

## **Relics. Quarries. Reliquaries.**

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Concretion stones,  
like natural reliquaries,  
containers for past organic matter,  
extracted from man-made sand quarries  
or dropping down in a  
water-carved valley,  
anatomically-shaped imaginaries  
a pareidolia exercise.

### **A glossary**

apophenia | \ ,a-pə-'fē-nē-ə \

the tendency to perceive a connection or meaningful pattern between unrelated or random things  
(such as objects or ideas)

concretion | \ kən-'krē-shən, kən- \

something concreted: such as a hard usually inorganic mass formed in a living body  
a hard solid mass formed by the local accumulation of matter, especially within the body or within a  
mass of sediment  
the process by which matter forms into a concretion

mimetolith | \ mī-mē-tō- līth \

a natural topographic feature, rock outcrop, rock specimen, mineral specimen, or loose stone the  
shape of which resembles something else -- e.g., a real or fancied animal, plant, manufactured item,  
or part(s) thereof.  
a topographic feature (et alia) with any combination of shape and pattern that resembles a real or  
fancied animal, . . . . [Greek *mimētes* (an imitator) and *lithos* (stone)]

pareidolia | \ ,per-ī-'dō-lē-ə, -'dōl-yə \

the tendency to perceive a specific, often meaningful image in a random or ambiguous visual pattern

quarry | \ 'kwōr-ē, 'kwār- \

an open excavation usually for obtaining building stone, slate, or limestone  
an animal pursued by a hunter, hound, predatory mammal, or bird of prey  
a thing or person that is chased or sought  
to dig or take from or as if from a quarry  
to extract (stone or other materials) from a quarry

reliquary | \ 're-lə-,kwēr-ē \

a container or shrine in which sacred relics are kept  
a receptacle, such as a coffer or shrine, for keeping or displaying relics

List of works (clockwise from left):

***Untitled (Mimetolith body)***

Archival print on Hahnemuehle paper, aluminum frame, 2022

***Reliquary (Head)***

Chrome-plated steel, concretion stone, 2022

***Reliquary (Breast)***

Chrome-plated steel, concretion stone, 2022

***Mimetolith II***

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***Reliquary (Stomach)***

Chrome-plated steel, concretion stone, 2022

***Reliquary (Face)***

Chrome-plated steel, concretion stone, 2022

***Reliquary (Finger)***

Chrome-plated steel, concretion stone, 2022

***Reliquary (Foot)***

Chrome-plated steel, concretion stone, 2022

***Mimetolith I***

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***Looking at stones, looking at me***

video, 2022