

CONTENTS

FOREWORD	7
ON GEMSTONES	8
CIVILIZATIONS OF THE OLD WORLD - EASTERN CIVILIZATIONS OF THE OLD WORLD	11
"EX ORIENTE LUX" - MESOPOTAMIA	12
ANATOLIA - THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST	29
HARAPPA - THE VANISHED CIVILIZATION OF THE INDUS VALLEY	44
CHINA - AN ANCIENT CIVILIZATION THAT HAS SURVIVED TO THIS DAY	50
EGYPTIAN "CIVILIZATION OF STONE"	61
CIVILIZATIONS OF THE OLD WORLD - WESTERN CIVILIZATIONS OF THE OLD WORLD	75
MINOAN-MYCENAEAN ROOTS OF ANTIQUITY	76
ANTIQUITY	90
CYPRUS - "COPPER ISLAND OF THE GODDESS APHRODITE"	109
CIVILIZATIONS OF THE NEW WORLD	123
MESOAMERICAN CIVILIZATIONS	124
ANDEAN CIVILIZATIONS	137

ANNEXES	149
SOURCES OF GEMSTONES	150
GLOSSARY OF BASIC TERM	192
LIST OF MUSEUMS AND THEIR ABBREVIATIONS	202
REFERENCES AND SOURCES	203