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Diamonds Are Forever –what a great anecdote

We have a lot of jewellers amongst our midst. I take this opportunity to write something about the most precious stone, a favourite and a hit amongst our women. A lot has been said both written and visually about this metastable allotrope of carbon, where the carbon atoms are arranged in a variation of the face centred cubic crystal structure called diamond lattice. Diamond is renowned as a material with superlative physical qualities, most of which originate from the strong covalent bonding between its atoms. Diamonds have the highest hardness and thermal conductivity. These properties determine the major industrial application of diamond in cutting and polishing tools and the scientific applications in diamond knives.

Have you ever thought why people say that 'diamonds are forever' or why do people address the gemstone as the 'best gift of love'. Diamonds are the hardest natural material and the costlier of the two known forms of carbon and as I said before the gem is popular for its superlative physical properties.

Diamonds have special qualities hardness and durability, which makes a

diamond stay forever and the beauty of the diamond its purity, grace and richness, symbolizes the beauty of love, making it the best gift of love.

Checking the quality of a diamond is not an easy task, one has to consider a number of points before finally investing in a diamond. Diamonds are graded primarily on the basis of the four C's- Carat, Clarity, Colour and Cut. While the first three C's are inherited naturally by the gemstone, the fourth C- Cut is entirely a manual effort, and is thereby the most essential too. A proper cut and shape of a piece of raw diamond can make a sea difference in its grade. It is a skilled craft, which requires intensive practice and effort.

Few things need to be considered while buying a diamond. Colour is one of them. As such a diamond is colourless, but

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I never worry about diets. The only carrots that interest me are the number you get in a diamond.

True friends are like diamonds – bright, beautiful, and valuable and always in style.

A diamond does not start out polished and shining. It was once nothing special, but with enough pressure and time, becomes spectacular. BE THAT DIAMOND

The soul is placed in the body like a rough diamond, and must be polished, or the lustre of it will never appear.



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the most common colour of a diamond in yellow, which is caused by the presence of nitrogen. Clarity, being the second important aspect of a diamond, a buyer should know that typically a diamond contains minimal imperfections and flaws which, supposedly are said to enhance the beauty of the gem. The cut of a diamond does not necessarily describe the shape or pattern of the stone. It can also mean the accuracy of its faceting and the exact proportion of the gem too.

This precious gemstone is increasing in popularity these days primarily due to the publicity and promotion it attained through campaigns under large names like De Beers. The stone has become the most desired piece of jewellery across the world. It is being cut and shaped into different designs to meet the needs of the consumers. Diamond bracelets, diamond rings, diamond earrings, necklaces almost every ornament can now be studded with diamonds. Considering the rising demand and the price of the stone it has risen to become a status symbol in the society.

The purity and clarity of a diamond is compared to the purity and piety of a relation, thus the gemstone is the first choice when it comes to gifting to somebody who is close and shares a special relation with you. Diamond rings are great as a gift of love, since rings symbolize commitment and diamonds symbolize purity.

Many precious and semi-precious stones have now started pouring into the market but none have become as successful and popular as the eternal diamonds, this probably is the reason why people say, "diamonds are forever."

Precious Stones and Gems

Precious and Semi-precious gemstones are highly attractive and also expensive piece of jewellery. The values of these gems are determined by their cut, polish, clarity and rarity in terms of its mineral content. These precious stones are available in various shapes, sizes and colours that also determine their prices and add immense value to just a mere piece of stone.

Gemmologists determine the characteristics and classification of these gems studying in details its technical specifications. The chemical composition of the stones and its physical properties are all studied in details to classify them into different groups, species and varieties.

One factor that plays a vital role in adding value to a stone is its colour. A coloured gemstone is generally prized considering its unique beauty, rarity and also its aesthetic value. Evaluating all the specific qualities in a gem, special departments also provide certification to these stones that add further value to them.

To enhance the colour, clarity and cut of a stone they are treated in several ways depending on type of treatment required. This also adds value to the stone. But treating stones are at times risky since there are a few treatments that are temporary and have chances of reverting to the original form of the stone. On the other hand there are other treatments that are permanent and effective too.

The following are a few treatments that are done on these gems and how these treatments alter and enhance the value of these gems are as follows:

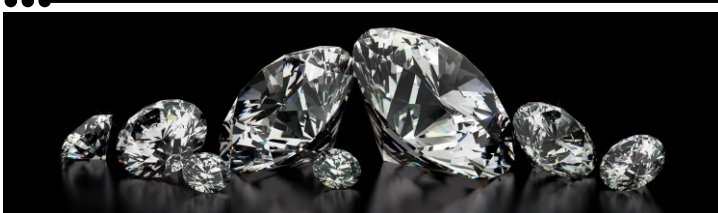
- **Heat:** This improves the colour and clarity of the gem.
- **Radiation:** Also helps in changing the colours of the precious stone and adding public value to them.
- **Waxing/ Oiling:** Wax or oil is used to fill the fissures in stones like emeralds. The wax also adds a natural colour and enhances the clarity of the stones.

For a common man it is very difficult to identify the real gems from the fake ones. There exist very minute yet distinctive differences between a real gem and a fake one which can be identified by experts only.

These gemstones are primarily used in ornaments and have metaphysical properties. These play a role in horoscope study as well. Astrologers study one's horoscope in depth before advising use of such gems. Apart from enhancing a woman's beauty in the form of necklaces, ear studs, finger rings, pendants and anklets these precious and semi-precious stones are also believed to bring luck, health and wealth. Diamonds symbolise luxury and are associated with the planet Venus. In astrology they are worn for their protective power rather its luxurious status. They are the most powerful gems and are known for their quick results. They are related to strength, healing and protection, happiness and confidence to take any challenges with surety of success.

Diamonds should be purchased only from renowned jewellers since modern technology has been developed to code each gem. This means each gem can be traced back to the mine it was extracted from the quality of each gem. This will also help us to avoid conflict diamonds and be responsible in our purchase.

Rtn. PHF S Sasidharan



Host for Regular meeting on 11/05/2016 Rtn. Roy Raj

Calender of event: June 19, 2016 Awards Night, Trivandrum Club, Trivandrum

Club Business

Minutes of the meeting held on 04th May 2016

The meeting was called to order by the President Rtn. Adv. V Deepak. Rtn. Muhammad Shafeeq invoked the blessing of Almighty. In Presidential address Rtn. Adv. Deepak welcomed the gathering then he briefed on recently held Family tour to Munnar on Apr 30th, 8 families and four stags attended. He informed that he is happy to have done such a worthwhile project. Every one enjoyed and thanked Rtn. Nagaraj for flawless arrangements.

Rtn. Raju Chandy, AG Rtn. Gopinathan Nair Rtn. Goerge Thomas and Rtn. Sahfeeq expressed their inference regarding the tour. And almost everyone had the opinion that the event went well and future presidents should make sure that Family Tour happens every year. Rtn. Sajan Nair briefly explained about his recent visit to Nepal especially about his visit to RC of Kopundol, he shared the details about meticulous functioning of the club, his observation was that though a small club by membership they do lot of meaningful projects. Secretary Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal read out anniversaries for the coming week. He expressed his view on family tour and was of the opinion that most of the RC Alleppey family members want events like this and requested incoming Presidents to give more priority. Then he thanked Rotarians for attending the meeting with a special thanks to Rtn. Cijo Alex host for the day.

Then the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal



Family Gallery

What is the difference between 'forefathers' and 'ancestors'?

The two words tend to be used synonymously now days; both can be used to refer to someone who lived in the distant past and to whom you are related. In other words you are their descendent. For example your great grand father can be called as your ancestor or forefather. Some people argue that the word forefather should be limited to men while ancestors can be used to refer any blood relative- both male and female. The two words can be used in other contexts as well - Ajith ploughed the same field that his ancestors and forefathers had.

Did you know?

Why brain ticks so fast? Complex interactions between neuro transmitter receptors and proteins make the brain process information rapidly.

Why Penguin feathers are ice and water proof? The reason for ice proof penguin feathers despite freezing temperatures lies in the micro structure of their feathers. Their feathers are short, overlapping and densely packed. The outer part of the feather is waterproof while the inner down section traps an insulating layer of air, keeping it warm in the freezing water. Penguins rub oil from a gland on to their feathers to help them make waterproof and wind proof.

To every car user, Every car's manual says to roll down the windows to let out all the hot air before turning on the A/C. ...but WHY? No wonder more folks are dying from cancer than ever before. We wonder where this stuff comes from, but here is an example that explains a lot of the cancer-causing incidents. Many people are in their cars the first thing in the morning, and the last thing at night, 7 days a week. Please do NOT turn on the A/Cond as soon as you enter the car. Please open the windows right after you enter your car and then after a couple of minutes, turn ON the AC. Here's why: According to research, the car's dashboard, seats, a/c ducts, in fact ALL of the plastic objects in your vehicle, emit Benzene, a Cancer causing toxin. A BIG CARCINOGEN. Take the time to observe the smell of heated plastic in your car when you open it, and BEFORE you start it up. In addition to causing cancer, Benzene poisons your bones, causes anaemia and reduces white blood cells. Prolonged exposure can cause Leukemia and increases the risk of some cancers. It can also cause miscarriages in pregnant women.

The "acceptable" Benzene level indoors is: 50mg per sq.ft. A car parked indoors, with windows closed, will contain 400-800 mg of Benzene - 8 times the acceptable level. If parked outdoors in the sun, at a temperature above 60 degrees F, the Benzene level goes up to 2000-4000 mg, 40 times the acceptable level. People who get into the car, keeping the windows closed will eventually INHALE excessive amounts of the BENZENE toxin.

Benzene is a toxin that affects your kidneys and liver. What's worse, it is extremely difficult for your body to expel this toxic stuff. So friends, please open the windows and doors of your car - give it some time for the interior to air out (dispel the deadly stuff) before you enter the vehicle.

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The four Way Test

of the things we think, say or do

- ☀ Is it the truth?
- ☀ Is it fair to all concerned?
- ☀ Will it build Goodwill and better friendship?
- ☀ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Family Gallery

KID: - Why some of your hair is white dad...?

DAD: - Every time you make me unhappy, one of my hair turns white...

KID :- Now understand why grandpa's hairs are all white...

Child : Mummy why Gandhi has no hair on his head...?

Mummy: Because he speaks only truth...

Child: Now I understand why ladies have long hair...

Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became father only when I was born.

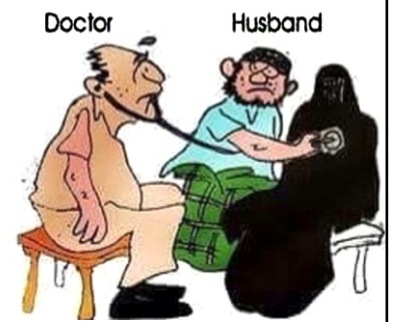
PUZZLE...

I am a 5 letter word. I am normally below you. If you remove my 1st letter. you will find me above you.

If you remove my 1st & 2nd letters you cannot see me. Who am I?

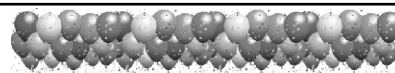


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Wedding Anniversary

Ajithkumar	10.05.2016
Sajan Nair	11.05.2016
W.D. Nelson	16.05.2016
R. Sreenivasan	16.05.2016
Soudhu John Thayyil	14.05.2016
Usha (D/o. P. Arjun)	15.05.2016
Krishnakumar (S/o. Kumaraswami Pillai)	16.05.2016



Happy Birthday

Dijo Antony	11.05.2016
Sankar (S/o. Subramaniya Iyer)	12.05.2016
Ammu (D/o. George Samuel)	12.05.2016
Teena Tomy	13.05.2016
Vishakh (S/o. Philip Abraham)	14.05.2016

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