

THE SCRYING TREE

(6')x 1'(diameter) x 1'x2'x3'x5'

Medium- cast iron, wood, acrylic, glass, obsidian

SCRYING- a term used for divining the future and observing the past. Queen Elizabeth I- second cousin of James I & VI- famously used the service of John Dee, variously described as a mathematician, astronomer, astrologer, teacher, occultist, alchemist. Spending much of his time on alchemy, (chemistry), divination and Hermetic philosophy- via communication through Angels, he used a black mirror made of obsidian to divine the future for the Queen.

He was known as 'the conjurer to the Queen'.

Similar techniques were employed by ordinary folk, scrying into a fire- to read messages from beyond, to heal, to help. These were the people who were persecuted for witchcraft.

The TREE is based on the Fibonacci Sequence, also known as the golden ratio.

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, and so on

The upright- is 0- each branch- 1, 2, 3, 5- the bottom branch begins to curve into the spiral.

The Fibonacci sequence, first identified by mathematicians in India- and codified in 1202- by Leonardo of Pisa- also known as Leonardo Fibonacci-who also introduced Arabic counting into our world.

The sequence, as a ratio, can be seen throughout nature- in plants, fruit, trees, rivers etc

All flowers will have 3, 5, 8, 31 etc petals- have this number sequence.

The Greeks called it Phi- and referred to it as the golden ratio or Golden mean. Incorporated into architectural design, after the Greeks, in Edinburgh the celebrated architecture of the New Town is based on this ratio.

At the same time- any observation of patterns in nature, made by ordinary folk were wrought with terror and accusation.

You must be a witch to see such things.