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But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

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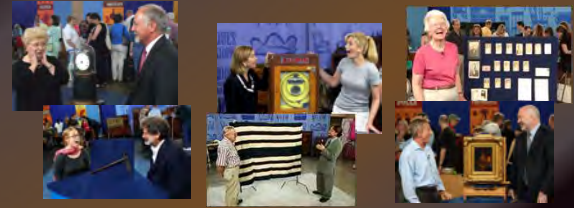
Value?

HOW DO YOU DETERMINE Value?

- *The purpose it serves*
- *The effort it takes to obtain*
- *Context*
- *It's subjective and fluid*
- *Individual decision*
- *It's relative, involving a choice*

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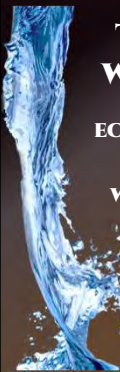


THE DIAMOND- WATER PARADOX

ECONOMIST ADAM SMITH* PONDERED...

EVEN THOUGH LIFE CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT WATER AND CAN EASILY EXIST WITHOUT DIAMONDS,

DIAMONDS ARE, POUND FOR POUND, VASTLY MORE VALUABLE THAN WATER.



Consider for instance...

Perfume!



It is said that scent is the most vital of all our senses!

That's why, to many... perfume isn't just about its pleasant fragrance, it's considered an extension of your personality!



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One reason some of the most popular luxury perfumes cost so much is that the **ingredients** in them are rare.

High-end fragrances are typically made from the extracts of natural elements like flower petals or roots, while cheaper fragrances are made from synthetic oils or more common ingredients.



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Packaging also plays a part in how expensive a fragrance is.

For instance, Baccarat cologne and perfume bottles are considered works of art, and any fragrance contained in one is going to be more expensive than a fragrance in a regular spray bottle. Other bottles are encrusted with diamonds or precious gemstones or come in hand-cut crystal bottles.



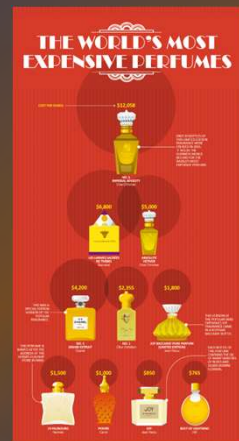
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Today... **Marketing** also adds to the cost of a fragrance.

From print ads to television commercials and celebrity spokespeople, manufacturers have to thoroughly market their perfumes in order to get consumers to buy them.



One of the most expensive perfume in the world is **Clive Christian No. 1 Imperial Majesty**, at an incredible \$12,058 per ounce. An exclusive limited run of the popular No. 1 fragrance only produced 10 bottles! At a total cost of \$237,000 per bottle, this fragrance currently holds the Guinness world record for the most expensive perfume.



Video



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-8IRchuG2k>

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One of the responses...

Objection!



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Similar story in Mark 14 – Unnamed woman anoints His head...
There were some who said to themselves indignantly,
"Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have
been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor."
And they scolded her.

Mark 14:4-5 ESV

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"Who are you to judge the another man's servant? To his
own master, he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is
able to make him stand."

Romans 14:4

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But costly in other ways as well...

In these days, when a young woman reached the age of availability for marriage, her family would purchase an alabaster box for her and fill it with precious ointment. The size of the box and the value of the ointment would parallel her family's wealth. This alabaster box would be part of her dowry.*

* From: "Lady in Waiting: Becoming God's Best While Waiting for Mr. Right" - by Jackie Kendall

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- Value
- What it Represented
- Future
- Loss of potential to marry
- Reputation
- Resources
- Riches

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An act of brokenness!

True Worship is...

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept.

John 11:32-35



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"God looks at everything from one stand point, measures everything by one rule, tries everything by one touchstone, and that touchstone, that rule, that standpoint is Christ."

The Alabaster Box by C. H. Mackintosh -
www.evanwiggs.com/revival/passion/alabastr.html

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise"
 Psalm 51:17

“And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.”
John 12:3

For we are to God the pleasing
aroma of Christ...
2 Corinthians 2:15

What looked like “waste” to the world looked like worship to God!

“We are the alabaster jar, holding treasure within earthen vessels!”
2 Corinthians 4:7

So...
HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THE “VALUE” OF JESUS

Jesus is THE CHRIST...

“The Anointed of God”

Matthew 16:16
Luke 4:18

Is He truly Your “anointed?”