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The Breastplate with the 12 Gemstones

Rudy Vercauteren from Belgium sent us this text:

Hildegard of Bingen

Hildegard of Bingen was a visionary in medieval Europe (1098–1179) and referred to gemstones as "precious stones" in the following way:

"Precious stones arise from fire and water, and therefore contain both fire and moisture. They bring forth many powers and numerous effective properties, enabling the performance of many operations (actions, applications)."

According to her spiritual insights, gemstones exist to assist humanity and serve those who use them. They originate from the elements "fire" – understood as energy (cosmic and immaterial radiation) – and "water" – referring to the condensation of this energy into molecules, akin to the "sheep clouds" high in the Earth's atmosphere, which represent the first condensations of cosmic energy (New Revelations by Jakob Lorber).

Additionally, Hildegard of Bingen describes the primordial history of gemstones in the introduction to her book on gemstones:

"God adorned the first angel with the most precious gemstones. Lucifer, seeing the reflection of divinity in the brilliance of these stones, drew his wisdom from them. He thus realized that God intended to create many wonderful things. So, he elevated himself in spirit. And because his radiant garment, made of gemstones, sparkled in the light of God, he believed he could achieve as much – if not more – than God Himself. But his brilliance faded. However, God restored it in Adam and ensured that the brilliance and power of the gemstones were not lost."

The first human, therefore, received back what God had given to the first angel. The Creator must have had a specific intention behind this act. It seems that the power and effects of certain gemstones are not only beneficial but also essential for humanity.

What Jesus Said About Gemstones

In *The Great Gospel of John*, Volume 5, Chapter 87, a reference is made to gold and gemstone jewelry worn by rulers.

On the Gold and Gemstone Jewelry of Rulers

[GEJ.05_087,01] (The Lord:) "Such properties and effects could also be achieved with other materials, provided they could be polished to an extraordinary smoothness; however, since this is not feasible with other materials due to their insufficient hardness, only the Thummim and Urim can be used. The ancient Egyptians knew this well and used these two types of stones for that purpose. Therefore, the ancient wise men and pharaohs always wore such stones on their chest and, in a gold setting, on their heads.

[GEJ.05_087,02] Whoever wore such stones in those times was always regarded by the people as a patriarch and a sage. Thus, in those times, royal adornment had a true and genuine foundation. In this time, however, it is nothing more than a vain display of earthly wealth, pride, vanity, selfishness, and the most condemned form of lordship. Certainly, emperors, kings, princes, and military leaders are still adorned with these ancient symbols of wisdom, but where is the true and old foundation? – Therefore, what was once a chief virtue among the ancients has now become a chief vice!

[GEJ.05_087,03] In ancient times, ruling was also a major virtue; for, first of all, there were never too many truly wise and experienced people in a land, and the one to whom the burden of leading the entire people was entrusted always had a difficult position and had to be the teacher and advisor to thousands!

[GEJ.05_087,04] No one desired such a position. The people, convinced of the necessity of a wise leader, built for him the most magnificent dwelling, adorned the rooms with various gemstones, gold, pearls, and precious shells, and provided the leader with everything he needed for a comfortable life. Every word was a law to the people. This is still the basis for the great respect commanded by rulers today, yet with the significant difference:

[GEJ.05_087,05] Back then, the ruler did not need weapons; his word was everything. What he advised and wanted was put into action with united strength, and all with great love and joy. Whoever found any treasure or produced something particularly artistic brought it to the leader of the people. For it was the ancient custom to judge: "Whatever serves to increase the wisdom of the leader must be given to him; for the leader's wisdom is the order and happiness of the people!"

[GEJ.05_087,06] But now all of this is buried, and in place of the ancient virtue, there has now come a true sin, the sin of all sins of mankind. Where are the patriarchs? Oh Babel, you great whore of the world, you have corrupted the earth! But for this reason, I have now come to deliver mankind from this old inherited evil, to lay a curse upon all the treasures of the earth, and to bless the hearts that are of good will.

[GEJ.05_087,07] From now on, My word will be the first gemstone to mankind, and true and pure gold will be My teaching, and every human heart that is filled with pure love for God and, from this love, for the neighbor will be a true king in My kingdom, whose heart will be the most love-filled!

[GEJ.05_087,08] Therefore: No ringing metal and no polished diamond will serve you as the crown of life, but My word and the action according to the word! For from now

on, no material will have any value for your hearts except My word and the free, self-willed action according to My word.

[GEJ.05_087,09] Certainly, emperors and kings may still adorn themselves with the old jewelry; but if they wish to be wise and powerful, they must not place any value on it, but only on My word! Those who do not do this will soon be surrounded by many enemies!

[GEJ.05_087,10] However, if someone places value on gemstones and gold, let them value the special, naturally inherent properties that are a true reality, and never the imagined value, which is a lie!

[GEJ.05_087,11] If a prince were to panel his dwelling entirely with polished and well-smoothed gold, in order to enter into a prophetic and clairvoyant state through the influence of the purer nature spirits, who always gather in the greatest numbers on the gold, which originates from light, and particularly on its bright, shiny surface, so that he could foresee many things in his difficult task of leading the people, which no fine spy could ever bring to him, he would do well; for pure gold certainly has this effect, and its value lies solely in this.

[GEJ.05_087,12] **But of course, such an arrangement must be based on pure and insightful understanding, never on mere hearsay, which is entirely superstitious. For that is why God gave man reason—to examine everything first, to recognize the true cause, and only then to retain what is good and useful, always with the best intentions, both for the individual and the whole. Whoever does this acts according to My order and will never go astray in any of his endeavors.**

[GEJ.05_087,13] **But someone who, relying solely on hearsay and blind belief—which is, in fact, superstition—establishes such an arrangement and experiences some effects from it, but does not know their origin, their natural range of effects, or the extent to which they apply, will be easily misled. Such a person, who, due to their early life conditioning, is particularly receptive to subtle influences, may misinterpret their foolish, material fantasies and imaginings as natural spiritual impressions. This could cause them to rise as a horribly false prophet, bringing much harm—especially if they hold the power of a ruler in their hands. In such cases, countless dark deviations are possible.**

In this study, we focus on what Jesus said in the bolded text above. We are aware of the degeneration of princes, kings, and politicians who are no longer spiritually inspired and now rule only in a worldly manner, without higher, spiritual guidance. However, the famous gemstone breastplate from antiquity piques our interest, and we seek to explore its significance and history.

The Gemstone Breastplate According to Jewish Tradition

According to the Bible, Aaron, the brother of Moses, wore the gemstone breastplate, and he lived around 1440 BC. Therefore, it is possible that the gemstone breastplate dates back to the 15th century BC. However, since there is no physical evidence of the breastplate from that time, it is difficult to be certain about its origin and age.

Below is another depiction of the 12 gemstones of the breastplate according to Jewish tradition (illustration):



The Names in Hebrew Script and Their Numerical Value According to Gematria

Following are the names in Hebrew script along with the numerical value of each name according to Gematria, where each Hebrew letter has a numerical value:

- Reuben (ראובן): 259
- Simeon (שמעון): 466
- Levi (לוי): 46
- Judah (יהודה): 30
- Dan (דן): 54
- Naphtali (נפתלי): 570
- Gad (גד): 7
- Asher (אשר): 501
- Issachar (יששכר): 830
- Zebulun (זבולן): 95
- Joseph (יוסף): 156
- Benjamin (בנימין): 152

The total numerical value results from the addition: $259 + 466 + 46 + 30 + 54 + 570 + 7 + 501 + 830 + 95 + 156 + 152 = \mathbf{3166}$. Since the name "Judah" holds the key to the entire Israelite people, we calculate: $3166 \div 30 = \mathbf{105}$. Psalm 105 is a hymn of praise that emphasizes God's faithfulness to His people and calls them to remember His mighty deeds and covenant. The Psalm tells the story of Israel, starting with the calling of Abraham to the entrance into the Promised Land.

The Twelve Gemstones on Aaron's Breastplate

It is not certain which 12 gemstones Aaron wore on his breastplate, but what we do know about the twelve gemstones comes from the Bible, specifically from Revelation 21:19-20. These gemstones belong to the New Jerusalem and were described by the Apostle John in his vision:

The following Bible version reads:

19 The twelve gemstones of the foundation of the wall of the new Jerusalem were: The foundation stones of the city were adorned with various gemstones: the first, jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; 20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, carnelian; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprased; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each gate was made from a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

The question is: Can we assume that the original 12 gemstones of the breastplate are the same as the 12 stones in the wall of the New Jerusalem? Is the New Jerusalem not the new humanity, the community, or "the true Church" of the New Age on the New Earth, the thousand-year kingdom of the renewed earthly paradise? The word "Jerusalem" means (according to *Three Days in the Temple*, Chapter 19):

- **Je:** this (is)
- **Ruh** or **Ruha:** rest or dwelling place
- **Sa:** for
- **Lem** or **Lehem:** great king or "the dwelling and resting place of the Lord." On the seventh day, He rested, as it is said in Genesis 2:1.
- **The Seventh Age of Humanity**
- The seventh age of humanity, which will soon begin on the renewed New Earth, is the Age of Peace, in which the new human can flourish. And is not the "wall" the skin or the protection of this new human?
- It is up to us to believe or not to believe these correspondences, but the similarity between the breastplate and the "wall of the New Jerusalem" as the "skin of the new humanity" seems clear enough to assume that the 12 gemstones of the protective breastplate are the same as the future 12 gemstones for the new humanity or the New Jerusalem, as described by the Apostle John.
- According to the Bible (Revelation 21:19-20), the ninth foundation of the new city Jerusalem will be adorned with topaz, which corresponds in astrology to

the ninth zodiac sign, Sagittarius, whose ruling planet is Jupiter. In Meridian theory, this zodiac sign is associated with the so-called Circulation Meridian, which is also known as the pericardium, heart sac, or heart protector. In fact, topaz was used to protect against black magic that could harm the heart.

- The heart has its own nervous system and is supplied with impulses in a very special way, as the thoughts and consciousness dwell in the heart (see *Healing and Health*, Jakob Lorber). Various mental blockages that affect mood and clear thinking can be alleviated by this stone. As a result, the wearer of this stone can concentrate better, feel happier, and adapt more easily to changing circumstances and moods. Doubts and fears are diminished, and better sleep is the result.



In the time of Abraham



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During the time of Abraham, the Hittites inhabited the land of Canaan. They were known for their export of iron and metals and were considered descendants of Cheth or Heth (Genesis 23:1-2).

In the Bible, there are four stages related to the churches: the first is the oldest church, the second is the historical one, the third is the prophetic, and the fourth church fluctuates between the prophetic and the ordinary language.

Up until Heber, the oldest narrative style continued, which was between a compact, condensed form and a truthful narrative.

Under Noah and his sons, the oldest church is understood. Under Shem, the inner religion is understood; under Japheth, the outer one; under Ham, the corrupted inner religion; and finally, under Canaan, the separation of the inner religion from the outer one. Heber and his descendants, as well as many other peoples, are particularly well-known. This church was widespread around Canaan.

The sons of Japheth had an inner religion that corresponded with the outer one. They lived in friendship and brotherly love and knew no other doctrine than the external ritual practices. The sons of Ham had a corrupted inner religion. The sons of Canaan had an inner religion that was separated from the outer one. The sons of Shem were inner people and possessed brotherly love.

The names in Genesis 10 represent peoples that had different stages in their religious development or practice. The Bible emphasizes the inner sense, which corresponds to the state of the soul of the person. Swedenborg says that it is insignificant to interpret the Bible literally, nor even according to numbers; what matters is the inner state. When the body dies, the soul knows nothing more of it, just as the angels do not know the meanings of the lands and names in the Bible, but they know their deeper, inner significance. Shem means the inner religion, Ham the corrupted religion, and Japheth the inner religion that corresponds with the outer – these are the resulting teachings. After the flood, a new church emerged. The births refer to the development and teaching of the churches, and the sons symbolize the truths of faith or the falsehoods that emerge from them.

The end of the Oldest Church came with the flood, and the old church began after the flood. The sons of Japheth and the nations that came from them, as well as their teachings, maintained rituals that they considered sacred. When the essence of religion, namely the worship of the Lord, is placed at the forefront, the outer religion corresponds with the inner one.

Every religion is a worship of the Lord. The sons of Japheth lived in mutual charity and friendship; the sons of Canaan separated the inner religion from the outer one. After our death, we often stay with friends, but we can also speak with anyone we wish to meet if it is allowed. They then appear simultaneously.

The Names in the Early Chapters of Genesis

The names mentioned in the first chapters of Genesis symbolically refer to various religious communities. The elders during the time of Adam were people with a high spiritual state and were not prideful; they enjoyed great respect and lived in bliss. The third and fourth generations of Adam lived in simple, beautiful, and practical homes.

The elders in Adam's time had an inner perception, almost like the angels, with whom they were in contact. They strictly adhered to the laws of God, as the angels did, and the most important law was that of charity. Their temperament was such that they—both the elders and the angels—communicated pleasantly with one another, just as most people communicate with each other and as it will be in the spiritual world.

The elders were known for their glorious dreams and paradisiacal visions, and they paid no attention to the material things of the world. The third generation of Adam expected that the Lord would save the earth. Having many children was their greatest joy of the time, as it allowed them to love their wives and descendants.

It was a common saying of that time that the "seed of the woman" would crush the head of the serpent. The deceased who entered the spiritual world [this was just before the Flood in the year 1656 after Adam] were softer, but inwardly angry. Their bodies stank of decay, and the surrounding spirits fled from them. They expected the Lord to appear as an old, holy man with a white beard, but when an angel appeared, they could not endure the light of the angel.

In Genesis 4:26, mention is made of the church of Enos; they too had soft hearts, and their charity was more characterized by friendship. They were peaceful citizens who did no wrong to anyone. They spoke humbly.

Swedenborg reported that he saw a white man in a narrow space who said he belonged to the very first members of the Old Church after the Flood, as only a few remained. Shem was one of them, who, after the Flood, descended from the first Old Church.

Swedenborg saw a spirit surrounded by a cloud, and on his face, one could see false stars (falsehoods). This was the descent of the Oldest Church, which began to fall into false rituals and idolatry.

At the end of this chapter, Swedenborg reported about the people before the Flood and how they perished due to their corruption. The sons of Japheth still had a religion in which the inner and outer aspects were in harmony, but the sons of Gomer and other nations deviated from this and developed a purely external religion. This development continued.

The sons of Ham were the scholars and dealt intensively with rituals. Nimrod had an external religion, as did Canaan. However, Shem belonged to the inner religion. In Syria, Eber founded a church, the second Old Church, and Peleg did the same; Joktan, on the other hand, established an external church.



solar eclipse

"And it shall come to pass on that day," says the Sovereign Lord Yahweh, "that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will bring darkness over the land in broad daylight." — **Micah 8:9**

"If the blessing for all nature lies in Me, in the rays of the sun, then at the time when the sun's rays are interrupted by more than 50,000 miles [about 500 million kilometers], the blessing of the rays will also be significantly interrupted..." — **Heavenly Gifts by Jakob Lorber, 02_42.07**

"The sun will be darkened once again, surely only for a short time. But we will only know for sure when the time comes. There will be no sign of its demise. However, physical explanations do not address the intuitions. The sun, about 150 million km from us, has a diameter of 1.4 million km and weighs about 333,000 times more than the Earth.

Every square centimeter of its surface radiates an energy of 1500 calories every second. The temperature inside the sun is about 15 million degrees Celsius. If one could take a piece of matter the size of a pinhead from the sun's core and place it on Earth, its heat would kill a person even 150 km away.

What reaches us after eight minutes of travel as radiation is only a faint reflection of the original power, but it is the suitable measure— the light and warmth that we need to thrive. And now, for a short time, the moon will move between the sun and the Earth, everything calculable, everything natural. Where the wonders of the heavenly bodies have been understood, everything becomes even more astonishing, even more incomprehensible. The more we know, the grander the creation of the sun seems to us, from the One who made heaven and earth."

"The innkeeper, a good acquaintance of Joseph, said to him: 'Friend, I don't want to travel today; for there was a solar eclipse, and such a day has always been considered an unlucky day by the ancients!'

I said: 'How wise you people are! You hold onto such empty, truthless sayings; but everything that is pure and true, you trample into the dirt and refuse to hear. Therefore, do not delay us with such empty things!'

The innkeeper said: 'Oh, my dear companion, the old people were wise too; therefore, the young should heed their experiences, or else they will suffer much misfortune!'

I said: 'Just follow what Moses and the prophets have taught; that will be more useful to you than paying attention to the new moons and the lucky and unlucky days! Whoever keeps God's commandments and loves God above all and his neighbor as himself has no unlucky days to fear; but whoever does not do this, for him every day will truly be an unlucky day!'

The innkeeper said: 'Well, well, I know that too; but one can still take something from the sayings of the ancients!'" — ***The Great Gospel of John, 07_208.02-6***





Ten Years of Dedication: A Journey of Monthly Devotion and Gratitude

It all began on November 15, 2015, a day that marked not only the start of a new edition of the bulletin (after Giuseppe from Italy had stepped away from the project), but also the beginning of an initiative that, over the years, would touch the hearts of many. What started as a humble publication evolved into a monthly tradition, connecting hundreds of people – a bond rooted in shared knowledge, inspiration, and gratitude.

For ten years, the bulletin was carefully crafted almost every month with devotion. Behind the scenes, there was constant reflection on the content, the message to be

conveyed, and how each reader would feel addressed. It was no easy task: the pressure of meeting deadlines, the challenge of delivering something new and meaningful each time. Yet, the love for the community and the desire to create something lasting provided the necessary motivation.

Each month, the bulletin was sent out, and time and again, we received grateful feedback from readers. Some shared personal stories, others offered feedback on the content that had touched them, and a few even sent handwritten cards to express how much the bulletin had helped them during difficult times. It wasn't just the words that mattered, but the emotions behind them – the acknowledgment that this monthly publication had indeed made a difference in people's lives.

The responses were always heartfelt. "The bulletin is my monthly moment of peace," wrote one reader in 2017. "It gives me inspiration for the coming weeks." Another said: "You always know exactly what I need to read, even when I didn't know it myself." These moments proved that the work – sending that one email, putting together that issue – was not only noticed, but deeply appreciated.

Over the years, the bulletin became a small but consistent light for its readers. It brought not just information, but a sense of unity and support, like a virtual arm that gently patted every recipient on the shoulder. With each passing month, the network of grateful readers grew. They came again and again, with their messages of appreciation and encouragement.

And as the November issue of 2025 was soon to be released, a special milestone was approaching: the tenth anniversary of a project that had been created with so much love and for which every piece of feedback, every thank-you note, was truly cherished.

Ten years of bulletins, thousands of words, and even more grateful readers. The story continues, month by month, as a tradition that is far from over. The rich harvest of these years is now visible, and as is often the case with good traditions, the end is nowhere in sight. Starting in 2026, the bulletin will take a new turn. It will no longer appear monthly, but every two months. The rhythm is changing, but the care and love with which it is written remain undiminished. It is not just a change in the timeline, but also a refinement of the process: the dedication to continue sharing something valuable with those who read it.

It feels like a milestone that offers both a look back and a glimpse forward. And the best part? Every feedback, every "thank you" confirmed that this journey so far has truly been worthwhile. G

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