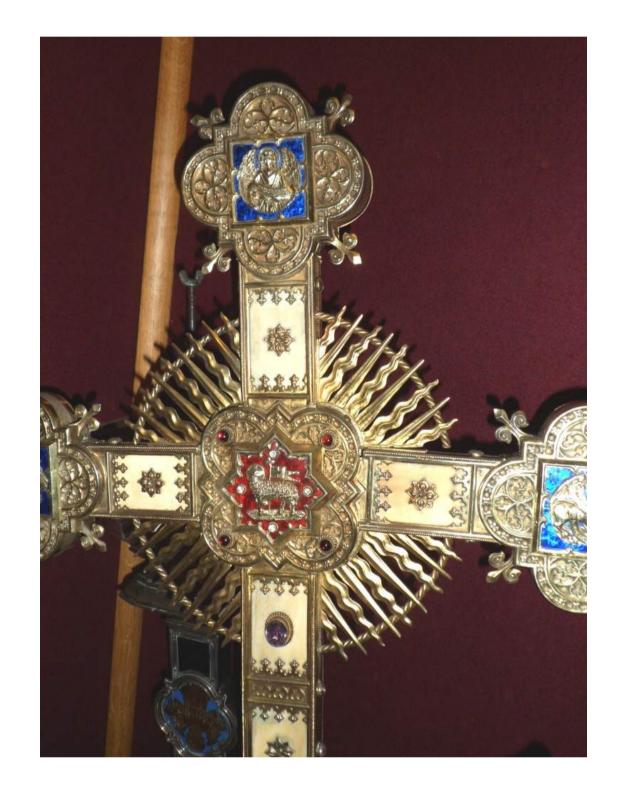
A Whirlwind tour of Church Metal-Work

and

how to care for it

What metals you may have to deal with







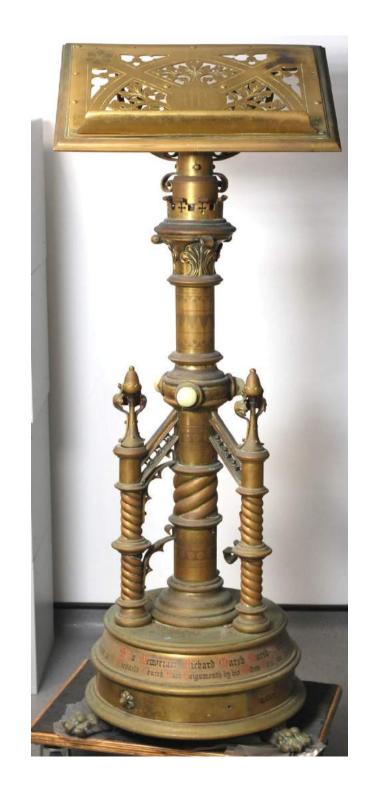




































Three categories of damage-

Physical
Chemical
Biological











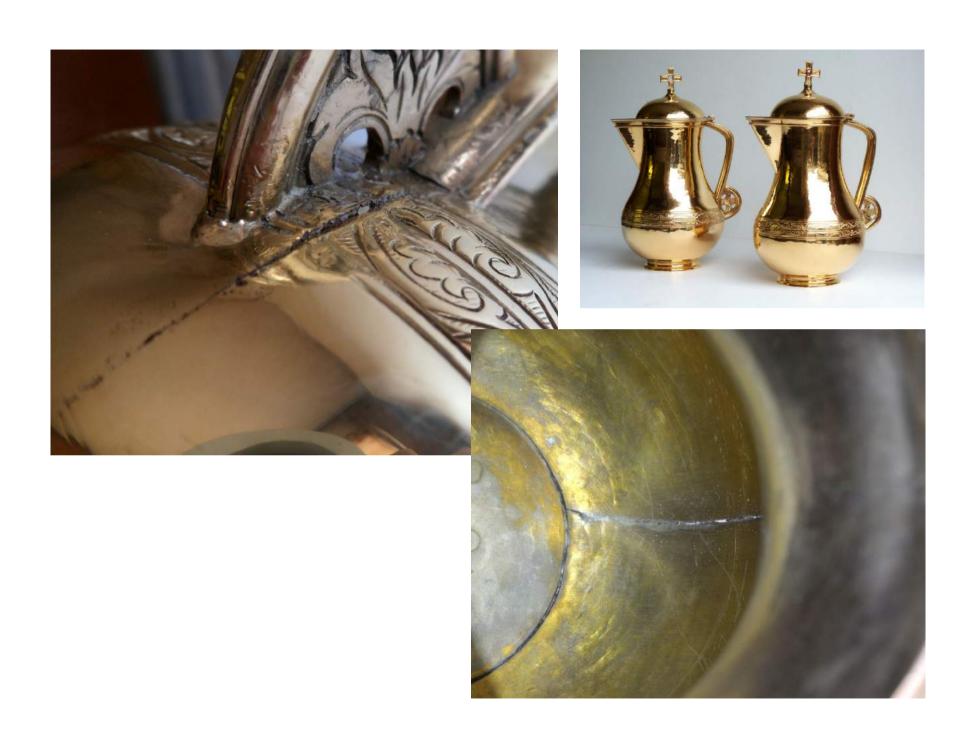






Chemical damage





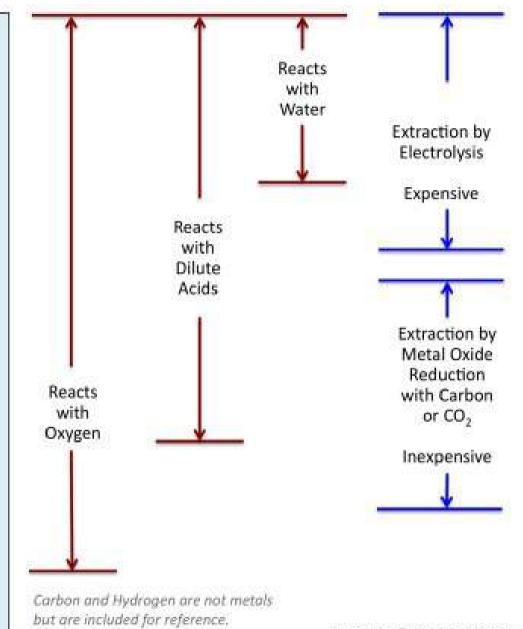




• Do the potato thing....

Very Reactive Very Unreactive

Li	Lithium
κ	Potassium
Ва	Barium
Са	Calcium
Na	Sodium
Mg	Magnesium
Al	Aluminum
С	Carbon
Zn	Zinc
Fe	Iron
Ni	Nickel
Sn	Tin
Pb	Lead
Н	Hydrogen
Cu	Copper
Hg	Mercury
Ag	Silver
Au	Gold
Pt	Platinum



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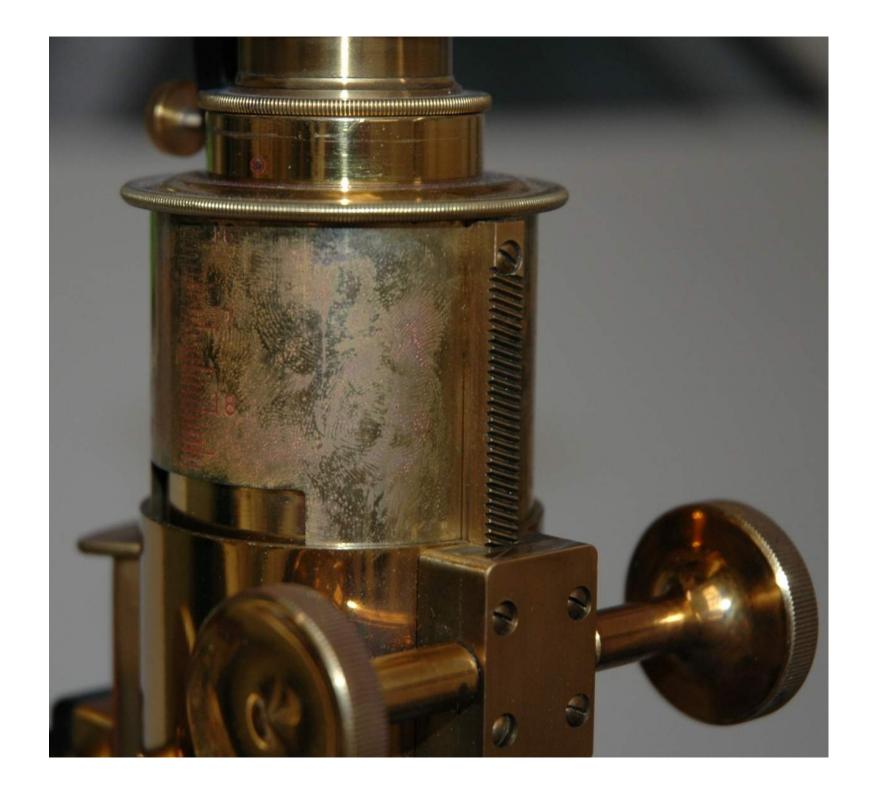












Unsuitable packaging materials;

Acidic cardboard composite wood products many timbers
Foam-rubber wool and silk
Carpeting/coverings on floors



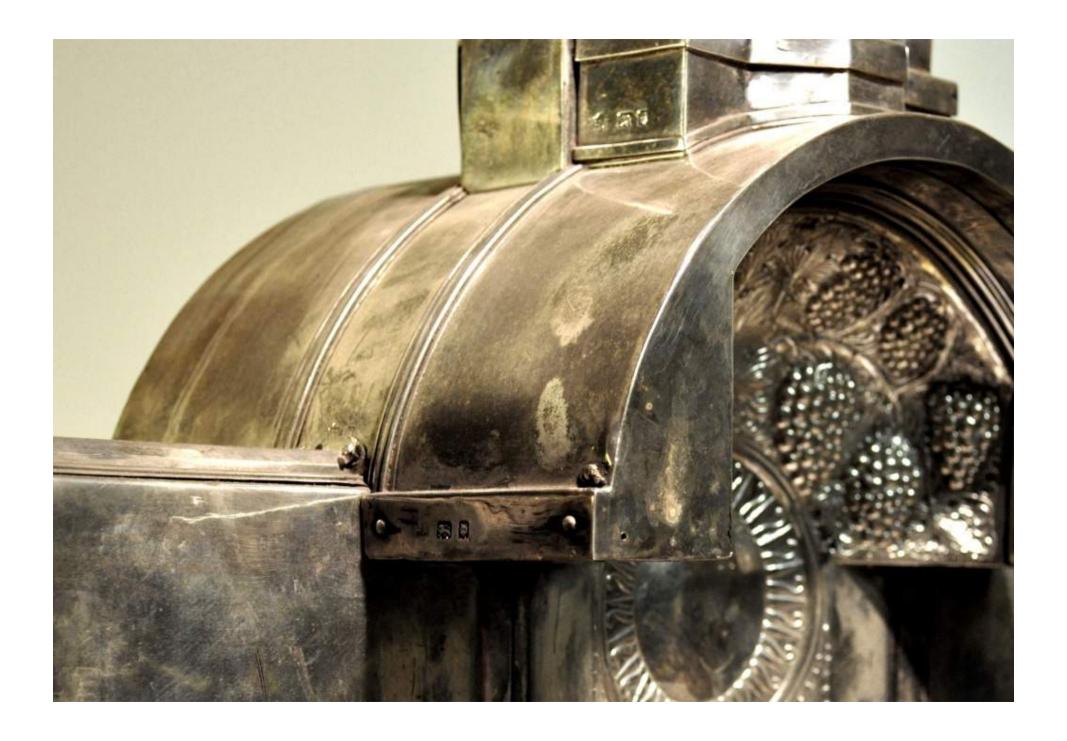
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Biological damage

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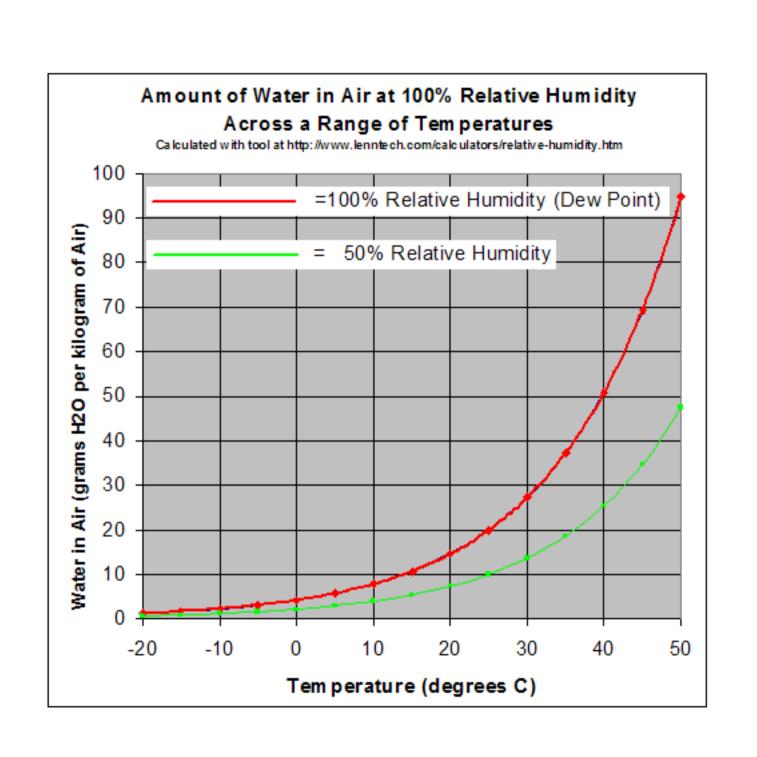












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However a low RH that would suit metal objects, will damage organic materials; wood ivory textiles leather etc.

Therefore we need to reduce or minimise the other factors that tend to cause a reaction at the metal surface.

How to avoid these factors

optimise the environment the item is kept in probably reduce humidity where possible remove chemical contamination where possible use neutral storage/packing materials

Establish a planned cleaning regime

Spend some time inspecting the item use a good light and *magnification* if necessary take photographs anyway, but particularly to keep track of damage/weakness keep a cleaning register

Establish a planned cleaning regime

Aim to clean thoroughly once and then maintain surface with Goddard's Long Term Silver Cloth brush/vacuum/swab surface dust, grit and dirt off before using any cleaning products Cover/ wrap items when not in use/on display but especially when building work is being done particularly protect horizontal surfaces

Preferred materials and equipment

latex/vinyl gloves good lighting/magnification acid free tissue clean cotton/flannelette soft toothbrushes(with caution) white spirit, hurr

Preferred materials and equipment

Goddard's

Long Term Silver polish

LT Brass and copper polish

LT Silver Cloth, moistened with v small amount of white spirit can be used on brass as well **BUT** keep separate cloths

Preferred materials and equipment

Renaissance wax

Can be used on wide range of materials, good for protecting metals with patination, wall plaques etc. possibly brasses, apply in small areas very sparingly, buff between coats

Storage

Haggerty/Tarnpruff anti-tarnish bags

home made plain undyed flannelette cotton

acid free tissue

Avoid baize, wool, silk or synthetic fabrics

Fitting out safe; use acrylic or polypropylene sheet if possible,

avoid mdf, ply, chipboard, hardboard

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