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# SENTIMENTS AND SUPERSTITIONS

CONNECTED WITH

## PRECIOUS STONES

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#### NATAL STONES.

The Jewish superstitions in regard to gems were probably derived from earlier races and adopted by the Arabian philosophers in their works, by which they became known throughout all Europe. The influence of gems was believed in until early in the 17th century, and in regard to some gems even up to

the present century.

The origin of the use of a special gem for each month was probably founded on the original breast-plate of the High Priest, which contained twelve gems, one for each of the tribes of Israel. The original breastplate was a span long and a span high: I spen = 8 inches. The arrangement by months probably came in during the 15th and 16th centuries, although it is attributed to the Jews, Romans, and early Arabians.

#### AARON'S BREASTPLATE.

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Emerald	Peridot	Carnelian
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Onyx	Lapis-lazuli	Ruby
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Quartz	Agate	Sapphire
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Jasper	Beryl	Topaz

### The following lists include the more

	Jews.	Romans.	635 A. D. Isidorus, Bishop of Seville.	Arabians.
Jan.	Garnet.	Garnet.	Hyacinth.	Garnet.
Feb.	Amethyst.	Amethyst.	Amethyst.	Amethyst.
Mar.	Jasper.	Bloodstone.	Jasper.	Bloodstone.
April.	Sapphire.	Sapphire.	Sapphire.	Sapphire.
•	Chalcedony, Carnelian or Agate.	Agate.	Agate.	Emerald.
June.	Emerald.	Emerald.	Emerald.	Agate or Chalcedony.
July.	Onyx.	Onyx.	Onyx.	Carnelian.
Aug.	Carnelian.	Carnelian.	Carnelian.	Sardonyx.
Sept.	Chrysolite.	Sardonyx.	Chrysolite.	Chrysolite.
Oct.	Aquamarine	Aquamarine	Aquamarine	Aquamarine or Bervl.
Nov.	Topaz.	or Beryl. Topaz.	Topaz.	Topaz.
Dec.	Rub <del>y</del> .	Ruby.	Rub <del>y</del> .	Ruby.

### important ones that have been used:

Poles.	Russians.	Italians.	18th and 19th Centuries.
Garnet.	Garnet or Hyacinth.	Jacinth or Garnet.	Garnet.
Amethyst.	Amethyst.	Amethyst.	Amethyst or Pearl.
Bloodstone.	Jasper.	Jasper.	Jasper, Hy- acinth or
Diamond.	Sapphire.	Sapphire.	Amethyst. Sapphire or Diamond.
Emerald.	Emerald.	Agate.	Agate.
Agate or Chalcedony.	Agate or Chalcedony.	Emerald.	Emerald, Cat's-eye, Turquoise.
Ruby.	Ruby and Sardonyx.	Onyx.	Onyx.
Sardonyx.	Alexandrite.	Carnelian.	Sardonyx, Moonstone, Topaz.
Sardonyx.	Chrysolite.	Chrysolite.	Chrysolite or Sapphire and Diamond.
Aquamarine or Beryl.	Beryl.	Beryl.	Opal or Sapphire.
Topaz.	Topaz.	Topaz.	Topaz or Pearl.
Turquoise.	Turquoise, Chrysoprase.	Ruby.	Ruby, Bloodstone.

## SENTIMENTS OF THE MONTHS.

#### JANUARY.

The Guardian Angel	Gabriel.
His Talismanic Gem	
The Special Apostle	
The Zodiacal Sign	Aquarius.
The Flower	

By her who in this month is born, No gems save garnets should be worn; They will insure her constancy, True friendship and fidelity.

Faithful, constant,
True to one,—
Claims the gleaming garnet
As her own.

#### FEBRUARY.

The Guardian Angel	Barchiel.
His Talismanic Gem	
The Special Apostle	
The Zodiacal Sign	Pisces.
The Flower	

The February-born shall find Sincerity and peace of mind, Freedom from passion and from care, If they an amethyst will wear.

Free from passion,
Care and strife,
If an amethyst she cherish
All her life.

#### MARCH.

The Guardian Angel	Malchediel.
His Talismanic Gem	The Ruby.
The Special Apostles	James and John.
The Zodiacal Sign	
The Flower	

Who on this world of ours their eyes In March first open shall be wise, In days of peril firm and brave, And wear a bloodstone to their grave.

So strong, and wise, and wilful, firm and brave, Wears a bloodstone through all danger to her grave.

#### APRIL.

The Guardian Angel	Ashmodel.
His Talismanic Gem	The Topaz
The Special Apostle	Philip.
The Zodiacal Sign	Taurus.
The Flower	

She who from April dates her years, Diamonds shall wear, lest bitter tears For vain repentance flow. This stone Emblem of innocence is known.

Innocent, repentant —
Sun and shower —
Wears a diamond or a sapphire
As her dower.

#### MAY.

The Guardian Angel	Amriel.
His Talismanic Gem	Carbuncle.
The Special Apostle	Bartholomew
The Zodiacal Sign	Gemini.
The Flower	Hawthorn.

Who first beholds the light of day
In spring's sweet, flowery month of May,
And wears an emerald all her life,
Shall be a loved and happy wife.

The happies: wife and mother in the land Wears an emerald shining on her hand.

#### JUNE.

The Guardian Angel	Muriel.	
His Talismanic Gem	An Emerald.	
The Special Apostle	Thomas.	
The Zodiacal Sign	Cancer.	
The Flower	Honeysuckle.	

Who comes with summer to this earth, And owes to June her hour of birth, With ring of agate on her hand Can health, wealth and long life command.

June, with health and wealth and many happy years, Wears an agate lest her sunshine turn to tears.

#### JULY.

The Guardian Angel	Verchiel.
His Talismanic Gem	The Sapphire.
The Special Apostle	Matthew.
The Zodiacal Sign	Leo.
The Florner	Water-lily

The glowing ruby shall adorn Those who in July are born; Then they'll be exempt and free From love's doubts and anxiety.

Loving, doubting, only finds her rest With a ruby glowing on her breast.



#### AUGUST.

The Guardian Angel	Hamatiel.
His Talismanic Gem	
The Special Apostle	James, the son of Alpheus.
The Zodiacal Sign	
The Flower	

Wear a sardonyx, or for thee No conjugal felicity; The August-born without this stone, 'T is said, must live unloved and lone.

Loving once and always, wears, if wise, Sardonyx, and her home becomes a paradise.

#### SEPTEMBER.

The Guardian Angel	Tsuriel.
His Talismanic Gem	The Jacinth.
The Special Apostle	
The Zodiacal Sign	Libra.
The Flower	

A maiden born when September leaves
Are rustling in September's breeze,
A sapphire on her brow should bind—
'T will cure diseases of the mind.

Chrysolite on sweet September's brow we bind, Lest some folly or enchantment cloud her mind.

#### OCTOBER.

The Guardian Angel	Bariel.	
His Talismanic Gem		ate.
The Special Apostle	Simon.	(Zelotes.)
The Zodiacal Sign		
The Flower		

October's child is born for woe, And life's vicissitudes must know; But lay an opal on her breast, And Hope will lull those woes to rest.

Fair October wears the opal's frost and fire, Hope and courage in misfortune to inspire.

#### NOVEMBER.

The Guardian Angel	Adnachiel.
His Talismanic Gem	The Amethyst.
The Special Apostle	Matthias.
The Zodiacal Sign	Sagittarius.
The Flower	

Who first comes to this world below With drear November's fog and snow, Should prize the topaz's amber hue— Emblem of friends and lovers true.

Firm in friendship is November, and she bears Loyal love beneath the topaz that she wears.



#### DECEMBER.

The Guardian Angel	Humiel.
His Talismanic Gem	The Beryl.
The Special Apostle	Paul.
The Zodiacal Sign	Capricornus.
The Flower	Holly.

If cold December gave you birth,—
The month of snow and ice and mirth,—
Place on your hand a turquoise blue:
Success will bless whate'er you do.

Friends and lovers for December, Fortune, fame, If an amulet of turquoise bear her name.



#### MOTTOES FORMED WITH STONES.

In France and England, during the 18th century, rings, bracelets, brooches, etc., were often set with gems the first letters of which, combined, formed a motto or expressed a sentiment. The following is a list of those that may be used in this way. The gems in the first column are the more expensive ones, those in the second column the inexpensive ones.

G	Golden beryl.
0	Opal. Olivine.
0	Olivine.
D	Diamond.

Garnet. Onyx. Obsidian. Dendrite.

L	Lapis-lazuli.
Ū	Uralian emerald.
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C Cat's-eye. K Kyanite.

Labradorite. Unio pearl. Carnelian. Krokydolite.

Fire-opal. A Alexandrite. Ι Iolite. Tourmaline. H Hyacinth.

Flint. Amethyst. Idocrase. Topaz. Heliotrope.

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H O P E	Hyacinth. Opal. Pearl. Emerald.	Hematite. Olivine. Pyrope. Essonite.
A	Cat's-eye. Hyacinth. Aquamarine. Ruby. Iolite. Tourmaline. Yellow sapphire.	Carbuncle. Hematite. Amethyst. Rose quartz. Idocrase. Topaz. Yu.

F	Fire-opal.	Flèches d'amour
0	Opal.	Onyx.
R	Rùb <del>y</del> .	Rutile.
E	Emerald.	Essonite.
v	Vermeille.	Verd antique.
É	Essonite.	Epidote.
R	Rubellite.	Rose quartz.

R E	Ruby. Emerald.	Rubellite. Essonite.
G	Garnet.	Garnet.
Α	Alexandrite.	Amethyst.
R	Ruby.	Rock-crystal.
	Diamond.	Demantoid.

Demantoid.
Essonite.
Amethyst.
Rubellite.
Epidote.
Spinel.
Topaz.

DEAREST

SOUVENIR	Sapphire. Opal. Uralian emerald. Vermeille. Emerald. Nephrite. Iolite. Ruby.	Sunstone. Onyx. Unio pearl. Verd antique. Epidote. Nephrite. Indicolite. Rock-crystal.
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B Beryl. Bloodstone.
O Opal. Onyx.
N Nephrite. Nicolo.
H Hyacinth. Hematite.
E Emerald. Essonite.
U U Uralian emerald.
R Ruby. Rhodonite.

A Alexandrite. Almandine.
M Moonstone. Moonstone.
I Indicolite. Indicolite.
T Tourmaline. Topaz.
I Idocrase. Idocrase.
E Emerald. Essonite.

L Lapis-lazuli. Labrador spar.
O Opal. Onyx.
V Vermeille. Verd antique.
E Emerald. Essonite.
M Moonstone. Moonstone.
E Essonite. Epidote.

#### A E I. Greek, meaning "forever," "eternity."

A Alexandrite. Almandine. E Emerald. Essonite. I Indicolite. Idocrase.

#### ZES. Greek, meaning "Mayest thou live."

Z Zircon. Zonochlorite. E Emerald. Essonite. S Sapphire. Sard.

#### AEI. Greek, meaning "For ever."

A Alexandrite. Amethyst. E Emerald. Essonite. I Indicolite. Idocrase.

M Moonstone. Moldavite.
I Indicolite. Idocrase.
Z Zircon. Zonochlorite.
P Peridot. Pyrope.
A Asteria. Aquamarine.
H Hyacinth. Hematite.

F Flèches d'amour.

R Ruby.
I Indicolite.
E Emerald.
N Nephrite.
D Diamond.
S Sapphire.
H Hyacinth.
I Iolite.
I Iolite.
I Iolite.
P Pearl.

Fluor-spar.
Rock-crystal.
Idocrase.
Epidote.
Nicolo.
Diopside.
Sard.
Hematite.
Idocrase.
Pyrite.

# THE SENTIMENTS OF THE GEMS MENTIONED IN THE FOREGOING LIST.

Agate ......... Health, Wealth and Longevity. Alexandrite .... Undying Devotion. Amethyst ..... Deep Love. Prevents Intoxication. Bloodstone ..... Courage and Wisdom. Carnelian ..... Prevents Misfortune. Cat's-eve...... Warns of Dangers and Troubles. Chalcedony . . . . Disperses Melancholy. Chrysolite . . . . . Gladdens the Heart. Chrysoprase .... Eloquence. Diamond......Purity. Preserves Peace. Prevents Storms. Emerald ...... Immortality. Conquers Sin and Trial. Garnet......Insures Power, Grace and Victory to the Wearer. Hyacinth......Gives Second Sight. Jacinth ...... Modestv. Jasper ...... Courage and Wisdom. Moonstone ..... Sacred Stone of the Orient. Good Luck. Onyx......Conjugal Felicity. Pearl ..... Purity and Innocence. Ruby ...... Charity, Dignity and Divine Power. Sapphire ...... Constancy, Truth and Virtue. Sardonyx ..... Conjugal Felicity. Prevents Misfortune. Topaz.....Friendship and Fidelity. Turquoise..... Prosperity. Soul-cheerer.

