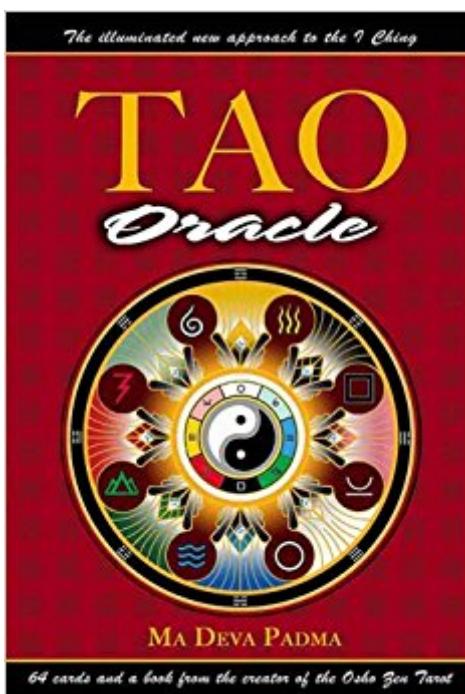


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Tao Oracle: An Illuminated New Approach To The I Ching



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The Tao Oracle is a visual I-Ching- a beautiful and dazzling new tool for self transformation, enlightenment, and personal growth"Meditation is that hundred and eighty degree turn that strengthens our capacity to trust, as it puts us in touch with a silent, guiding force that is far greater than ourselves in its wisdom, support and sustaining capacity. To relax into the flow of the Tao in its unfoldment is to experience being 'at home in life.' This meditation takes us to what has been called the still point, the center of the cyclone, the great silence, the inner Himalayan peaks." --Ma PadmaThe Tao Oracle is a "visual I-Ching." It features no coins, no sticks, but cards featuring paintings, symbols, colors and key words, along with a clear, simple book to help you interpret the results. The Tao Oracle speaks to the individual through a language of archetypes and symbolism that can expose a deeper truth of the dynamics of change as it impacts our daily lives.

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Customer Reviews

A painter and the designer of the Osho Zen Tarot, Padma combines principles of tarot and the symbols of the I Ching in this illuminated approach to divination. "Tarot is a pillar of wisdom from the West; the I Ching, a pillar of wisdom from the East," she writes. "They are different esoteric paths approaching the same mountain peak." With the aim of helping seekers "look within," Padma offers this dual system. The directions, which are a bit confusing for those unfamiliar with casting, require the seeker to use three coins in order to access the changing nature of his or her question; the lushly illustrated tarot deck gives answers to the question, and the accompanying booklet offers

interpretations of these answers. This method not recommended for the novice or the impatient, but it's an interesting new approach for those already comfortable with divination. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Ma Deva Padma is a painter, illustrator, and designer. She is the creator of the best selling Osho Zen Tarot and The Tao Oracle: An Illustrated New Approach to the I Ching. Padma lives and works with her artist husband, at their studio in Australia. Her fine art has been exhibited in the United States, Europe, and Asia. She is a lecturer on tarot art as a means for meditation and self awareness.

OMG These cards are so beautiful. I plan to use them as Oracle cards as I know nothing about I Ching. The meanings are on the cards. The images are stunning. I love the card stock too. It's not thick cardboard like many oracle decks. The cards are good stock with some type of coating on them so they should last a long time. The cards are larger than tarot. I have small hands & traditional shuffling is difficult for me (even with tarot size cards).. I do a vertical overhand shuffle which works for me. If you are on the fence, these are fabulous cards. I don't think you will be disappointed.5/29/17 Update: I am sending these beauties back. 2 of the cards have large white spots on the back like they were stuck together from the printer. I didn't notice it in the beginning as I was so intrigued with the beautiful pictures on the front of the cards. Also these cards sort of clump together & are really difficult to shuffle. They may need some fanning powder or something on them to make them shuffle better. The book & cards are so beautiful, I hated to send them back.

I have been a professional Tarot Card reader for over 40 years, and a student of the I Ching for just about as long. This is as beautiful and useful a deck as I have ever seen. I use it as my primary deck in my own readings. It never fails to share love, wisdom, guidance, and inspiration. Regarding the chief criticism on this site: yes, there may be other more profound books on the I Ching, including of course the ancient texts themselves, but that is not the point. The little book that comes with the cards is just a helpful additional tool. These amazing cards themselves are the point. They are pure, accurate, useful, and inspiring. If a picture is worth a thousand words, these beautifully and profoundly rendered card illustrations -- with perfect use of shape, form, subject, and color -- are priceless in helping to reveal the inner nature of the I Ching and make them thus more accessible to all who would benefit from this ancient oracular device. They also enable one to learn from the I Ching in a faster and more comprehensive manner than is available solely through the coins or

yarrow sticks. They are not just Tarot cards, they are fine art. This is why I use them -- and am grateful that they are in my life. Thank you, Ma Deva Padma. Your work is extraordinary skillful -- and extraordinarily divine! (By the way, I would love to know if you have posters available? I will have to check online -- I particularly love your card of Peace, finding it as soothing as anything I have ever seen!)

The cards are gorgeous. The color saturation of the front and back is so good I thought it was a shame the sides were white. Thus....I used the 'Fired Brick' distress ink by Tim Holtz to edge my deck. Note the difference in the photos.

I use this along with Carol Anthony's Guide to the I-Ching. I like to sometimes pick a card from the box of the Tao Oracle and then read what the Tao Oracle book says as well as Anthony's book. (Sometimes I just use Anthony's book.) The reason I use both is that I feel that the Tao Oracle is different in the way it explains things, and without Anthony's book, I would misunderstand the message relative to what I am asking. In that respect I may have given these cards a 4 stars rating, but that could be bec I got so used to working with Anthony's guide which is based on much more writing, so I will give it 5 stars esp for the artwork and how easy it is to use this system. I am very glad I purchased the Tao Oracle, especially for the beautifully designed cards which make for a more pleasant and meaningful experience while doing I-Ching work. If I did not have this, I would buy it again. Then again, part of the reason is that I have not seen any other oracle cards, and even if there were others, i like that this one has a book.

Ma's writing is demonstrative of having both insight and curiosity, stillness and wanderlust. This deck and book is a practice in I Ching. Beautifully illustrated cards - /is/ there a media that is a mix of watercolor, pastel, and charcoal? - feature symbology, titles, and keywords relevant to each hexagram at the bottom. A thicker, yet flexible, card stock that feels almost as if produced to be tear resistant. One of the most strikingly awesome cards in this deck is Hex 37: The Family. 12 images that encompass every age, gender, and ethnicity of the human race - each with eyes that have that "knowing look" and a welcoming smile. Meditating on this image moves me profoundly and my eyes well-up. Many blessed thanks to mystic Padma for bringing such a wonderful image into creation. Easiest way to bond with this deck? Pick a card, and then study it intensely for 7 days.

I've had the Tao Oracle cards for almost 3 years now. These are the first cards I've ever used - and

I am totally amazed at how they will define for you what is present in your life at the moment. Every one I've drawn at any given time has been right on and has then helped me to obtain a broader perspective regarding the issue at hand. I don't know how many times I've reached for the Tao Oracle in times of stress, sadness, confusion and happiness as well. Just reaching for the cards immediately calms me. The artwork is beautiful and the insight of Ma Deva Padma is awesome.

Love my cards the images are beautiful I ended up buying I Ching coins to go along with the cards and practicing with them and the cards are very accurate with the readings I've been learning and having a lot of fun with my readings and feel that they are very balanced with light and Shadow and you will not be disappointed with purchasing this beautiful deck of cards also the book that comes along with the deck is very informative and very complete and teaching you the basics of tao

These are the best Oracle cards I have seen or owned. I've been studying the iChing and Gene Keys. This is the perfect addition to my morning practice for receiving insight. Thank you!! Highly recommend.

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