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Imagine it's Halloween evening and you've just gone to the door to greet another eager child with your big bag of trick-or-treat candy. You look down at the grinning costumed child with a smile and share some kind words as you throw a generous handful of tasty treats into his bag.

After the happy child leaves, you plop back down on the comfy sofa and continue watching your favorite TV show until you decide to go into the kitchen for a snack.

Just as you're reaching for the milk, you realize with horror that your wedding ring is gone! In a panicked state you search the whole house for the ring, but find no trace of it anywhere. After retracing your steps, you realize that the last time you saw your ring was right before you handed out the candy to that little boy with the adorable costume on.

My gosh! You've just given your precious wedding ring to a 7-year old boy without a clue as to who he is or where he lives.

Maybe this sounds far-fetched but a similar incident recently happened to a Massachusetts woman during Halloween. That little boy's candy bag contained something way more valuable than Hershey bars.

Fortunately, her hometown police were able to track the child down and return her wedding ring without too much trouble.

But what if you're not so lucky?

Sometime wedding rings slip off and become lost down drainpipes, sewers, on public transportation, while walking in the park, while on vacation, etc.

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For someone who's lost their wedding ring, it's often a heart-wrenching experience. Because a wedding ring represents a lifetime commitment between you and your mate, it may feel like you've lost something irreplaceable. After all, that's the ring that was slipped on your finger when you said "I do."

While it's true that the emotional attachment that you feel for your original ring will always be with you in your heart, at some point, you'll probably feel the need to purchase another wedding ring to continue honoring your marriage and partnership.

Buying a new wedding ring may even be cathartic. You and your partner could have a little celebration after you buy your new wedding ring just to reaffirm that the sweet romance you still feel for each other can never be lost.

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One special moment. One special ring.

Your Wedding Rings

By Stephen Kreutzer

The early Egyptians were convinced of the connection also, even going so far as to claim that the wedding ring finger is directly connected to the vein of love (vena amoris) that flows to the heart.

Ancient Greek and Roman cultures agreed that the vein in the wedding ring finger, also called the healing finger, runs directly to the heart.

In the ancient art of hand reflexology, one of the areas corresponding to the heart is just under the spot where a wedding ring resides on the left, not the right, hand. Pure coincidence?

The wedding ring finger was the last touched by the priest when quoting the "Trinitarian" formula, "In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

During the period of western Barbarianism, brides were more often than not kidnapped and held captive. It is thought that the wedding ring was used at that time to tie the bride to the home of her husband-to-be, or whoever happened to be guarding her at the moment...like a leash!

The wedding ring of old was a promissory symbol. Since it represented a significant financial cost, it was something of a down payment by the groom, and deterred broken engagements (for which three years of excommunication was the punishment).

It is only recently that the custom of giving two wedding rings—an engagement and a separate wedding ring—has been widely adopted. Previously, the ring given in engagement was also used during the ceremony as the wedding ring itself.

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A very practical reason for the placement of the wedding ring is the belief that it would be less likely to be broken, chipped or lost altogether if worn on the left hand.

But did you know that the wedding ring was not always worn on the left hand at all? There was a period when it was the custom to wear them on the right hand, and wealthy Elizabethans used their thumbs to display large, fancy rings!

Superstitions and customs abound around wedding rings. Anyone might feel, for example, that it was a portent of ill omen if the ring were dropped before the wedding, and even worse if it were broken or lost! But it's also generally considered bad luck to buy your wedding ring on a Friday or to wear the ring before the actual wedding ceremony takes place.

The rings, of course, take on whatever personal meaning you give them. A beautiful concept, embraced by the early Egyptians as well as ancient cultures around the globe, holds the ring to be a symbol of eternity. The ring has no beginning and no end, thus manifesting perfect love for a lifetime...and beyond.

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