COUNTRIES PRODUCING RUBIES (in order of importance & per carat value):
(1) Myanmar; (2) Vietnam; (3) Sri Lanka; (4) Kenya, Tanzania;
(5) Afghanistan; (6) Thailand, Cambodia; and (7) India.

COUNTRIES PRODUCING BLUE SAPPHIRES (in order of quality ranking):
(1) India (Kashmir); (2) Myanmar; (3) Sri Lanka;
(4) Australia, Cambodia, China, Nigeria, Thailand, USA.

WHY SO MANY GEMS IN SOUTHERN ASIA?
As India crashed into Asia during the Flood, the intense pressure and heat transformed flood deposits into super-hard rocks with gems. Magma then rose up from the mantle, picking up some of the gems and carrying them to the surface. The crashing plates also pushed gem-filled rock layers up to the surface.