

Embracing Spiritual Significance

Art of Photography

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ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY

The Art of Photography elective explores the fundamentals of photography techniques, composition, and storytelling through visual media.

PROJECT BRIEF

The project aims to create a cohesive series of photographs that convey a specific theme or narrative, showcasing the skills and creativity developed during the elective.

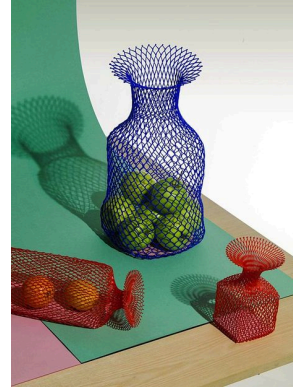
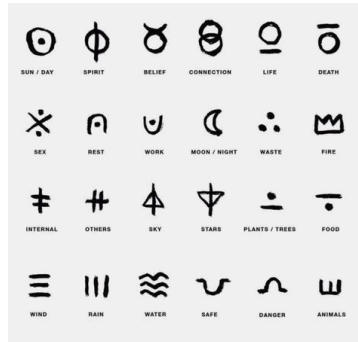
CONCEPT NOTE

The series of photographs symbolize spiritual symbols. I sought to work on this theme as spiritual symbols can serve as sources of inspiration and reflection, encouraging individuals to contemplate deeper truths about life, existence, and their own spiritual journey. They can provide guidance, insight, and a sense of connection to something greater than oneself.

Spiritual symbols can be considered abstract because they represent intangible concepts or ideas that are not directly observable with the physical senses. Thus, the symbols are represented in an abstract form through the reflections of perfume bottles and glass crockery. It is possible to interpret the distortions and flaws in the reflections as representations of the beauty found in imperfection. In a similar vein, spiritual symbols frequently represent the notion that the incomplete and imperfect can contain beauty and significance.

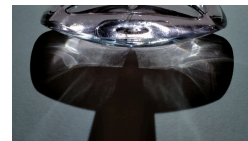
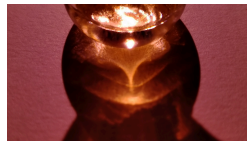
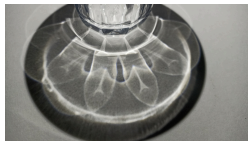
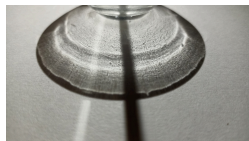
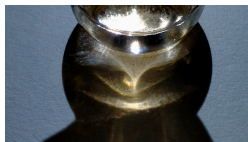
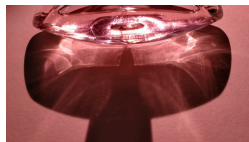
The photographs were taken with artificial lighting with a phone camera. The angle, positioning and the color of the lighting was played with to achieve the details of the reflections. The photographs are left untouched without post production.

VISUAL REFERENCES

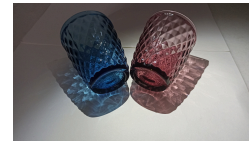
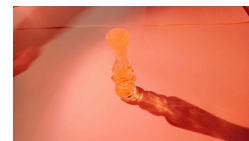


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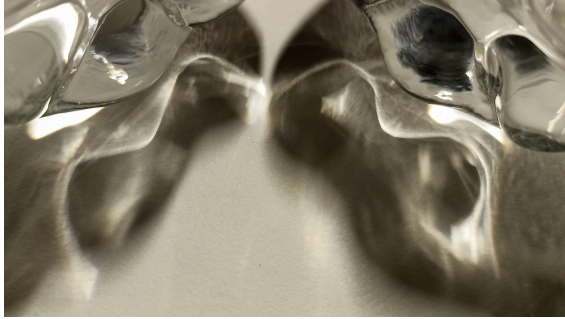
DEVELOPMENT OF THE REFLECTIONS





Waves

Waves symbolize the dynamic flow of life, embodying both its highs and lows. They serve as a metaphor for the ever-changing nature of existence, illustrating the challenges and triumphs we encounter along the way. By navigating through the ebb and flow of life's waves, we gain resilience and wisdom, ultimately overcoming obstacles and embracing growth.

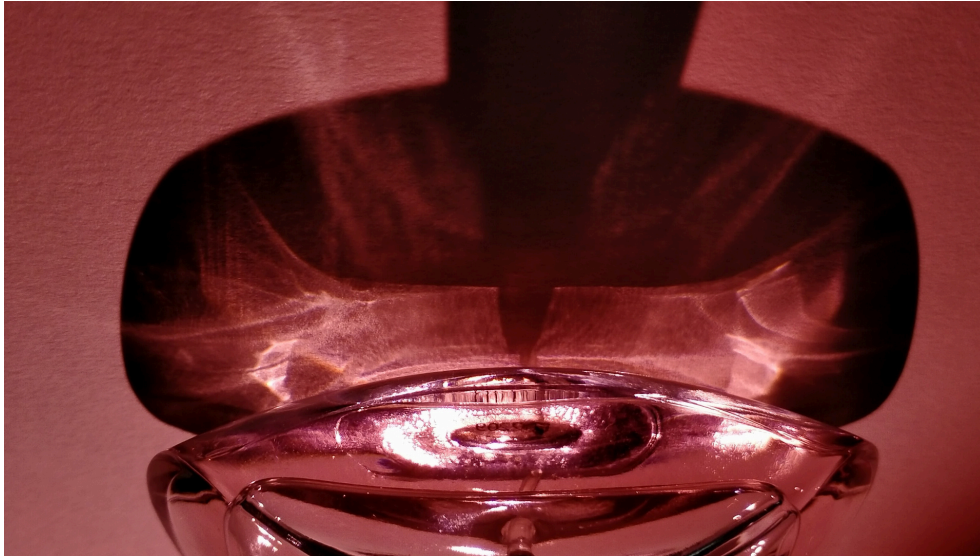


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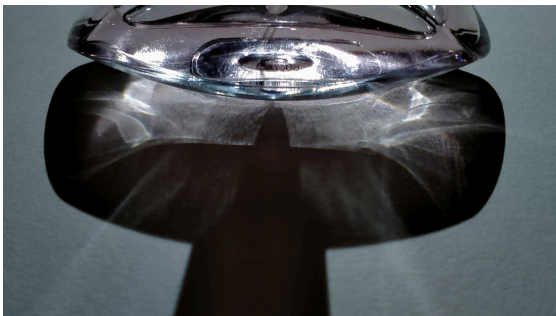
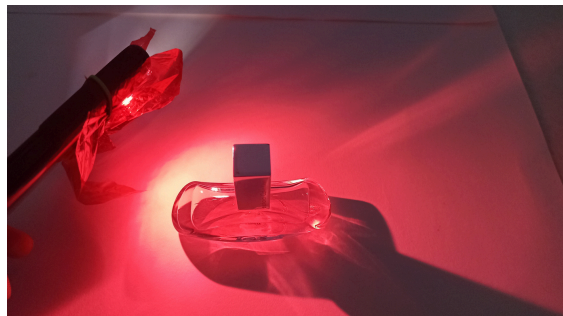
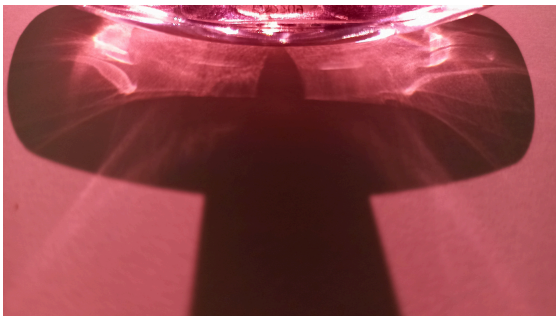
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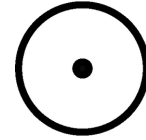
Safety

A line symbolizes a journey towards spiritual protection and unity, while a semicircle represents a sense of safety and shelter along that journey. Together, they signify a path towards spiritual balance and harmony, where individuals feel protected and secure in their spiritual endeavors.



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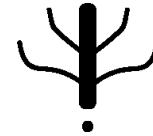
Sun

In spirituality, a circle with a dot inside, representing the sun, symbolizes wholeness, unity, and the divine presence. It signifies the eternal cycle of life, the source of light and warmth, and the connection between the earthly and spiritual realms.



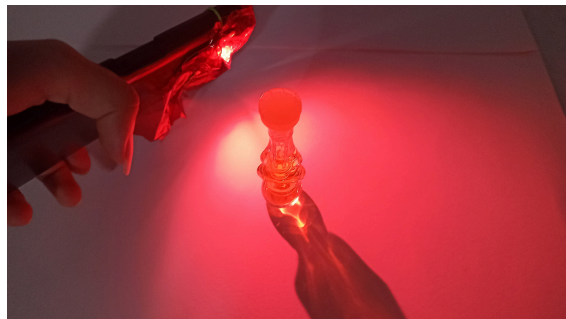
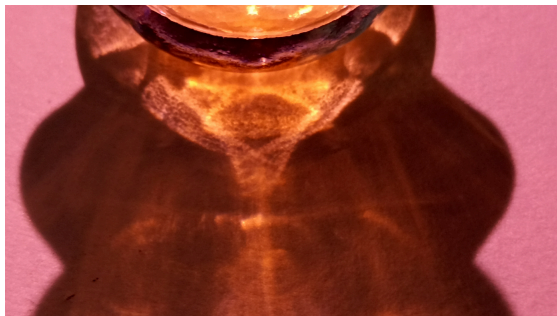
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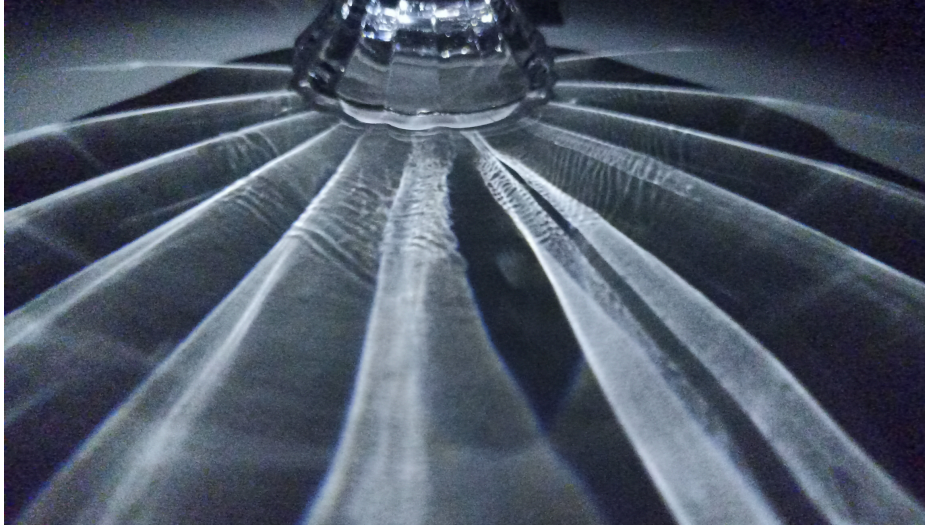
Growth

In spirituality, the symbol of growth represents personal and spiritual evolution, symbolizing the journey towards enlightenment and self-realization. It embodies the idea of continual development, expansion, and transformation of the soul. This symbol encourages individuals to embrace change, overcome challenges, and cultivate inner strength



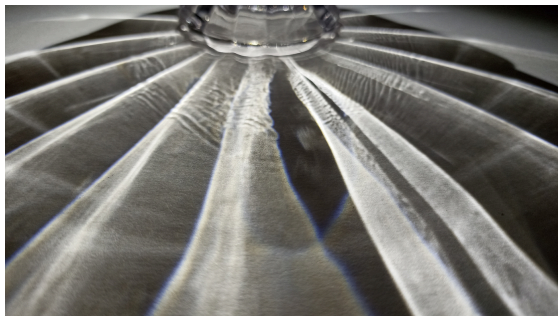
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Lotus

The lotus flower meaning varies from culture to culture. In general, however, the lotus commonly serves as a sacred for purity, rebirth, and strength. Because lotuses rise from the mud without stains, they are often viewed as a symbol of purity.



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Diamond

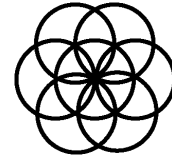
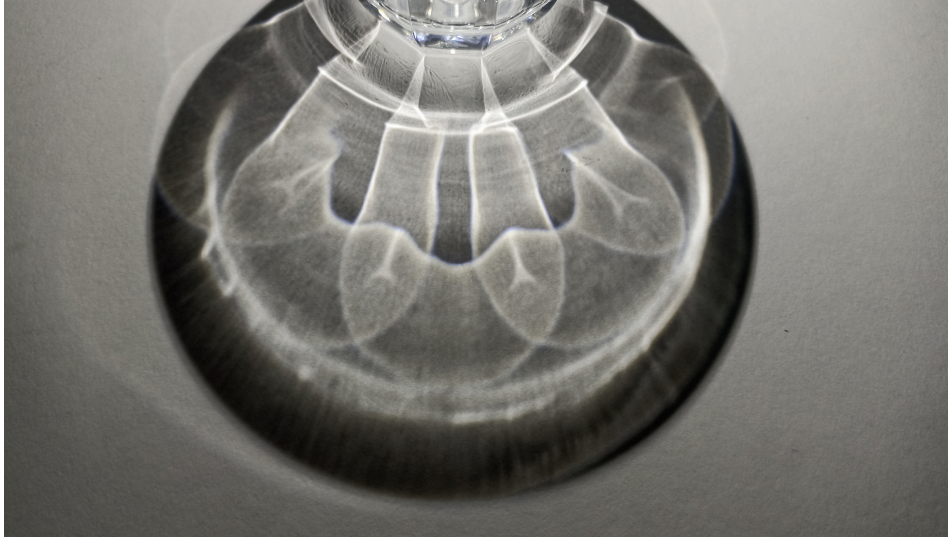
Diamond crystals cleanse, restore, and balance the mind, body, and soul. Because of their brilliance, they're also associated with the power to illuminate the mind and provide mental clarity. In addition, diamonds are thought to magnify emotions and energies.



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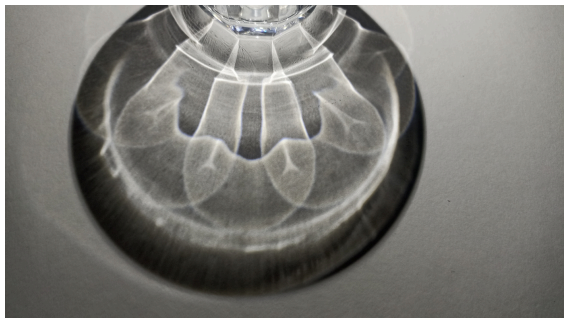
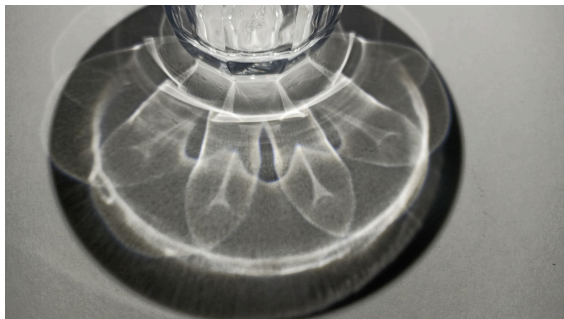


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Seed of life

This symbol is considered the scheme for the creation of all worldly things. Thus, the symbol of the Seeds of Life is the beginning of beginnings, from which all aspects of existence and life concepts later arose. For this reason, this symbol is one of the key ones in almost all world religions.



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TAKEAWAY

The project highlighted the importance of perception, perspective and lighting in understanding spiritual symbols through photography . Each reflection is a unique perspective, yet they are all connected through the common medium of the glass.

The distortions and imperfections present in the reflections can be seen as symbols of beauty in imperfection. Similarly, spiritual symbols often embody the idea that beauty and meaning can be found in the imperfect and the incomplete.

The project taught me to reflect on my relationship with imperfection and the process of self-acceptance and growth. It encourages individuals to recognize that imperfections are a natural part of the human experience

"In imperfections, both in reflections and symbols, lies the beauty of incompleteness. Just as in life, spirituality finds meaning in the imperfect."