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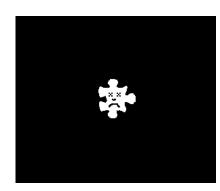
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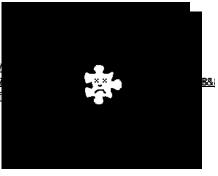
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Throughout history, spices have been among the world's most sought after trade items, at certain times worth their weight in gold. Among the many varieties of spices, saffron surely ranks as one of the most prestigious. Difficult to find and time consuming to gather and process, saffron was extremely highly prized and acquired a number of important symbolic meanings over the centuries.

The main reason for the high value of saffron was twofold, relating to the origins of the spice itself and its acquisition by humans. The small thread-like bits that make up saffron are in fact the stamens of single species of crocus flower known as the Crocus sativus. Each blossom typically contains only three stamens, so gathering any substantial amount of the spice was a laborious and expensive exercise. In Europe, these factors made saffron accessible mainly to the upper crust of society, as they were the ones who could afford it. In that vein, saffron and the rich golden-yellow coloring it produced were commonly associated with royalty and nobility. The color also served as an obvious symbol of the sun.

Moving east, specifically to India and other parts of Asia, saffron took on a distinctly different set of symbolic meanings. The robes of many Buddhist monks and nuns are often dyed using saffron, the color symbolizing renunciation and humility. In other

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religions throughout the sub-continent (i.e. Hinduism, Jainism and Sikhism), saffron is also considered an auspicious color. Saffron or orange colored flags indicate a place of worship, and saffron paste is used as adornment in certain Hindu ceremonies.

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