

# Jerry Blankenship

**Note:**

I am 86 years old, and this will be my last performance.

**Lecture/Performance Title**

**SCRYING**

**Lecture/Performance Description**

For thousands of years, humankind has gazed at reflections with wonder, just as we have stared at the darkness of the night sky and its billions of tiny twinkling lights, slowly racing across the mysterious void beyond real comprehension. The reflected light of the moon rippling oddly on the surface of a pond or river, fluid in motion, yet not solid. Such unusual images must have been these first reflections, that they allowed our minds to ponder more profound thoughts. So mystifying, the representation of oneself, when once before never seen.

While today's modern mirrors (Latin: *mirari* - "to admire"), crafted from glass with a reflective silver back coating, the earliest of recorded mirrors, besides reflecting pools, were crafted from naturally occurring black glass stone known as Obsidian (Latin: *Obsidianus*). Evidence of these black mirrors exists as long ago as 6,000 BC. The mirror was considered a sacred item, often belonging to a spiritual leader, commonly used in some cultures to speak with the Gods...to look into the past, or foresee the future. The uses were far more than just for a reflection of one's self. Gazing into the dark reflective surface could be profound as if to look into one's center or soul. Mirrors were considered prized possessions of great value. With time, mirrors were crafted from everything from Obsidian; metals such as Bronze, Silver, and Gold; to the modern-day mirror of glass.

The black mirror, created from Obsidian, remains to this day a mystical tool. Sometimes referred to as the "wizard stone," it has been used in magical practices since ancient times. The Obsidian Sphere is considered the premier stone for; seeing the future, the past, or communicating with the other side. The properties of the stone are considered to be incredibly powerful and creative. While connected to both the past and future, it is said to cleanse psychic smog, bringing enhanced clarity, clearing confusion, and allowing one to see into the beyond, past simple surface reflections. It is said to expand one's consciousness and help one to enter the realm of the unknown. Obsidian is a protective stone that repels negative spiritual influences, protects its users from potentially harmful energies and entities, and blocks psychic attacks. Black Obsidian is said to ground the soul and spiritual forces into the physical plane, making it possible to manifest spiritual energies in our presence. Perhaps this is due to the nature of the stone itself, having been born of the fiery energy of the Earth, a volcanic eruption, an act often accompanied by unexplained static lightning energy thought to have played a role in the division of Earth and Heaven, along with life itself.

For the above reasons, Spiritus Spheara Scry (The Obsidian Scrying Sphere) is an ideal addition to have on the Séance table, providing a layer of protection for those involved while absorbing the negative energies and focusing the spiritual and physical planes. It is a mysterious reflective black orb of natural Obsidian that stands elevated above the surface of the table via a vintage brass stand, allowing those sitting around it the best reflective views of their surroundings.

Come sit with me and let's see who we can find.