celebration of any kind, like a cruise.

But it comes about that the cards that follow it are, and for those of you who know tarot, the two of cups about relationships, the knight of cups about romance, the ace of cups, the big love and the king of cups. Going to be my husband guy. Okay, and it's all these cups. And I'm like, "Oh, what's happening?" I'm going there to work. I'm not going there to get married. Wait a second, there's Mark staring at me wondering what is she doing? He doesn't know how to read the cards. He sees a whole lot of cups though. And I'm like, "Oh my God, he's going to ask me to marry him." And so what happens is I realize he is seeing me and I pretend nothing is happening. So I end up putting my cards away in my purse and pretending, "Oh, I'm good." I just look over at Mark who is looking at my reading and he senses something and I know it.

Actually later on he told me I was looking at him with these big eyes, big loving eyes, like a love sick puppy. That's what he called me. But back to the cards. I'm looking at him looking at me. I'm worried he knows I figured it out. So I again, I casually put the cards away like nothing's going on. I try to play it cool, as cool as any woman would if she knows she's going to get a proposal. But that's when I do a quick check. We get back to our hotel. I pull out my own Oracle cards out of the suitcase and my runes, everything basically says the same thing, but really I was in full on Oracle abuse and then I kept doing it and everything just got all jumbled and I thought, "Okay, this is too good to be true. I'm making it all up. Oh, well, whatever."



That's wishful thinking. So then we go to this amazing little garden restaurant, really pretty. Gorgeous at night with lanterns and traditional Italian music and the food was so yummy. And then Mark says, "Let's go on a gondola ride." Now I get all excited because there's a famous kissing bridge. It's really romantic. So Mark and I get in the gondola, we head down the canals. The moon is shining bright. It was such a perfect night. The air was beautiful. I'm totally in heaven because now all I care about is I'm in a gondola with Mark in Venice and in two seconds we're going to be underneath the famous kissing bridge. And as we pass underneath and he's fumbling around, I'm like, "What's the matter with you? Aren't you going to kiss me?"



And he's all distracted and fidgeting. I'm like, "We just passed under the kissing bridge." I cannot believe it. And I'm all confused. And then he gets up and spins in front of me and he stumbles to one knee, pulls out a ring, looks me in the eye and says, "Will you marry me?" And I'm like, "Hell yeah." And I start screaming on the boat. And as we passed all the other boats, I'm yelling at them holding my new ring. I'm getting married and everybody was clapping. And really at this point it was the happiest day of my life. So the cards were right, but Mark had figured out at the airport that I had divined what was going to happen and he was so pissed that I had ruined his surprise. So he actually began trying to throw me off the scent right up until the gondola ride and he was quite successful because I was very confused.

I thought, "Oh, what do I know about the cards?" But the anchor card was so on the nose. What's going on? Then the following cards, where is this heading? And of course the am I going to get what I want part was also so on point. So when I look back, it all stemmed from the anchor card. The anchor card, it's always going to be the theme of this story. And then all the other cards after that are going to tell you where it's potentially heading. And in my case, it anchored the story of union, but the cards after that said what Mark was going to do, which was to propose his undying love for me. Right, honey? He's behind the camera. So trust me when I tell you the anchor card is the key to confidence in your reading, and I have the ring to prove it.

So secret number two is all about the anchor card. No matter how many cards you want to pull, study that anchor card. It may not always be obvious to you in the moment, but it's important you take the time with it. It could be warning you of something that you're not aware of too. Often, all you need is the anchor card. One card may be all the clarity you need. So secret number two is that the foundation of any good reading is found in the first card, the anchor card.

Skip that step and hurry to the end result and you may miss a dozen clues of how to navigate any situation or even misread the entire thing. Okay, I hope my romantic Venetian story helped to illustrate how important the first card is and how by really thinking about it to see where you're at, then you can more clearly decipher where it's going. And then are you going to get married? No, I'm kidding. Are you going to get what you want? And if it's marriage, yay or maybe nay, but we'll get to that and the next secret. But first let's do some more myth-busting.



A lot of people have been asking about the traditions of Oracles. Divination in its earliest forms were originally passed down through an oral tradition and that became set because they're repeated over and over. Now, in my case, for example, I saw Mrs. Kelly, my Scottish nanny, make all her little blue haired friends blow on those cards and shuffle them and then pick their own cards. So when I saw that, I thought, "Well, you always have to do that." What did I know? I was just a kid. As I became a professional reader, I believe the other person had to blow on the cards, then touch the cards. But then I decided to do readings over the phone. I was super worried at first like, "Is this going to be accurate if I'm the one touching, shuffling and pulling the cards?" But then I realized through experience that they didn't need to blow on the cards or touch the cards.

It's the intention that matters. It's not like the universe would let something like that get in the way, right? And that opened a lot of other questions for me. Tradition had taught me that the tarot cards were the only true form of an Oracle. And by the way, tarot cards are considered Oracle cards. I mentioned that before, but any other forms, tradition said, weren't going to be as good. But experience taught me, I can make my own based on more current cultural psychologies that are more in tune with our modern society 600 years later than when the tarot was created back in the 15th century. The new Oracle card systems are just as effective and often easier to read for the average person. And as I mentioned before, even my husband can do it. Now, tradition taught me there were only specific spreads for specific situations, specific ways to shuffle the deck, but experience taught me I could make up my own spreads, I could shuffle them any way I want.

I can throw my cards on the floor and play 52 card pickup if I feel like it and I would still get an accurate reading. Tradition, certainly religious superstition taught us that we should be afraid of the cards, that they could predict something negative that you can never change. But experience has taught me that's bullshit. Get over it. I have free will. You have free will and a good reading can actually protect me by giving me an opportunity to get critical information to make a course correction because this is what's likely coming if I don't make a change. And the biggest myth of all is that you should be afraid of the cards because the cards have power, maybe even negative power or they are the devil's work, but the cards themselves have no power whatsoever until you decide to pick them up and use them as an Oracle.

Until then, they're just of paper with pretty pictures on them. And even after that, they're just a tool that can translate the information for you from the universe when you're having a conversation. And remember, years and years and years ago, people did this by throwing sticks on the ground. And let me tell you, if you think deciphering the tarot or other Oracle cards are hard, try reading sticks.



So if you have a deck, Oracle card deck with a great vocabulary, then the universe is going to have an easy time with you. An ill conceived deck with a poor understanding of psychology and the language of symbolism and metaphors, I know I just got geeky now, but whatever. That can be challenging and confusing. So bottom line, tradition can give you little rituals and beautiful practices for you to express your reverence to the divine or the universe. Call it whatever you want. But don't let tradition get in the way of getting guidance from the universe. After all, the universe is all knowing and all loving, and it works for your highest good to offer you protection and guidance. So whether you choose tradition or your own practice, you can't go wrong if your intention is pure of heart.

Now I want to tell you about the next video, the values and dangers of predictions. And you are going to love this one. In fact, I think it's going to be your favorite in the series. It's mine anyway. I'm going to walk you through how in your quest to get what you want, you can protect yourself from the dangers of a prediction. It's going to be really special and I think you're going to absolutely love it because there's definitely a juicy story that goes along with it. So watch for that in your inbox coming in a few days. Okay, so now it's your turn. Do you have a story where you pulled a card and you knew 100% what it meant, but then all of a sudden the signs were giving you mixed signals like in my Venice story and afterwards everything came to be? Leave your story below in the comments. We are all dying to read it.

Okay, you could also pull a card from the app below and ask, "Well, what do I need to know about X?" Then think about it a minute and then share your thoughts with us about it in the thread. So share a story or pull a card and share [inaudible 00:17:06], who cares? It's just us in here, our special community, loving on each other and supporting each other. Now there are two things in life I know instantly bonds people.

One is laughter and the other is stories. And what better way to bond than to pull out those cards and share those stories and some laughs? It's amazing what conversation starters Oracle cards are. Now, if you found value in this lesson, please share it with at least three people you know, especially if you know they love cards and could use some guidance. So please scroll down and put some positive vibes into the universe and hit that like button. Everybody likes to get likes and then leave a comment for not just me, but for all of us having fun in here. All right, I'll see you in the next video in a few days from now. Muah, enjoy.

