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The 5 Finest Precious Stones In The World

By Paul Thomas

Diamond Of all precious stones the diamond has the simplest composition; it is merely crystallized

carbon. Carbon is present in every plant, mineral and animal on earth. Diamonds comes typically from the mines in South Africa. Other countries like India, Brazil, Australia and the United States there has been found diamonds too.

Emerald An emerald is almost certainly the rarest of all precious stones and is measured by some to be even more valuable than the diamond. If you compare it with other precious stones the emerald is unique in its occurrence in nature. Because it is found in the rock in which it was formed. Different from diamonds, sapphires and rubies, the emerald never occur in gem gravels. The first known locality where emeralds were found was in Upper Egypt close to the coast of the Red Sea. The best emerald stones are found in Columbia, South America. Fine specimens have also been found in the United States in North Carolina.

Ruby Rubies are the oldest or first identified of all precious stones, dated far back in the early history of Caldera and Babylonia. The finest specimen and the largest quantities are found in Upper Burma. And nowadays over one-half of the world's supply comes from Upper Burma. The rubies found in Siam, Ceylon and Australia have not the deep rich color like the Burmese ruby: a shade of red slightly inclined to the purple and it is often called Pigeon Blood Ruby. The value of a ruby depends upon its color and transparency.

Sapphire A sapphire, also named the protector of the innocent, the celestial guardian of truth. It is also told to bring health and youth and it is a symbol of the heavens. The sapphire is birthstone for the month of September and it is made of the same mineral as the ruby, the mineral corundum.

Pearls Real or natural or pearls are made by oysters and other mollusks like it. The cultured pearl is also grown by mollusks, but with human involvement: an irritant is put into the shells, and causes the pearl to grow. Imitation pearls are artificial made with plastic, glass or a organic material.

If you have doubts whether men can wear precious stones - don't. Nowadays both men and women are wearing them; and I am sure they all feel the same way - namely special.

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Protect Your Investment – Caring for Your Jewelry

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Sterling Silver & 14kt Gold: Both will tend to tarnish over time.

- Store all precious metal jewelry in a zip lock bag to protect it. This does not stop the discoloration, but will drastically slow the process.
- Use a polishing cloth as needed for cleaning your jewelry.

Jewelry with semi-precious stones and crystals:

- Store all jewelry with semi-precious stones and crystals in a zip lock bag to protect it.
- Check the instructions on your jewelry cleaning solution prior to placing any items with stones in it to be cleaned. Some stones, such as turquoise, and freshwater pearls cannot be placed in most jewelry cleaning solutions.
- Do not wear your jewelry when you are showering or washing dishes.
- Use caution when wearing lotions and perfumes, for they will discolor gems such as turquoise.

Pearls: Special care should be taken with pearls. They are much more fragile than most gemstones.

- Use caution when using hairspray and perfumes. Let dry completely before donning your pearls.
- Cleaning pearl jewelry: wipe with a clean dry soft cloth after wearing them.

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