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92398. **PONTIC KINGDOM: Mithradates VI**, 120-163 BC, AV stater (8.38g), Tomis, AMNG I-2481, struck during the time of the First Mithradatic War, 88-86 BC, diademed head of the deified Alexander right, wearing horn of Ammon / Athena seated left, elbow resting on shield, holding Nike; ornamented trident and pellet in exergue, ef \$950



83808. **AXUM: Eon**, after 400, AV tremissis (1.43g), Munro-Hay 59ff, crowned bust right / plain bust right, holding fly-wisk, average strike, nearly ef \$475

Around 2005 or 2006 a new hoard of Axumite tremisses, mostly of Eon & Ebana, reached the market internationally, mainly in auctions in Europe. Unfortunately, the sellers never revealed the size of the hoard, now estimated at between 150-250 pieces, thus scaring the market. As a result, the prices fell substantially.



83814. **AXUM: Ebana**, ca. 425, AV tremissis (1.54g), Munro-Hay 71, crowned bust right, between two stalks of wheat / uncrowned bust right, holding fly-wisk, also between two wheat sticks strong strike, choice au \$675



92403. **AXUM: Ebana**, mid 5th Century AD, AV unit (1.64g), Munro-Hay 95, crowned and draped half-length bust of king right with ribbon behind, holding short stick, between two wheat stalks, within beaded circle / similar type to obverse, but king wearing head cloth, ef \$525



92406. **AXUM: Nezoöl**, ca. 470-490 AD, AV unit (1.58g), Munro-Hay 113, crowned bust right holding a stalk or scepter flanked by wheat-stalks; legend *Theou Eucharista* ("Thanks be to God") / bust right wearing headcloth and holding a whisk, flanked by wheat-stalks, cross above; legend around, edge ding, vf \$450



82218. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Phocas**, 602-610, AV solidus (4.38g), S-620, d N FOCAS PERP AV, crowned facing bust, holding globus cruciger / VICTORIA AVGU, angel standing facing, holding long P-headed cross & globus cruciger; B/CONOB., light graffiti in reverse field, ef \$385



82207. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Michael VII Doukas**, 1071-1078, AV histamenon (4.35g), S-1868, IC XC, facing bust of Christ / +MIX AHL RACIL O D, crowned facing bust, holding labarum and globus cruciger, scyphate, ef \$450



83760. **HEPHTHALITE: Alkhon Khingila type**, ca. 430-490, AV stater (7.49g), [Kapisa], G-84.2, standing king, with crown based on Varahran, the last Kushano-Sasanian rulers (ca. 325-350) / thoroughly blundered Siva and bull as usual, ef, R \$900

Göbl explains the rather subtle distinction between the last issues of the Kushano-Sasanian Varahran and the first purely Alkhon issues. The slight changes in the king's crown and the broader spacing around his head are amongst the principal reasons.



83761. **HEPHTHALITE: Alkhon Khingila type**, ca. 480-500+, AV stater (7.45g), [Kapisa], G—, standing king / blundered Siva and bull, ef, RRR \$2,000

Unpublished type, with crown derived from the Göbl #171 of the Sasanian king Peroz (no relation to the Peroz rulers of the Kushano-Sasanians), who ruled 457-484 and struck his type #171 before about 470.

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91779. **UMAYYAD: 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AV dinar (4.26g), NM, AH79, A-125, ex-mount, pleasing ef \$300

Although the mint name never appears on the standard Umayyad dinars, it is reckoned that all were minted at Damascus (Dimashq), the Umayyad capital, even though a substantial portion of the imported gold came through Egypt.



92151. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AV dinar (4.24g), [Dimashq], AH89, A-127, nice ef \$400



92152. **UMAYYAD: 'Umar**, 717-720, AV dinar (4.25g), [Dimashq], AH100, A-132, ef \$425



92154. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.20g), [Dimashq], AH111, A-136, nice vf-ef \$425



76898. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.05g), NM, AH155, A-212, nice vf \$210

Abbasid dinars from 148 to 169 never bear a mint name, but were probably struck entirely at Madinat al-Salam (Baghdad). A gold mint at Misr (Egypt) opened in 170.



88129. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AV dinar (4.13g), NM, AH167, A-214, lovely strike, choice vf \$250



89029. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.20g), [Misr], AH212, A-222.11, inscribed *li'l-khalifa al-ma'mun* in reverse field, superb strike, only gold coin of this year that can occasionally be acquired, ef, R \$500



54371. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (3.58g), Hamadan, AH31(??), A-245.2, final digit of date weak, scarce mint for this type (formally very rare), crude vf, R \$300



83979. **ABBASID: al-Qahir**, 932-934, AV dinar (3.36g), Mah al-Basra, AH(321), A-250.2, same obverse die as items #83977 & 83978, on which the date is clear, some weakness, ef, RRR \$275

About 9 examples of the previously unpublished dinar or Mah al-Basra 321 were found in the new hoard.



92157. **ABBASID: al-Nasir**, 1180-1225, AV dinar (10.17g), Madinat al-Salam, AH608, A-268, lightly crinkled, about 0.325 oz AGW, vf \$550



92374. **ABBASID: al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AV dinar (4.97g), Madinat al-Salam, AH641, A-275, vf-ef \$475



89031. **ABBASID: al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AV dinar (8.26g), Madinat al-Salam, AH645, A-275, lightly bent, very attractive overall, choice vf \$600



815449. **ABBASID: al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AV dinar (8.16g) (Madinat al-Salam), AH65x, A-275, ef \$450

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78093. **AGHLABID: Ibrahim II**, 874-902, AV dinar (4.18g), NM, AH478, A-447, decent strike, vf \$350



89041. **ZIRID OF QAYRAWAN: al-Mu'izz b. Badis**, 1016-1062, AV dinar (4.15g), al-Qayrawan, AH442, A-458, superb strike, almost perfectly centered, the finest I've seen, choice au, **R** \$650

All Coinage of al-Mu'izz b. Badis is anonymous, assigned to the ruler by mint (al-Qayrawan in modern Tunisia), date, and what is known from the historic chronicles.



77184. **ZIRID OF QAYRAWAN: al-Mu'izz b. Badis**, 1016-1062, AV dinar (3.69g), al-Qayrawan, AH442, A-458, vf, **R** \$425



45106. **'ALAWI SHARIF: Isma'il al-Samin**, 1672-1727, AV bunduqi, Hazrat Fès, AH1123, A-583, KM-28.1, excellent strike, ef, **R** \$450



92163. **TULUNID: Harun**, 896-905, AV dinar (4.17g), Misr, AH283, A-667, au \$450



92162. **TULUNID: Harun**, 896-905, AV dinar (4.02g), Misr, AH289, A-667, choice ef \$400



92375. **IKHSHIDID: 'Ali b. al-Ikshid**, 961-966, AV dinar (2.91g), Filastin, AH353, A-678, Bacharach-99, lightly crimped, ef \$475



68206. **FATIMID: al-Mu'izz**, 953-975, AV dinar (4.16g), Misr, AH365, A-697, choice vf \$325



86513. **FATIMID: al-Mustansir**, 1036-1094, AV dinar (4.31g), Misr, AH458, A-719A, nice strike, lustrous au \$425



86515. **FATIMID: al-Mustansir**, 1036-1094, AV dinar (4.23g), Misr, AH460, A-719A, bold strike, lightly crimped, au \$375



74847. **CRUSADERS of Tripoli: al-Mustansir**, 1036-1094, AV dinar (3.39g), NM, ND, A-720B, Ma-8, Latin B above obverse, T above reverse, cross in reverse center, average strike, vf, **R** \$650



89802. **AYYUBID: Abu Bakr I**, 1196-1218, AV dinar (3.98g), al-Iskandariya, DM, A-801.1, f \$170



77680. **KINGDOM OF JERUSALEM: Anonymus**, towards 1250, AV dinar (3.49g), "Misr", ND, Ma-5, without ornaments, very crude calligraphy, last issue before the types with cross, ef, **R** \$475



89800. **BAHRI MAMLUK: Qala'un**, 1279-1290, AV dinar (6.07g), al-Iskandariya, AH688, A-893, clear mint & date, about 15% flat strike, vf, **RR** \$500

Balog knew of only one dated dinar of this mint for Qala'un, dated AH681.



88590. **BAHRI MAMLUK: Muhammad I, 3rd reign**, 1310-1341, AV dinar (6.56g), al-Qahira, AH741, A-919, bold strike, lustrous au, **S** \$650



88593. **BAHRI MAMLUK: Muhammad I, 3rd reign**, 1310-1341, AV dinar (5.50g), al-Qahira al-Mahrusa, ND, A-919, bold strike, choice ef, **S** \$475



89801. **BAHRI MAMLUK: Muhammad I, 3rd reign**, 1310-1341, AV dinar (1.65g), MM, DM, A-919, incredibly light example of this common type, date appears to be AH740, style of al-Qahira, ef-au \$150



89036. **BAHRI MAMLUK: Sha'ban II**, 1363-1376, AV dinar (5.96g), Dimashq, ND, A-955, nice strike, vf \$325



89037. **BURJI MAMLUK: Barquq**, 1382-1389 & 1390-1399, AV dinar (12.75g), al-Qahira, AH79(?), A-972, tiny nick on obverse, traces of original lustre, bold strike, final digit uncertain but likely "7", ef \$675



58540. **BURJI MAMLUK: Qansuh II al-Ghuri**, 1501-1516, AV ashrafi, MM, DM, A-1041, usual weakness of strike, f-vf \$150



83390. **RASSID: al-Hadi**, 898-911, AV dinar (2.79g), Sa'da, AH298, A-1065, small plugged hole, vf, **S** \$150



90965. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Süleyman I**, 1520-1566, AV sultani (3.41g), Halab, AH926, A-1317, decent strike, very slightly crinkled, vf \$185



91785. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Süleyman I**, 1520-1566, AV sultani (3.44g), Misr, AH942, A-1317, full clear date, nice even strike, vf, **S** \$325
Süleyman's sultanis of Misr (Cairo, Egypt) were struck with actual date of issue until 943. All subsequent issues state only the accessional year, AH926.



91784. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Murad III**, 1574-1595, AV sultani (3.42g), Misr, AH982, A-1332.2, bold strike, choice vf \$180



90968. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Mehmet IV**, 1648-1687, AV sultani (3.31g), Misr, AH(1058), A-1383, vf \$190



91836. **EGYPT: AV zeri mahbub** (2.56g), Misr, AH1168, KM-97, initial #8, some original lustre, au, **R** \$450



89035. **EGYPT: AV zeri mahbub** (2.57g), Misr, AH1171, KM-105, initial #7 on reverse, lustrous unc, **S** \$300



91833. **TURKEY: AV ¼ zeri mahbub** (0.79g), Kostantiniye, AH1223 year 8, KM-608, with addition *alif* upper left on reverse, au, **R?** \$150



92034. **SAFFARID: al-Husayn b. Tahir**, 970-971 & 971-972, AV fractional dinar (Sijistan), DM, A-1416, crude vf-ef \$115

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92037. **SAFFARID: Khalaf b. Ahmad**, 972-980, AV fractional dinar, Sijistan, AH365, A-1417, crude vf \$135

Citing the caliph al-Muti'. Although al-Muti' died in 363, the Saffarids refused to recognize his successor al-Ta'i' until 368. Saffarid fractional dinars of 368 are known both with al-Muti' and with al-Ta'i'



92035. **SAFFARID: Khalaf b. Ahmad**, 972-980, AV fractional dinar, Sijistan, AH362, A-1417, crude vf \$130



84057. **SAMANID: Nasr II**, 914-943, AV dinar (4.21g), al-Muhammadiya, AH322, A-1449, caliph al-Qahir, star above & crescent right of obverse margin, full mint & date, full strike with virtually no weakness, ef, R \$500

With hasbuni Allâh wa ni'ma al-wakil, "Allâh is sufficient for us, and is the Best Disposer of (our) affairs" (Qur'an 3:173) in reverse outer margin.

The recent hoard of Abbasid, Samanid, Su'luqid and Ziyarid dinars, with terminal date AH323, included many issues of al-Muhammadiya (=Rayy, now a suburb of Tehran) dated from about 308-323.



84000. **SAMANID: Nasr II**, 914-943, AV dinar (3.50g), al-Muhammadiya, AH317, A-1449, 4-arm star above obverse field, pleasing ef, R \$450



84034. **SAMANID: Nasr II**, 914-943, AV dinar (3.03g), al-Muhammadiya, AH321, A-1449, caliph al-Qahir, bold mint & date, nearly full strike, ef, R \$400



84007. **SAMANID: Nasr II**, 914-943, AV dinar (2.96g), al-Muhammadiya, AH318, A-1449, clear mint & date, floral ornament below obverse field, small chip, otherwise very attractive, ef, R \$400



84023. **SAMANID: Nasr II**, 914-943, AV dinar (4.03g), al-Muhammadiya, AH320, A-1449, full mint & date, trace of weakness near edge, ef, R \$400



84019. **SAMANID: Nasr II**, 914-943, AV dinar (4.17g), al-Muhammadiya, AH319, A-1449, clear mint & date, pellet above obverse field annulets in obverse & reverse outer margins, minor weakness, ef, R \$350



84093. **SAMANID: Nuh II**, 943-954, AV dinar (4.29g), Nishapur, AH340, A-1454, caliph al-Mustakfi (d.338), 3 pellets in obverse field, nice vf \$200



83991. **SU'LUKID: Muhammad b. 'Ali**, 926-928, AV dinar (3.77g), al-Muhammadiya, DM, A-A1483, citing the Samanid Nasr II as overlord, with crescent above obverse field, struck 315-316, about 20% flat, vf, RR \$230



89043. **BAVANDIDS OF TABARISTAN: Shahriyar b. Qarin**, 1073-1111, AV dinar (2.19g), Sariya, AH499, A-1526.1, citing the Seljuq Ghiyath al-Din Muhammad as overlord, some light weakness, ef, S \$200



90031. **ZIYARID: Mardawij**, 927-935, AV dinar (3.99g), Qumm, AH322, A-1530, clear mint & date, still much rarer than Mah al-Basra mint, some weakness, crude ef, RR \$1,000



90030. **ZIYARID: Mardawij**, 927-935, AV dinar (4.53g), al-Karaj, AH322, A-1530, excellent strike with some light weakness only in centers, bold mint & date, still much rarer than Mah al-Basra mint, ef, **RR** \$800



84147. **ZIYARID: Mardawij**, 927-935, AV dinar (3.03g), Mah al-Basra, AH322, A-1530, excellent strike with minimal weakness, choice ef, **RR** \$700

The recent AH323 hoard contained 50-60 Mardawij dinars of Mah al-Basra, of which this is one of the finest. Very few examples of his dinars of al-Karaj, Qumm & Hamadan were included in the hoards.



88131. **KAKWAYHIDS: Faramurz**, 1041-1051, AV dinar (2.75g), Isbahan, AH435, A-1592.2, *shams* above reverse field, au \$275



84195. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 999-1030, AV dinar (4.09g), Nishapur, AH407, A-1606, citing *rabb / salim* above and to left of obverse field and caliphal heir al-Ghalib on reverse, ef, **R** \$375



84174. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 999-1030, AV dinar (4.87g), Nishapur, AH399, A-1606, Arabic Sh below obverse field, *yamini* below reverse field, choice ef \$250



84165. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 999-1030, AV dinar (3.80g), Nishapur, AH397, A-1606, unusual arrangement of reverse legend, lovely vf-ef, **R?** \$250



83367. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 999-1030, AV dinar (3.32g) (Herat), AH403, A-1607, as independent ruler, sword left & right of obverse field, some weakness, mint confirmed by die link to item #83365, clear date, ef, **S** \$160



83374. **GHAZNAVID: Mas'ud I**, 1030-1041, AV dinar (3.44g), Ghazna, AH431, A-1619, nice strike, flan defect (from before striking), ruler cited only as *abu sa'id*, ef \$200



92062. **GHAZNAVID: Mawdud**, 1041-1048, AV dinar, Ghazna, AH436, A-1625, vf, **S** \$350



92066. **GHAZNAVID: 'Abd al-Rashid**, 1049-1052, AV dinar, Ghazna, AH(44)1, A-1629, debased type, crude f, **R** \$185



92073. **GHAZNAVID: Farrukhzad**, 1053-1059, AV dinar, Ghazna, AH444, A-1633, vf \$200



83383. **GHAZNAVID: Ibrahim**, 1059-1099, AV dinar (4.14g), Ghaz(na), AH451, A-1637, date weak but certain, vf-ef, **R** \$140



77199. **GHAZNAVID: Ibrahim**, 1059-1099, AV dinar (Ghazna), AH456, A-1637, ef \$160

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95449. **GREAT SELJUQ: Malikshah I**, 1072-1092, AV pale dinar (7.22g), Balkh, AH478, A-1675, very clear mint & date, some weakness, usually heavy, probably about 60-70% fine gold, vf-ef \$300



826149. **GREAT SELJUQ: Sanjar**, 1097-1098, AV (pale) dinar (4.31g), Madinat al-Salam, AH(5)90, A-1684, Sanjar as viceroy under Barkiyaruq, usual weakness, vf-ef \$140



86397. **KHWARIZMSHAHS: Muhammad**, 1200-1220, AV dinar (2.45g), Wakhsh, ND, A-1712, mule of 2 obverse dies, mint atop obverse field, cleaned vf, FF \$135



85694. **GHORID: Mu'izz al-Din Muhammad**, 1171-1206, AV dinar, debased gold (Kanauj), ND, A-1764.1, De-252, 4.37g, Lakshmi seated obverse, choice vf \$160



88543. **GHORID: Mu'izz al-Din Muhammad**, 1171-1206, AV dinar (4.20g) (Bayana), ND, A-1764.2, bold strike, choice ef \$250



89042. **GHORID: Mu'izz al-Din Muhammad**, 1171-1206, AV dinar (4.21g) (Bayana), ND, A-1764.2, De-253, vf-ef \$175



89040. **LU'LU'ID: Badr al-Din Lu'lu'**, 1233-1258, AV dinar (5.58g), al-Mawsil, AH643, A-1871.4, citing the Rumseljuq Kaykhusraw II as overlord, crinkled, vf \$400



89038. **BEGTEGINID: Kökburi**, 1168-1233, AV dinar (3.29g), Irbil, AH609, A-1887.2, citing the Ayyubid ruler Abu Bakr I as overlord, perhaps the nicest example of Begteginid gold I've yet handled, extremely rare in this quality, choice ef, RRR \$850



91980. **SALGHURID: Takla**, 1175-1194, AV gold (2.43g), NM, ND, A-1927, somewhat debased gold, usual crude strike, f \$100



90513. **ILKHAN: Abaqa**, 1265-1282, AV dinar (4.72g), Tabriz, ND, A-2126.2, Uighur obverse, date off flan, ef \$300



89799. **ILKHAN: Abu Sa'id**, 1316-1335, AV dinar (3.49g), MM, DM, A-2194, type B, doublestruck and quite unattractive, 0.112 AGW, f \$145



90132. **ILKHAN: Abu Sa'id**, 1316-1335, AV dinar (4.98g), Qays, AH720, A-2198, struck from crudely manufactured dies, as always for this mint/date issue, f-vf \$450



73748. **MEHRABANID: Qutb al-Din Muhammad II**, 1382-1386, AV tanka (10.98g) (Nirmuz), DM, A-2361, some flatness, ef \$525



827118. **MUGHAL/TIMURID: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AV ¼ ashrafi (0.94g), [Badakhshan], ND, A-P2464, KM-100.2, vf \$100



89803. **TIMURID: Shahrugh III**, 1575-1579, AV ¼ ashrafi (1.16g), [Badakhshan], ND, A-2466, about 10% flat strike, otherwise very attractive, vf \$150



71703. **SAFAVID: Tahmasp I**, 1524-1576, AV mithqal (4.63g), Tabriz, AH933, A-2590, nice strike, bold obverse but some weakness on reverse, vf, R \$325



826736. **ZAND: Karim Khan**, 1753-1779, AV ¼ mohur (2.66g), Kashan, AH1186, A-2791, KM-525.2, crude ef \$300



826738. **ZAND: Karim Khan**, 1753-1779, AV ¼ mohur (2.67g), Qazwin, ND, A-2791, KM-525.5, vf-ef \$300



826739. **ZAND: Karim Khan**, 1753-1779, AV ¼ mohur (2.70g), Yazd, AH1188, A-2791, KM-525.9, lovely and complex arrangement of the reverse inscriptions, vf-ef \$285



826743. **ZAND: Karim Khan**, 1753-1779, AV ¼ mohur (2.75g), Tabriz, AH1189, A-2792, KM-530.7, peculiar symbol in obverse margin, ef \$300



91835. **QAJAR: Fath 'Ali Shah**, 1797-1834, AV toman (4.59g), Yazd, AH1233, A-2865, nice strike, unc \$325

An immense hoard of Fath 'Ali Shah tomans, terminal date AH1235 or 1236, emerged in the market circa 1965, at least several thousand pieces, of which Yazd tomans dated 1233 were the most common. The origin of the hoard is unknown.



826752. **MANGHIT OF BUKHARA: Muzaffar al-Din**, 1860-1886, AV tilla (4.54g), Bukhara, AH1291//1291, A-3038, KM-65, choice ef \$450

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92474. **AFGHANISTAN: AV 2 amani**, SH1299, KM-888, AGW 0.2662, lovely ef \$382



825608. **AUSTRIA: AV ducat** (3.49g), 1886, KM-2267, unc \$185



90178. **BOLIVIA: AV 8 escudos**, Potosi, 1801, KM-81, AGW 0.7615, mount expertly repaired, f-vf \$1,091



92462. **BOLIVIA: AV ½ escudo** (1.73g), 1854, Fonrobert -59, proclamation medal, President Manuel Ysidoro Belzu, donated by the city of San Luis Potosi, head in the clouds, including two laurel branches bound / female figure stands with three children, in the foreground on the ground a cornucopia, 14.26 mm, ef, R \$400



85563. **CEYLON: Anonymous**, ca. 980-1050, AV kahavanu (4.37g), Mitch-825, Codrington-52, seated king / standing king, seated king hold circle-shape item with pellet in center, reasonably fine gold, ef \$235



85579. **CEYLON: Anonymous**, ca. 980-1050, AV aka (0.52g), Mitch-828/830, Codrington-66, king standing, holding pellet / daraka, circle between two pellets above, well centered, ef \$100

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87173. **ENGLAND: Edward III**, 1361-1369, AV 1/4 noble (1.88g), Calais, S-1511, treaty period coinage struck at the Calais mint (in France), struck on a slightly small planchet with part of the letters cut off otherwise well struck, attractive ef \$1,200



92470. **FRANCE: AV 20 francs**, 1806-A, KM-674.1, AGW 0.1867, bust of Napoleon left, vf-ef \$270



80452. **GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: AV 100 dólares**, 2009, mintage 25, 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's, *On the Origin of Species*, HMS beagle under full sail off the coast of Isla Isabela, satin finish brilliant uncirculated \$400



87233. **IRAN: AV toman**, Tehran, AH1305, KM-933, bust slightly to the left, as always, date weak, au \$250



92479. **IRAN: AV 5000 dinars**, AH1333, KM-1071, facing bust of Ahmad Shah, au \$250



89807. **ITALY: CHIOS: Filippo Maria Visconti**, 1421-1436, AV ducat (3.51g), S for Chios, Fr-4, under the dukes of Milan, standard Venetian style, ef, R \$800



70201. **ITALY: Chios: Antonio Veniers**, 1382-1400, AV zecchino (3.32g), Fr-2c, Genovese issue, slight weakness of strike at centers, standard Venetian style, ICG graded AU50 \$450



83698. **Sicily: Friedrich II**, 1197-1220, AV multiple tari (3.21g), Spahr-42, Arabic inscriptions, plus Greek IC XC NI KA around cross in reverse center, nice vf, RR \$1,250



825655. **JAPAN: AV 2 yen** (3.32g), Meiji 3 (1870), Y-10, unc \$1,400



44804. **KURDISTAN: AV 1000 dinars**, 2003/AH1424, KM-X4, mintage 100, Saladin on horseback with modern Kurdish flag, half ounce of pure gold, Proof \$700



825679. **NEPAL: AV 2.5 gram asarphi** (2.48g), VS2031, Fr-49, Birendra coronation (1974), 500 mintage, bu \$300

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78772. **KUSHAN: Vasu Deva II**, ca. 290-310, AV stater (7.81g), Mitch-3542/44, Ardoksho enthroned reverse, very bold excellent strike, choice ef-au \$575

Mitchiner mentions "BhaDra" only for staters of Kipunada, but "ShaKa" is blatantly clear on this specimen.



78756. **KUSHAN: Shaka**, ca. 325-345, AV stater (7.84g), Mitch-3571, "Mi" beneath arm, "Vai" right of altar, Ardoksho throned reverse, superb strike with full faces on both sides, choice ef-au \$600



85859. **CHALUKYAS: Kumarapala**, fl. 1145-1171, AV stater (3.95g), De-148, Mitch-441/443, Lakshmi seated, early style on broad flan, ef, S, ex. William F. Spengler collection \$200



85862. **CHALUKYAS: Kumarapala**, fl. 1145-1171, AV stater (4.09g), De-150, Mitch-441/443., Lakshmi seated, narrow flan, late series, nearly ef, **S**, ex. *William F. Spengler collection* \$185



85851. **CHANDELLAS OF BUNDELKHAND: Sallakshana Varman**, ca. 1097-1110, AV ¼ stater (1.02g), Mitch-403 type. De-137var, Lakshmi seated, curved N in Sallakshana (otherwise as Deyell-137), choice vf, **S**, ex. *William F. Spengler collection* \$135



85710. **GAHADAVALAS OF KANAUJ: Govindachandra**, fl. 1114-1154, AV stater, Mitch-490/496, Lakshmi seated, slightly debased gold, broad flan, vf-ef \$100



85702. **KALACHURIS OF RATNAPURA: Prithvi Varma**, fl. 1141-1158, AV ¼ stater (0.89g), Mitch—, De-126, very crude design, consisting of caparisoned elephant and something else (you figure it out!), ef-au, **R** \$165



88545. **KALACHURIS OF TRIPURI: Gangeyadeva**, ca. 1015-1041, AV dinar (4.06g), Mitch-410/11, Lakshmi seated, stylized version, slightly debased gold, vf \$135



85840. **KALACHURIS OF TRIPURI: Gangeyadeva**, ca. 1015-1041, AV stater (3.74g), Mitch-412/413, Lakshmi seated obverse, struck posthumously until circa 1200, debased gold, narrow flan, choice vf, ex. *William F. Spengler collection* \$135



85314. **BENGAL: Nasir al-Din Mahmud**, 1433-1459, AV tanka (10.77g), NM, ND, G-B405, nice strike, bold vf, **R** \$950



826431. **DELHI: Muhammad Shah II**, 1296-1316, AV tanka (10.73g), Delhi, AH697, G-D221, clear mint and date, about vf \$500



826442. **DELHI: Tughluq Shah I**, 1320-1325, AV tanka (10.95g), Delhi, AH722, G-D301, lovely strike, choice vf-ef \$600



826454. **DELHI: Firuz Shah III**, 1351-1388, AV tanka (10.93g), NM, ND, G-D463, f \$475



56301. **DELHI: Mahmud I**, 1246-1266, AV dinar (10.93g), Delhi, AH650, G-D135, some weakness of strike, normal for this type, clear date, ef, **R** \$750

From a small group of perhaps 10-20 pieces that surfaced in the mid-2000s, only some of which bore a legible date.



92368. **DELHI: Ala al-din Muhammad**, 1295-1315, AV tanka (10.94g) (Hadrat Delhi), AH715, G-D221, vf \$575



85640. **DELHI: Muhammad III**, 1325-1351, AV tanka (10.97g), NM, AH734, G-D345, citing himself as son of his deceased father, choice vf-ef \$550



92465. **MUGHAL: Muhammad Shah**, 1719-1748, AV muhur (11.03g), Ujjain, AH11xx year 13, KM-438.25, epithet Dar-ul-Fath, lustrous au \$825



89795. **JODHPUR: AV muhur** (10.95g), Jodhpur, ND, KM-129, citing Umaid Singh & King George V, ef \$550

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821634. **JODHPUR:** AV mohur (11.01g), ND, KM-150, unc \$550



83043. **BENGAL PRESIDENCY:** AV ½ mohur, Murshidabad, AH1202 year 19, KM-101, in the name of Shah Alam II, East India Company issue, lustrous choice au \$1,250



89782. **BENGAL PRESIDENCY:** AV ½ mohur (5.72g), Murshidabad, AH1202 year 19, KM-101cf, old jeweller's imitation, oblique milling on edge, ef-au \$300



89784. **BENGAL PRESIDENCY:** AV mohur (11.68g), Kalkattahbad, year 19, Mitch-495cf (Indian Tokens), struck by Mohammad Tawar, Ahmad and Sefiq Ahmad in Calcutta, oblique milling on edge, ef \$550

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92601. **SICILY: Anonymous**, ca 420-405 BC, AE tetras, Kamarina, Calciati-31, helmeted head of Athena left / owl left, grasping lizard; three pellets in exergue, lovely chocolate brown patina, f-vf \$150



92394. **MACEDONIA: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.86g), Mesembria, Price-1052cf, struck 175-125 BC, head of Herakles right in lionskin / Zeus seated left with eagle & sceptre; Corinthian helmet and AEA left, monogram under throne, vf \$200



82233. **THRACE: Anonymous**, after 148 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.79g), Maroneia, S-1635, head of Dionysos right, wreathed with grape leaves / Dionysos standing head left, holding grapes and two narthax wands, vf-ef \$325



82261. **ATTICA: Anonymous**, after 449 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.02g), Athens, S-2526, helmeted head of Athena right, in crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive leaves / owl standing right, head facing; olive sprig & crescent behind, small banker's mark either side, choice ef \$350



85688. **SIKYON: Anonymous**, before 146 BC, AR hemidrachm (2.29g), S-2777var, dove flying right / large sigma with magistrate's name scattered around, vf-ef \$175



92395. **MYISIA: Anonymous**, 350-300 BC, AR hemidrachm (2.49g), Parion, S-3919, Gorgonian, tongue protruding / PI below bull standing left, looking back, lovely ef \$300



92391. **SELEUKEIA: Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (Grypos)**, 121-96 BC, AR tetradrachm (14.92g), Ake-Ptolemais, SNGIs-2592, struck during his second reign, diademed head right; fillet border / Zeus Oranios standing left, holding star and scepter, crescent above, light porosity, vf \$215



89230. **PARTHIAN: Orodes II**, ca. 57-38 BC, AE tetrachalkoi (3.84g), Ecbatana, Sell-42.3, short and narrow bearded bust to left, Nike crowning him behind bust / eagle standing to right, seven line inscription, monogram TAI before, decent f \$160



89231. **PARTHIAN: Orodes II**, ca. 57-38 BC, AE chalkoi (0.99g), Ecbatana, Shore-521, short and narrow bearded bust to left, star before and crescent behind bust / horse head to right, seven line inscription, decent f \$100



89229. **PARTHIAN: Orodes II**, ca. 57-38 BC, AR drachm (3.91g), Ecbatana, Sell-48.8, Shore-260, bust wearing a diadem to left with short beard, star before, crescent over star behind, sea horse on torque / archer seated right on throne, seven line inscription, anchor behind, vf \$155



87873. **PARTHIAN: Phraates IV**, c. 38-2 BC, AR tetradrachm, Seleukia, SE288 (=25 BC), Sell-52, reverse slightly double struck, fine \$110



90907. **PARTHIAN: Phraates IV**, c. 38-2 BC, AR drachm (4.01g), Ekbatana, Shore-276/77, superb portrait, eagle behind crowning Phraates with wreath, reverse shows double-striking in outer area, choice au \$200



90913. **PARTHIAN: Phraates IV**, c. 38-2 BC, AR drachm (4.04g), Rhagae, Shore-279, superb portrait, eagle on line behind, crowning Phraates with wreath, au \$200



90917. **PARTHIAN: Phraates IV**, c. 38-2 BC, AR drachm (4.10g), Court mint, Shore-281, superb strike on both sides, eagle crowning Phraates with wreath, nice au \$215



90915. **PARTHIAN: Phraates IV**, c. 38-2 BC, AR drachm (3.92g), Laodikae, Shore-283, superb portrait, eagle crowning Phraates with wreath, fabulous obverse, choice au \$225



92389. **PARTHIAN: Vologases IV**, AD 147-191, AR tetradrachm (8.12g), Seleukeia, SE494 (=182 AD), Sell-84, diademed bust left, tapering beard, earring visible, wearing tiara; B behind / Vologases seated left on throne, Tyche standing right before him, presenting a diadem and holding sceptre; year above, month unclear below, vf \$160



77491. **SASANIAN: Shahpur I**, 241-272, AR drachm (3.95g), G-23, plain reverse, bold strike, choice vf-ef \$200



78735. **SASANIAN: Hormizd II**, 303-309, AR drachm (4.16g), G-83, nice style, two pellets left of fire on reverse, cloud-like symbol below bust on obverse, ef, S \$125



89649. **SASANIAN: Ardashir II**, 379-383, AR drachm (3.84g), G-121, tall thin fire-altar, attendants with swords raised, choice vf-ef \$185



80020. **SASANIAN: Kavad I**, 3rd reign, 499-531, AE pashiz (0.47g), NM, ND, G-188var, 2nd type, stylized version with quickly engraved rude portrait, without any inscriptions on obverse or reverse, nice vf, R \$150



91544. **SASANIAN: Kavad I**, 3rd reign, 499-531, AR drachm (3.75g), "RY", blundered date, G-190var, northeastern Silk Road imitation, lovely style, ef, RR \$125

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91814. **SASANIAN: Khusro I**, 531-579, AR drachm (4.00g), no mint, year 8? G-196, with unread Pahlavi inscription in reverse margin at about 9h, blundered date, probably Silk Road imitation, nice portrait, nice vf, **RR** \$150

Research over the past 15-20 years has confirmed that eastern imitations of Sasanian drachms are surprisingly common, especially from the reign of Peroz (457-484) and later, though likely as early as Shahpur II (309-379). Most were produced along the Silk Road, mainly to the north and east of the northeastern Iranian province of Khorasan. Most follow the original design with reasonable care, but the date and mint inscriptions are usually completely stylized and illegible. Some are countermarked, such as the Sogdian drachms of Chaghanian. Many have been found in Xinjiang in China, some even further to the east.



92844. **SASANIAN: Khusro II**, 591-628, AR drachm (4.09g), WH (Veh-Ardashir in Iraq), year 2, G-209, lovely portrait & crown, wing ornamented with pellets, early type of year 2, nice ef, **S** \$100



92826. **SASANIAN: Khusro II**, 591-628, AR drachm (4.05g), GRM (Garm-Kirman), year 8, G-209, nice portrait, rare mint, lovely vf-ef \$100



72350. **SASANIAN: Khusro II**, 591-628, AE pashiz (1.24g), ART (Ardashir-Khurra), ND, G-216var, nice strike, some porosity as usual, vf, **RR** \$350



90949. **SASANIAN: Ardashir III**, 628-630, AR drachm (3.92g), NY (undetermined mint), year 2, G-226, vf-ef \$200



92255. **SASANIAN: Yazdigerd III**, 632-651, AR drachm (4.04g), SK (Sijistan), year 3, G-234, bold strike, ef-au \$250

Yazdigerd III, the last of the Sasanian kings, was ousted from his capital in central Iran by 636, withdrawing to the two provinces of Kirman and Sijistan by about 648. The only common mints for his coinage is Sijistan, known from all 20 years of his reign. He was tracked down by the Arabs near Marw and executed during his 20th year.



92262. **SASANIAN: Yazdigerd III**, 632-651, AR drachm (4.08g), SK (Sijistan), year 4, G-234, nice strike, nice ef-au \$250



811696. **SASANIAN: Yazdigerd III**, 632-651, AR drachm (4.06g), SK (Sijistan), year 4, G-234, bold vf \$200



92271. **SASANIAN: Yazdigerd III**, 632-651, AR drachm (4.05g), SK (Sijistan), year 5, G-234, bold strike, some discoloration in margins but really nice, ef, **R** \$225



93224. **CHARACENE: Thionosios I**, ca. 25-18 BC, BI tetradrachm (11.77g), SE290 (=23/2 BC), diademed head right / Herakles seated left; monogram above arm, T above knee, date in exergue, light porosity, crude ef \$500



80050. **BACTRIA: Euthydemus I**, ca. 230-200 BC, AE double unit (7.91g), Bop-17, lovely portrait, and nice reverse, choice vf \$175



92560. **ROMAN REPUBLIC: C. Valerius Flaccus**, 140 BC, AR denarius (3.63g), S-104, Valeria-7, Syd-440, helmeted bust of Roma right, X behind / Victory in galloping biga right, C VAL C F below, FLAC above; ROMA in exergue, choice vf \$110



92563. **ROMAN REPUBLIC: L. Antestius Gragulus**, 136 BC, AR denarius (3.73g), S-115, Antestia-9, Syd-451, helmeted head of Roma right, GRAG behind and X before / Jupiter in galloping quadriga, L ANTES below, ROMA in exergue, attractive f-vf \$110



93772. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Constantius II**, 337-361 AD, AE 1/2 centenionalis (4.77g), Treveri (Trier), RIC-218, D N CONSTANTIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped & cuirassed bust right / FEL TEMP REPARATIO, Emperor in military dress standing left on galley, holding Victory on globe & labarum, Victory seated in stern steering, TRP in exergue, ef \$100



93767. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Magnentius**, 350-353 AD, AE 1/2 centenionalis (5.47g), Treveri (Trier), RIC-271, DN MAGNEN-TIVS PF AVG, bare-headed, draped, cuirassed bust right, letter A behind / GLORIA ROMANORVM, emperor on horseback right, holding shield on left arm, about to throw a spear at a bare-headed enemy in front of the horse, shield and broken spear beneath the horse. TRS crescent in exergue, ef \$115



92439. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Augustus**, 27 BC-14 AD, AR denarius (4.11g), RIC-265a, S-1556, RIC-119, struck 29-27 BC, bare head right / IMP - CAESAR, trophy composed of helmet, cuirass, shield, and crossed spears set on prow of galley right, uneven flan, vf \$325



92496. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Augustus**, 27 BC-14 AD, AE as (10.57g), Rome, RIC-461[titus], S-2584, Cohen-244, struck by Titus, 80-81 AD, DIVVS AVGVSTVS PATER, radiate head left / IMP T CAES AVG RESTITVIT S C, eagle standing on globe, head right, f-vf \$200



92457. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Tiberius**, as Caesar, 4-14 AD, AE as (9.01g), Lugdunum, RIC-245[Aug], S-1756, Cohen-37, struck 12-14 AD, TI CAESAR AVGVST F IMPERAT VII, laureate head right / ROM ET AVG, front elevation of the Altar of Lugdunum, decorated with the corona civica between laurels, nude figures, & Victories, f-vf \$125



92494. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Caligula**, 37-41 AD, AE as (10.11g), RIC-38, Cohen-27, struck 37-8 AD, C CAESAR AVG GERMANICVS PON M TR POT, bare head left / VESTA above, S C across field, Vesta seated left, holding patera and sceptre, attractive dark patina, vf \$300



92419. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Nero**, 54-68 AD, AR cistophoric tetradrachm (9.93g), Asian mint, RIC-122, S-3014, RSC-14a, IMP NERVA CAES AVG P M TR POT P P COS III, laureate head right, head right / COM-ASI to sides, ROMA ET AVG on entablature of distyle Temple of Augustus, his statue within, standing left holding scepter & being crowned by Roma to right holding cornucopiae, vf, RR \$1,000



92501. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Nero**, 54-68 AD, AE as (13.24g), S-1974, RIC-306., NERO CAESAR AVG GERM IMP, laureate head right / PACE P R VBIQ PARTA IANVM CLVSIT S-C, the Temple of Janus, latticed window to left, garland hung across closed double doors right, f-vf, weak reverse \$200

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92441. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Vitellius**, 69 AD, AR denarius (2.67g), RIC-69A, A VITELLIVS GERMANICVS IMP, bare head right / XV VIR SACR FAC Tripod, raven below, dolphin above, still reasonably attractive and an inexpensive example for this ruler, vg \$175



92442. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Vespasian**, 69-79 AD, AR denarius (3.38g), Rome, RIC-356, S-2282, RSC-45, struck 72-73 AD, IMP CAES VESP AVG P M COS IIII, laureate head right / AVGVR TRI POT, sacrificial implements: simpulum, aspergillum, jug & lituus, vf \$200



92420. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Domitian**, as Caesar, 79-81 AD, AR cistophoric tetradrachm (10.80g), Ephesos, RIC-517[Titus], S-2670, RPC-862, RSC-95, struck under Titus, CAES DIVI F DOMITIANVS COS VII, laureate head right / DIVO VESP across fields, large altar with double doors, f \$500



92421. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Domitian**, 81-96 AD, AR tetradrachm (14.44g), Antioch ad Orontem, Syria, year 8 (=88-89 AD), RPC II-1978, Prieur-145, laureate bust of Domitian right, with aegis / eagle right on thunderbolt, palm to right, date above, lovely f-vf \$325



92422. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Trajan**, 98-117 AD, AE25 (14.76g), Ascalon in Judaea, year 214 (=110-111 AD), Hen-827, Rosenberger-134, laureate bust of Trajan right, CEBAC before / DIC - AC, war god Phanebal standing left holding harpe, shield & palm, vg-f \$140



92505. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Trajan**, 98-117 AD, AE as (9.87g), brockage error of obverse, laureate head right, f \$150



92443. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Hadrian**, 117-138 AD, AR denarius (2.86g), RIC-310, S-3508, RSC-991, struck 134-138 AD, HADRIANVS AVG COS III P P, laureate head right / NILVS, Nilus reclining right on urn, holding cornucopia, crocodile below, hippopotamus before, nice vf \$185



92461. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Hadrian**, 117-138 AD, BI tetradrachm (13.54g), Alexandria, year 16 (=131/132 AD), laureate, draped & cuirassed bust right / Serapis seated left, holding sceptre & reaching out to pet Cerberus, date either side, f \$100



92519. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Antoninus Pius**, 138-161 AD, AE dupondius (10.27g), RIC-670, ANTONINVS AVG PIVS PP TRP, radiate head right / C-OS IIII, Salus seated left, feeding serpent coiled around altar, from a patera, and holding sceptre, f-vf, nice patination \$100



92508. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Antoninus Pius**, 138-161 AD, AE dupondius (12.54g), ANTONINVS AVG PIVS P P IMP II, radiate head right / TR POT XX COS IIII, Annona standing left holding corn ears & anchor, modius at left, S-C in field, irregular patination, f \$130



92414. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Faustina Senior**, posthumous, 141-161, AR denarius (3.35g), RIC-343, S-4573, RSC-1, wife of Antoninus Pius, struck 150 AD, DIVA FAVSTINA, diademed & draped bust right / AED DIV FAVSTINAE, front view of temple of six columns on five steps, fencing before, statue of Faustina within, choice ef \$160



92520. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Lucius Verus**, 161-169 AD, AE dupondius (14.37g), RIC-1400, Cohen-253, struck 164 AD, L AVREL VERVS AVG ARMENIACVS, laureate head right / TR P IIII IMP II COS II S-C, Victory standing right, placing a shield inscribed VIC/AVG in two lines on palm, f \$120



92411. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Commodus**, 177-192 AD, AE sestertius (25.63g), RIC-407, struck 183-184 AD, M COMMODVS ANTONINVS AVG, laureate head right / ANN AVG TR P VIII IMP VI COS IIII P P S-C, Annona standing left, holding statuette over modius containing five grain ears, & cornucopiae; stern of ship behind, decorated with figure of Victory & containing two figures, f-vf \$200



89224. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Commodus**, 177-192 AD, AE sestertius (22.65g), RIC-325, M ANTONINVS COMMODVS AVG, laureate head right / TR P VII IMP IIII COS III P P S-C, Annona standing left, holding statuette over modius containing five grain ears, & cornucopiae; stern of ship behind, decorated with figure of Victory & containing two figures, f-vf \$150



81292. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Commodus**, 177-192 AD, AE sestertius (24.03g), RIC-1589, struck AD 178, L AVREL COMM-ODVS AVG TR P III, laureate bust right, drapery on far shoulder / LIBERTAS AVG IMP II COS P P S-C, Libertas standing left, holding pileus & scepter, f-vf \$175



92513. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Crispina**, 178-183, AE sestertius (20.51g), RIC-669, S-6007, Cohen-27, wife of Commodus, struck 180-183 AD, CRISPINA AVGVSTA, draped bust right / LAETITIA S-C, Laetitia standing facing, head left, holding wreath in right hand & rudder set on globe in left hand, porous fields yet still attractive, f-vf \$150



82168. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Gordian III**, 238-244 AD, AE sestertius (18.96g), RIC-297a, Cohen-43, struck AD 240, 4th issue, IMP GORDIANVS PIVS FEL AVG, laureate, draped & cuirassed bust right / AETERNITATI AVG S-C, Sol standing front, head left, with raised hand & holding globe, vf \$115



81263. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Philip I**, 244-249 AD, AE sestertius (17.57g), RIC-148, Cohen-121, IMP M IVL PHILIPPVS AVG, laureate head right / P M TR P II COS P P S-C, Philip seated left on curule chair, f-vf \$150



79013. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Postumus**, 259-268 AD, AR antoninianus (3.91g), RIC-326, RSC-336, IMP C POSTVMVS P F AVG, radiate and draped bust right / SALVS AVG, Aesculapius standing facing, head left, leaning on serpent-entwined staff; globe at feet, struck in good silver for issue, nice portrait, choice ef \$100



79012. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Postumus**, 259-268 AD, AR antoninianus, RIC-83, RSC-331, IMP C POSTVMVS P F AVG, radiate and draped bust right / SAECVLI FELICTAS, Postumus standing right with spear & globe, struck in good silver for issue, nice portrait, choice ef \$100

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92512. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Maximianus**, 286-305 AD, AE follis (8.52g), Lugdunum, RIC-253, Cohen-199, struck 303-305 AD, IMP MAXIMIANVS AVG, cuirassed bust left / GENIO POPVLI ROMANI, Genius holding cornucopia and patera over altar, star in right field, PLG in exergue, lovely portrait, reverse double struck error, ef, R \$150



92426. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Constantine I**, 307-337 AD, AE follis, Heraclea, RIC-VII 16, struck 317 AD, IMP CONSTA-NTINVS AVG, laureate & draped bust left, holding mappa in right hand & globe with sceptre in left hand / PROVIDEN-TIA AVGG, campgate with three turrets, no door, six layers; MHTB in exergue, lustrous au-unc \$185



91149. **BYZANTINE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AR hexagram, S-798, Heraclius and son enthroned facing, each holding globus cruciger; small cross between / cross-potent on globe, three steps, f \$170



92572. **BYZANTINE: Constantine IV, Pogonatus**, 668-685, AE follis, Syracuse, S-1210, diademed, helmeted, and cuirassed bust facing, beardless, spear in right, shield on left ornamented with horseman / large M, monogram above, SCL in exergue, lovely portrait, vf-ef \$120



81693. **BYZANTINE: John I Tzimisces**, 969-976, AR miliaresion (2.33g), Constantinople, S-1792, cross crosslet on globe above two steps, bust of John in small medallion in center / legend in five lines, attractive vf, S \$225



82882. **BYZANTINE: Manuel II Palaeologus**, 1391-1423, AR 1/16 hyperpyron (0.42g), S-2553, facing bust of Christ / bust of Manuel facing, vf, very rare denomination, RR, ex. CNA auction VIII, lot 650 \$200



53849. **SOGDIANA: Turghar**, Ikhshid, 740-760, AE cash (2.57g), Smirnova-519 type II, Sogdian legend around central square hole / tamghas around central square hole, with crescent at reverse top, nice vf, RR, ex. William F. Spengler \$285

The region of Sogdiana is now the southern portion of Uzbekistan and most of Tajikistan.



75394. **SOGDIANA: Anonymous**, 7th C, AR drachm (2.72g), Chaghanian region, Rtveladze 45, Khusraw I type (no text, star & crescent right / star left, unidentified symbols left & right, with right symbol similar to BYSh for Bishapur mint name), c/s human head 3 times in obverse margin, c/s Kuzn-3 on reverse, chocie vf, R, ex. William F. Spengler \$385



75412. **SOGDIANA: Anonymous**, late 7th C, AR drachm (2.65g), Chaghanian region, Rtveladze 45, Khusraw I type, dot-in-crescent right of brow, no symbols on reverse, attendants hands together, wide fire altar, c/s human head 3 times in obverse margin, lovely vf, RR, ex. William F. Spengler \$350



87385. **SOGDIANA: Anonymous**, ca. 700-730, AR 'mug' drachm (3.18g), Bukharkhudat type crowned bust right, Sogdian legend before / attendants flanking fire altar, which is dominated by the head of Ahura Mazda, highly stylized, several small flan cracks, vf, S \$120



87401. **SOGDIANA: Anonymous**, ca. 700-730, AR 'mug' drachm (3.04g), Bukharkhudat type crowned bust right, Sogdian legend before / attendants flanking fire altar, which is dominated by the head of Ahura Mazda, highly stylized, with triskelion countermark, small flan crack, f, RR \$200



75304. **HEPHTHALITE: Mepame**, 5th century, AR drachm (3.78g), eastern region, G-74, tall bust right, tamgha #1 to right, name in Brahmi / remnants of Sasanian fire altar style, normal flames, broad flan, nice portrait, choice vf, **RR** \$425



91773. **HEPHTHALITE: Peroz-style**, early 6th century, AR drachm (3.92g), Mitch-1453/54, bust of Peroz with bull's head above, totally blundered mint & date, lovely ef, **R** \$175

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83314. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 653-670, AR drachm (3.71g), ShY, YE24, A-4, undetermined mint but likely in Eastern Fars or adjacent regions, ef \$250



89020. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd Allah b. 'Amir**, ca. 661-664, AR drachm (3.33g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH43, A-6, clipped to lower standard, vf, **R** \$160



92186. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan**, 665-673, AR drachm (3.89g), YZ (Yazd), AH53, A-8, lightly cleaned, ef, **S** \$150



92191. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.14g), DA (Darabjird), YE46 (approximately equal to AH57), A-12, bold ef \$110



61419. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.00g), KRMAN-NAR, AH60, A-12, mint tentatively identified as Narmashir in Kirman province, countermarked *lillāh* in ObQ3, choice vf-ef, **R** \$300



83318. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AR drachm (4.08g), DA+G (Jahrum), YE54, A-16, G of mint name to right of altar base, choice ef-au, **R** \$250



83317. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AR drachm (4.11g), DA+P (Fasa), YE56, A-16, P above DA in mint name on reverse, choice ef, **RR** \$225



89019. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Salm. b. Ziyad**, ca. 680-685, AR drachm (4.01g), MRW (Marw), AH64, A-18, triples of dots to the left & right of the lower obverse star & crescent, nice strike, nearly ef \$150

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91792. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khalid b. 'Abd Allah**, ca. 692-694, AR drachm (4.05g), BCRA (al-Basra), AH73, A-24, *muhammad rasul Allāh* in ObQ3, fourth circle around reverse margin, minor edge damage, vf, RR \$400



56153. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, fl. 700-703, AR drachm (4.02g), SK (Sijistan), AH81, A-38A, clearly engraved date, unusual tamga in ObQ1, ef, RRR \$550

Prior to the so-called Kirman hoard circa 2004, coins of 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad were extremely rare. I would estimate that the hoard contained approximated 100 drachms of 'Abd al-Rahman.



91844. **ARAB-BUKHARAN: Muhammad**, ca. 761-769+, AR drachm (3.12g), [Bukhara], ND, A-93, Sasanian bust / fire altar & attendants, good strike but with worn die for reverse, choice vf, RR \$145



91992. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.68g), Ifriqiya, AH114, A-137, vf \$175

Ifriqiya as the Arabic version of Africa. The mint of "Africa" was located near the modern city of Tunis.



92808. **UMAYYAD: lead fals** (1.24g), al-Bahrayn, ND (ca. AH120), A-R153, *la ilah i- / -lla Allāh* obverse, *bi'l-bahrayn thumma* reverse, stylistically identical to A-Q153 dated AH120, f-vf, RRR \$600

One of 9 specimens discovered of this type, of which only four were fine or better.



92285. **UMAYYAD: lead fals** (2.50g), NM, ND, A-P153var, legends as W-677, star above reverse, f, RRR \$150



92293. **UMAYYAD: lead fals** (1.14g), [al-Bahrayn], ND, A-Q153, *la ilah / illa Allāh* obverse, *sana 'ashrin wa mi'a* reverse, stylistically identical to A-R153 with the mint name al-Bahrayn, f, RRR \$300

One of 4 specimens discovered.

(All of the Umayyad lead fals listed here were reportedly acquired by an oil worker in al-Bahrayn in the 1950s or 1960s.)



83421. **UMAYYAD: AE fals** (2.77g), NM, ND, A-A161, W-606. SNAT-567-570, palm on obverse & reverse, struck in Palestine circa 730-750, vf, R \$225



824782. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.87g), Marw, AH110, A-137, Klat-600, some adhesion near edge, one small chip, ef, R \$150



91996. **ABBASID: al-Qahir**, 932-934, AR dirham (3.20g), al-Rafiqa, AH320, A-251.1, standard weakness, vf \$100



91793. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AR dirham (2.85g), Ardasher Khurra, AH145, A-213.1, vf, S \$175



821679. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AR dirham (2.91g), al-Basra, AH166, A-215.4, citing Musa (al-Hadi) as heir, letter *ra'* below reverse, for Ruh b. Hatim, governor 165-7, choice ef \$100



88874. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AR dirham (2.94g), Qasr al-Salam, AH168, A-215.1, choice vf, R \$225



77009. **ABBASID: Ruh**, ca. 780, AE fals (2.60g), Jabal al-Fidda ("silver mountain"), AH165, A-A326, nice f, **RR** \$150



88876. **ABBASID: al-Hadi**, 785-786, AR dirham (2.91g), al-Haruniya (in Armenia), AH170, A-217.4, citing Yusuf above and the word (bakh) below reverse field, vf, **RR** \$250



88206. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.64g), Madinat al-Salam, AH172, A-219.6a, letter 'ayn below reverse field, a rare date for this mint, vf, **RR** \$150



88255. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tazz**, 866-869, AR dirham (3.00g), Samarqand, AH253, A-236.1, some weakness in the margins only, ef \$100



92370. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.13g), Fars, AH273, A-240, vf \$170



91818. **ABBASID: al-Radi**, 934-940, AR dirham (5.39g), Wasit, AH325, A-255.1, broad flan, nearly double the weight of normal dirham, probably for presentation, good f, **R** \$125



92372. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (3.01g), al-Kufa, AH201, A-223.4, without any reference to the caliph or official, f, **RRR** \$325



74329. **KHARIJITE: Khalaf b. al-Muda'**, 791-792, AR dirham (2.65g), Tudgha, AH176, A-430, *nasr* upper left of obverse, no symbol in reverse margin, *sad* below S of *rasul* in reverse field, decent strike, ef, **RR** \$185



74340. **KHARIJITE: Khalaf b. al-Muda'**, 791-792, AR dirham (2.61g), Tudgha, AH176, A-430, *mr* upper left of obverse, no symbols on reverse, nice strike, ef-au, **RR** \$175



74358. **KHARIJITE: Khalaf b. al-Muda'**, 791-792, AR dirham (2.54g), Tudgha, AH176, A-430, *f* upper left of obverse, *b* at 9h in reverse margin, average strike, ef, **RR** \$135



89049. **IKSHIDID: Abu'l-Qasim**, 946-961, AR dirham (2.45g), Tabariya, AH353, A-677, some weakness but well above average quality, clear mint & date, ef, **RR** \$450



95125. **'UQAYLID: Mu'tamid al-Dawla & his brother Abu Fadl**, ca. 1016-1021, AR dirham (2.74g), Nasibin, AH408, A-759A, reasonably clear mint & date, minor weakness, ef, **RR** \$115

Coins of Abu Fadl Badran were unknown before a recent hoard of about 400 coins, including about 75 pieces on which the two brothers are named as joint rulers (dated 407-408 & 410-411) and perhaps 60 pieces were Abu Fadl is cited as vassal below his brother (dated 409).



95138. **'UQAYLID: Mu'tamid al-Dawla & Abu Fadl**, ca. 1016-1021, AR dirham (4.34g), Nasibin, AH411, A-759A, full mint & date, nice strike, vf, **R** \$120

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95127. **'UQAYLID: Mu'tamid al-Dawla & Abu Fadl**, ca. 1016-1021, AR dirham (1.96g), Nasibin, AH410, A-759A, clear mint & date, minor weakness in center, choice vf, **RR** \$125



95143. **'UQAYLID: Abu Fadl Badran**, fl. 1018-1019, AR dirham (4.39g), Nasibin, AH409, A-759B, very clear mint & date, minimal weakness, vf-ef, **RRR** \$275

Because much broader dies used for this type, clear mint & date are almost unknown. This is one of very few specimens with clear mint & date.



95120. **MARWANID: Mumahhid al-Dawla Sa'id**, 997-1011, AR dirham (1.75g), Nasibin, AH(3)97, A-764, bold mint & date, small flan, ef, **R** \$120



95151. **MARWANID: Nasr al-Dawla Abu Nasr**, 1011-1061, AR dirham (3.63g), Mayyafariqin, AH407, A-765, very clear mint & date, citing the Buwayhid overlord Sultan al-Dawla as *Shahahshah Abu Shuja'*, some weakness in centers, ef, **R** \$150



95153. **MARWANID: Nasr al-Dawla Abu Nasr**, 1011-1061, AR dirham (3.50g), Mayyafariqin, AH408, A-765, very clear mint & date, citing the Buwayhid overlord Sultan al-Dawla as *al-Malik Shahahshah Abu Shuja'*, some weakness, vf-ef, **R** \$140



95156. **MARWANID: Nasr al-Dawla Abu Nasr**, 1011-1061, AR dirham (4.34g), Mayyafariqin, AH410, A-765, clear mint & date, citing the Buwayhid overlord Sultan al-Dawla as *al-Malik Shahahshah Abu Shuja'*, some light porosity, vf-ef, **S** \$110



88170. **AYYUBID: al-Nasir Yusuf I (Saladin)**, 1169-1193, AR dirham (2.98g), Halab, AH579, A-788, B-127, Saladin acquired Halab from the Zangids in this year, nice even strike, very slightly bent, lovely vf, **RR** \$125



823682. **BAHRI MAMLUK: Qala'un**, 1279-1290, AR dirham (3.48g), al-Iskandariya, DM, A-894, B-128, very rare mint for silver coins, f, **RR** \$150



51760. **ABBASID OF YEMEN: al-Muti'**, 946-974, AR sudaysi (0.36g), Zabid, ND, A-B1064, nice strike, vf-ef, **RRR** \$650



79804. **AYYUBIDS OF YEMEN: al-Nasir Ayyub**, 1202-1214, AR dirham (2.18g), al-Dumluwa, AH600, A-1094.2, B-963, very rare Ayyubid mint in the Yemen, nice strike, choice ef, **RR** \$275



810689. **RASULID: al-Mansur 'Umar I**, 1229-1249, AR dirham (1.72g), Zabid, AH646, A-1100.4, ef \$140



83327. **RASULID: al-Ashraf Isma'il I**, 1376-1400, AR drachm (1.83g), al-Mahjam, AH"796", A-1110, error date for AH792, four lions running left around obverse margin, type F3, ef \$150



88061. **RASULID: al-Ashraf Isma'il I**, 1376-1400, AR dirham (1.68g), al-Mahjam, AH792, A-1110.6, 4 hares in obverse margin, along with date in numerals, excellent strike for type, choice ef \$100



93624. **OTTOMANS IN YEMEN: Süleyman I**, 1520-1566, AR 'uthmani (0.53g), San'a, AH926, A-1118, lovely well centered strike, crude vf \$150



89094. **QASIMID: al-Mutawakkil Isma'il**, 1644-1676, AR buqsha (0.37g), Dhamar, AH(10)66, A-1130, clear date, unusual type without 'izza nasruhu above reverse field, crude vf, RR \$100



89060. **QASIMID: al-Mutawakkil Isma'il**, 1644-1676, AR khums kabir (1.00g), Rada', AH107x, A-1131, full mint name, rare mint, usual weakness, ef-au, R \$125

Isma'il issues the buqsha until at least AH1066, the larger khums kabir from about 1070 until the end of his reign.



89054. **QASIMID: al-Mutawakkil Isma'il**, 1644-1676, AR khums kabir (1.06g), San'a, AH[10]74, A-1131, clear mint & date, crude vf-ef, R \$100



88926. **QASIMID: al-Mansur al-Husayn**, 1727-1748, AR khums (0.76g), San'a, AH[11]47, A-1144, excellent strike, date written vertically to right of mint name, very rare with both date & mint, ef, RR \$150



92164. **SELJUQ OF RUM: Kayka'us I**, 1210-1219, AR dirham (2.50g), Sivas, AH616, A-1208, nicely centered strike with fully legible mint & date, vf, S \$135



89691. **SELJUQ OF RUM: Kaykhusraw III**, 1265-1283, AR dirham (2.82g), Kastamonu, AH665, A-1232, reverse invocation *al-mulku lillah* in hexafoil within hexagon, very rare mint for Kaykhusraw III, lovely strike, ef, RR \$300



89742. **SELJUQ OF RUM: Kaykhusraw III**, 1265-1283, AR dirham (2.86g), Sarus, AH671, A-1232, without *sana* between *fi* and the date in words, some central weakness, f, RR \$125



89745. **SELJUQ OF RUM: Kaykhusraw III**, 1265-1283, AR dirham (2.85g), Sinop, AH672, A-1232, some central weakness, full clear margins, ef, R \$175



89549. **SELJUQ OF RUM: Kaykhusraw III**, 1265-1283, AR dirham (3.03g), Antalya, AH676, A-1232, double-struck, vf-ef, R \$120



89748. **SELJUQ OF RUM: Kaykhusraw III**, 1265-1283, AR dirham (2.78g), Sinop, AH676, A-1232, nice clear strike, vf, R \$165



89582. **SELJUQ OF RUM: Kaykhusraw III**, 1265-1283, AR dirham (3.01g), Erzurum, AH680, A-1232, mint written *arzan al-rum*, bold strike with some minor double-striking, choice ef, R \$175

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826106. **OTTOMAN: Ibrahim**, 1640-1648, AR beshlik (1.47g), Kostantiniye, AH1049, A-1379, vf \$100



821119. **OTTOMAN: Musa Celebi**, 1410-1413, AR akçe (1.29g), Edirne (AH813), A-1298, struck on rectangular planchet, vf \$125

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89625. **OTTOMAN:** Musa Celebi, 1410-1413, AR akçe (1.17g), Edirne, AH813, A-1298, vf \$110



87828. **EGYPT:** AR 2 qirsh, Misr (Cairo), AH1327 year 2, KM-307, choice unc \$100



89785. **EGYPT:** AE 20 centimes, 1865, KM-Tn5, Gadoury-6, Borel Lavalley et Cie., Suez Canal token, ef \$275

Due to a shortage of small change, the French received permission to strike tokens, from 20 centimes to 5 francs, for their employees at the construction site.



89786. **EGYPT:** AE 50 centimes, 1865, KM-Tn6, Gadoury-7, Borel Lavalley & Co., Suez Canal token, vf \$300



91156. **EGYPT:** AR medal (46.98g), 1869, Divo-606, Gadoury-1, The Opening of the Suez Canal, Silver Medal, 1869, by O Roty, seated female figures holds aloft the light of Progress to the standing figure of Industry, reverse inscriptions, 42mm, thicker and heavier than usual, couple scratches on both sides, vf \$150



827039. **TUNIS:** BI piastre (15.10g), AH1211, KM-72.2, decent strike with relatively little weakness, ef \$110



827042. **TUNIS:** AR 5 piastres (15.56g), AH1267, KM-108, two small die-breaks on reverse, choice vf \$180



827044. **TUNIS:** AR 2 piastres (5.89g), ND (AH1295), KM-165, with star countermark, choice vf \$115



827045. **TUNIS:** AR 4 piastres (12.04g), ND (AH1295), KM-168, with star countermark, vf \$140



825849. **TUNIS:** AR 4 piastres (11.81g), AH1290, KM-167, without countermark, vf-ef \$115



87837. **TURKEY:** AR akçe, Kostantiniye, AH1115, KM-136, without symbol, bold strike, choice ef \$115



89541. **TURKEY:** AR 20 kurush, Kostantiniye, 1327 year 10, KM-780, unc \$140



87862. **TURKEY:** AR medal, AH1272, Defense of Kars 1855 (against the Russians), holed as made (for use as an award medal), toughra of Abdulmecid / view of the city of Kars, some discoloration, f-vf

\$900

The lengthy siege took place during the Crimean War. Devastated by cholera & starvation, the Ottomans surrendered to the Russian General Mouravieff in November 1855, but recovered the town shortly thereafter.

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81061. **TAHIRID:** Tahir I, 821-822, AR dirham (2.68g), Herat, AH206, A-1391A, citing al-Shukr b. Ibrahim, crude ef, R

\$140



819684. **TAHIRID:** Talha, 822-828, AR dirham, Samarqand, AH208, A-1393, mintname weak, ef

\$100



819694. **KHUIJISTANID:** Ahmad b. 'Abd Allah, 874-881, AR dirham (8.50g), Nishapur, AH268, A-1396, slightly scruffy, vf-ef

\$120



81066. **DULAFID:** Ahmad b. 'Abd al-'Aziz, 879-893, AR dirham (3.09g), Shiraz, AH270, A-1398, citing the Abbasid heir apparent al-Muwaffaq and the vizier Dhu'l-Wizaratayn, usual weakness, nice vf, R

\$200



819709. **BANI JURID:** Ahmad b. Muhammad b. Yahya, 909-910, AR dirham, Andaraba, AH297, A-1436, citing the Samanid Isma'il b. Ahmad as overlord, crude vf-ef

\$100



81021. **SAMANID:** Ahmad b. Asad, 819-864, AE fals (1.98g), Samarqand, AH244, A-1440, nice strike, fully legible legends, including mint & date, vf, RR

\$135



81033. **SAMANID:** Nasr I, 864-892, AE fals (2.88g), Samarqand, AH271, A-1441, decent strike, vf, RR

\$110



87113. **SAMANID:** Ya'qub b. Ahmad, 878-879, AE fals (2.92g), al-Shash, AH265, A-A1442, mint name weak, but al-Shash 265 is only known coin of this ruler, f, RR

\$135



819717. **SAMANID:** Isma'il I, 892-907, AR dirham, Andaraba, AH290, A-1443, lightly stained, vf-ef, R

\$100



81159. **SAMANID:** 'Abd al-Malik I, 954-961, AE fals (3.39g), Bukhara, AH348, A-1463, citing Qattakin, typical adjustment marks, choice vf, R

\$100

Copper planchets were adjusted either to fix the weight or to even out the thickness, normally the latter reason. This process was used in production of many Samanid fulus and nearly all Qarakhanid fulus.

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86321. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR multiple dirham, Walwaliz, AH370, A-1469W, SNAT-1251/53, 7.32g, citing Fa'iq, excellent strike, ef-au, R \$200



84956. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR multiple dirham, [Ma'dan], ND, A-1469.2, SNAT—, 8.45g, annulet surrounded by about 8 pellets atop obverse margin, seems unpublished, lustrous au \$100



84964. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR multiple dirham, NM, AH363, A-1469.2, SNAT-375var, 9.65g, clear inscription ...*hadha al-dirham sana thalath wa sittin wa thalathmi'a* in inner obverse marginal legend, but very important for dating of system, as this cites Nuh III in reverse as usual and Nuh II below obverse field, lustrous ef, RRR \$350

This is an extremely important coin, because of its clear date, the earliest known date for any multiple dirham, except for a few extremely rare issues struck with dirham obverse dies imported of stolen from the mints of Bukhara and Samarqand. In my opinion, AH363 is probably the year when the multiple dirhams were first struck.



87961. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR dirham (3.78g), Samarqand, AH367, A-1470, SNAT-865, citing Makki below obverse, allegedly referring to a governor from Makka in Arabia, bold mint & date, choice vf, R \$150



86984. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR dirham (3.85g), Balkh, AH374, A-1470, SNAT—, with title *al-malik al-mansur* on obverse, *muhammad* on reverse, traces of original lustre, choice ef \$100
Muhammad on reverse is reported only for AH375 in SNAT.



87014. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR dirham (2.39g), Bukhara, AH374, A-1470, SNAT-195, citing *sa'id* below obverse, choice ef \$100



87976. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR dirham (3.17g), al-Shash, AH375, A-1470, SNAT—, citing *husâm al-dawla* below obverse, words *yathiqu billâh* below reverse, bold strike, possibly unpublished, ef, R \$125



76479. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR dirham (3.25g), Balkh, AH385, A-1470, SNAT-659/660, ef-au \$110



86347. **AMIR OF WARWARLIZ: al-Nasir li-din Allâh 'Ali**, 985, AR multiple dirham, Walwaliz (sic), AH374, A-1476S, SNAT-1251/53, 9.27g, citing *Hubb bin Muhammad* on obverse, Qur'an 6:160 in reverse margin, bold strike, choice ef \$300



84931. **SAMANID: Anonymous**, ca. 990s, AR multiple dirham, NM, ND, A-1476L, Shi'ite inscription 'ali wali Allāh below and *tawakkal yakfi* above obverse field, name resembling 'Ubayd in reverse field, 5.81g, nice vf, **RRR** \$450

This is the first Shi'ite multiple dirham of the Samanid/Ghaznavid series that I have encountered, possibly unique.



87118. **QARAKHANID: Yusuf b. 'Abd Allah**, 1004-1006 & 1012-1014, AE fals (1.34g), al-Shash, AH395, A-3306A, lovely design, with *yusuf* in obverse center, nice strike, vf, **RRR** \$140



87121. **QARAKHANID: Nizam al-Dawla Tungha-tegin**, 1009-1014, AE fals (2.96g), Samarqand, AH403, A-3334, ruler cited as Tungha-tegin, some porosity, otherwise excellent preservation, vf, **RR** \$150



87123. **QARAKHANID: al-Husayn b. Mansur**, 1015-1016, AE fals (2.59g), Bukhara, DM, A-3317E, Kochnev-417, with his title Chaghri-tegin, nice strike, but somewhat off-center, whence the date is off flan, vf-ef, **RRR** \$200



90570. **ZIYARID: Bisutun**, 967-978, AR dirham (3.96g), Amul, AH364, A-1533, in his father's name, decent strike, vf \$100



818256. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 999-1030, AR bilingual dirham, Mahmudpur, AH419, A-1610, text in Arabic & Sanskrit, choice vf \$150



88615. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 999-1030, AR broad dirham (3.92g), Sijistan, AH396, A-1611.1, date sufficiently clear, vf, **RR** \$100



88612. **GHAZNAVID: Ibrahim b. 'Abd al-Ghaffar**, 949-956, AE fals (2.74g), Ghazna, AH(3)43, A-1594, clear mint & date, pleasing f, **RR** \$200



86345. **GHAZNAVID: Sebuktekin**, 977-997, AR multiple dirham, AH384, A-1597, SNAT-206, 7.97g, citing the Samanid Nuh III as his suzerain, date heavily abbreviated, very clear on this example, ef, **RR** \$185



83260. **GHAZNAVID: Tughril**, 1053, AR dirham (3.36g) (Ghazna), DM, A-1632, 'adl above obverse, nice vf-ef, **R** \$150



825320. **GHORID: Mu'izz al-Din Muhammad**, 1171-1206, AR dirham (4.83g) (Ghazna), AH5(9)x, A-1771, choice vf \$125

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820344. **QARLUQID: al-Hasan Qarlugh**, 1224-1249, AR tanka (11.11g), NM, AH636, A-1813.2, with name *al-hasan*, ef, ex. *William F. Spengler* \$185

Spengler planned to complete a thorough investigation of the silver coinage of al-Hasan Qarlugh. Sadly, he was unable to complete this study before his death.



820341. **QARLUQID: al-Hasan Qarlugh**, 1224-1249, AR tanka (10.94g), NM, AH(6)34, A-1813.2, with name *al-hasan*, vf-ef, ex. *William F. Spengler* \$140



820348. **QARLUQID: al-Hasan Qarlugh**, 1224-1249, AR tanka (10.89g), NM, DM, A-1813.2, with name *al-hasan*, vf, ex. *William F. Spengler* \$145



820336. **QARLUQID: al-Hasan Qarlugh**, 1224-1249, AR tanka (10.95g), NM, AH(63)3, A-1813.2, with name *al-hasan*, vf, ex. *William F. Spengler* \$135



91954. **ARTUQIDS OF MARDIN: Yuluq Arslan**, 1184-1201, AE dirham (12.73g), [Mardin], AH590, A-1829.3, SS-35.3, "lamentation" scene, nice unusually well-centered strike with no weakness, vf \$130

Spengler & Sayles concluded that the design is indeed a scene of lamentation, following the death of the Ayyubid founder, al-Nasir Yusuf I, known to all as Saladin, in the year 589.

The year 590 is much rarer than 589.



89222. **ARTUQIDS OF MARDIN: Alpi**, 1152-1176, AE dirham (14.35g), NM, ND, A-1827.3, SS-28, diademed male busts facing / virgin right, Byzantine emperor on left, attractive f \$100



91822. **ARTUQIDS OF MARDIN: Alpi**, 1152-1176, AE dirham (10.61g), NM, ND, A-1827.5, SS-30, two facing male busts obverse, facing curly-haired female bust reverse, lovely brown patina, strong vf \$160



89221. **ARTUQIDS OF MARDIN: Alpi**, 1152-1176, AE dirham (12.37g), NM, ND, A-1827.5, SS-30.1, facing male heads (Gemini) / facing female head (Virgo), in name of al-Mustanjid on right side of obverse, vf \$110



821953. **ARTUQIDS OF MARDIN: Alpi**, 1152-1176, AE dirham (11.73g), NM, ND (AH560-6), A-1827.5, SS-30.1, two facing male heads / facing female head, in name of al-Mustanjid, vf \$100



821954. **ARTUQIDS OF MARDIN: II-Ghazi II**, 1176-1184, AE dirham (16.21g), NM, AH580, A-1828.2, SS-32.4, large & small draped busts facing, rare date, f-vf \$100



825333. **ARTUQIDS OF MARDIN: Artuq Arslan**, 1201-1239, AE dirham (6.11g), NM, AH626, A-1830.3, SS-45, leopard rider to left, vf \$125



91783. **ILDEGIZID VASSAL: "Badkin" b. Muhammad**, unknown, AE fals (9.04g), NM, ND, A-1905, citing the Ildegizid Abu Bakr as overlord, without any corrosion or adhesion, crudely struck as always, nice f, R \$100



92181. **SALGHURID: Abu Bakr**, 1231-1260, lead fals (13.37g), [al-Bahrayn], ND, A-C1928, Salghurid tamgha / *atabeg abu bakr*, nice example with ruler's name quite clear., f, RRR \$400

Found only on the island of al-bahrayn. See Nicholas Lowick, "Trade patterns on the persian gulf in the light of recent coin evidence", Near Eastern Numismatics, Beirut 1974. This is slightly heavier than all of the specimens published by Lowick.



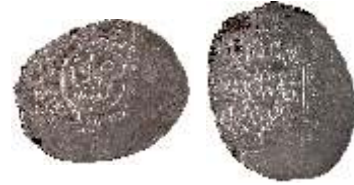
825374. **CHAGHATAYID KHANS: Kibak Khan**, 1318-1326, AR 1/6 dinar (1.38g), Bukhara, AH725, A-1989, crude ef \$100



81007. **GIRAY KHANS: Shahin Giray**, 1777-1783, AE kymis (58.05g), Baghcha Saray, AH1191 year 5, A-2118, KM-36, nice strike on prepared cast planchet, bold vf, R \$685



91535. **ILKHAN: Baydu**, 1295, AR dirham (2.50g), Tabriz, AR(69)4, A-2165, minor weakness for type (fully struck examples are unknown), ef, R \$100



84498. **SARBADAR: 'Ali Mu'ayyad**, 1362-1384, AR 4 dirhams (2.77g), Bistam, ND, A-2342.2, about 40% flat strike, few spots of adhesion, crude vf, RRR \$100



826304. **TAGHAYTIMURID: Pir Muhammad b. Luqman**, 1405-1407, AR tanka (5.69g), Astarabad, AH8(08), A-2348, 25% flat, crude vf, RR \$125



88624. **MEHRABANID: Yamin al-Din Mahmud**, 1350-1352, AE jital (3.28g), Nimruz, ND, A-C2358, lovely strike, choice vf, RR \$100



825479. **TIMURID: Timur**, 1370-1405, AR tanka (7.04g), NM, ND, A-2374, crude vf-ef \$100

This type is believed to have been struck at Herat.



825524. **TIMURID: Khalil Sultan**, 1405-1409, AR 1/4 tanka (1.58g), Samarqand, ND, A-2392, vf \$100



825535. **TIMURID: Iskandar**, 1410-1415, AR tanka (5.56g), NM, ND, A-2399, c/m on type 2400.2 of Shahrugh, f-vf \$100



88960. **TIMURID: Zahir al-Din Babur**, 1497-1498/1st reign, AR tanka (4.52g), NM, ND, A-2463, countermarked on Shaybanid type #2978.1, rare pre-reform type, mint & date off flan, f-vf, RRR \$350

Islamic Dynasties (continued)



88959. **TIMURID: Zahir al-Din Babur**, 1497-1498/1st reign, AR tanka (5.13g), NM, ND, A-2463, countermarked on Shaybanid type #2978.2 (mint & date off flan), f, R \$100



87129. **TIMURID: Muhammad Humayun**, 1530-1556, AR shahrukhi, Qandahar, ND, A-B2464, ef \$150
Three additional specimens available, same grade & price.



825542. **HOTAKI: Mahmud Shah**, 1722-1724, AR rupi (11.40g), Qandahar, undated, A-2714, KM-323, f-vf \$100
Mahmud Shah achieved effective control of Qandahar several years before AH1135/1722 AD. This type is occasionally dated 1135, but it is not known whether the undated examples were produced before or after 1135.



825551. **HOTAKI: Mahmud Shah**, 1722-1726, AR abbasi (4.62g), Isfahan, AH1135, A-2716, KM-322, type A, vf-ef \$100



825557. **HOTAKI: Ashraf**, 1724-1729, AR abbasi (4.32g), Qazwin, AH1139, A-2720, KM-338.2, traces of mounting, very slightly crimped, vf \$100



811986. **AFSHARID: Nadir Shah**, 1735-1747, AR abbasi, Isfahan, AH1148//1149, A-2749, KM-369.2, some staining on obverse (can be easily removed), bold ef \$110



94400. **QAJAR: Agha Muhammad Khan**, 1779-1797, AR riyal (12.54g), Khuy, AH1208, A-2839, KM-623.2, nice vf \$200



88976. **QAJAR: Nasir al-Din Shah**, 1848-1896, AR ½ qiran, Tehran, AH1271, A-2935, portrait obverse, unusually fine strike with hand-engraved reeded edge, probably struck for presentation purposes, ef, R \$125



91503. **QAJAR: Nasir al-Din Shah**, 1848-1896, AR qiran (4.91g), Tehran, AH1295, A-2938S, KM-845.2, choice vf, S \$100



822694. **DURRANI: Ahmad Shah**, 1747-1772, AR rupee (11.26g), Attock, AH1179 year (1)9, A-3092, KM-233, choice ef, ex. William F. Spengler collection \$100



822711. **DURRANI: Ahmad Shah**, 1747-1772, AR rupee (11.14g), Derajat, AH1183 year 23, A-3092, KM-348.1, choice vf-ef, ex. William F. Spengler collection \$100



85464. **DURRANI: Ahmad Shah**, 1747-1772, AR rupee (11.20g), Dera, year 7, A-3092, KM-313, "7" recut over uncertain number, perhaps "5", vf, RR \$125



824389. **DURRANI: Taimur Shah**, 1757-1772, AR rupee (11.46g), Multan, AH1174 year 3, A-3097, KM-652.2, ef, ex. William F. Spengler collection \$100



824449. **DURRANI: Ata Muhammad Bamizai Khan**, 1808-1813, AR rupee (11.04g), Khitta Kashmir, AH1223 year one, A-3126, KM-603, vf, ex. *William F. Spengler* \$100

Ata Muhammad was not of the Durrani dynasty, but took control of Kashmir for several years, AH1223-1228, in rebellion against the Durrani Shah Shuja' al-Mulk. He is never mentioned on his coins, struck in the name of Shah Nur al-Din, patron "saint" of Kashmir.



824460. **DURRANI: Ayyub Shah**, 1817-1829, AR rupee (10.86g), Kashmir, AH1234 year 2, A-3135, KM-614, Kashmir was lost to the Sikhs later in this year, AH1234 (1819), vf-ef, R, ex. *William F. Spengler* \$140



823319. **BARAKZAI: Sher 'Ali**, 1863-1879, AR qiran (4.97g), Herat, AH1280, A-3167A, KM-410.1, KM plate coin, f-vf, ex. *William F. Spengler* \$100

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81683. **ANNAM: Thieu Tri**, 1841-1847, AR tien, KM-A264, *Thieu Tri* in Chinese characters / ornate oriental fan, NGC graded MS62 \$950
Rare in such high quality.



62591. **ANNAM: Tu Duc**, 1848-1883, AR 2 tien (7.42g), KM-423, lovely example, superb lustrous ef-au \$525



69003. **ARGENTINA: AE 2 centavos**, 1878, KM-E2, pattern ESSAI, lovely red lustrous unc, RR \$425



82904. **ARMENIA: Levon I**, 1198-1219, AR tram, king seated / two lions back to back, Ner-286v, lovely ef \$150



82907. **ARMENIA: Levon I**, 1198-1219, AR tram (2.90g), king seated / two lions back to back, Ner-286v, lightly toned ef \$110



92659. **AUSTRALIA: AE penny**, Melbourne, ND (c. 1860), KM-TN197.1, George Petty, Smithfield Co., lovely chocolate brown luster, NGC graded AU58 BN (=brown) \$700



825609. **AUSTRIAN STATES: Salzburg: Franz Anton von Harrach**, 1709-1727, AR 4 kreuzer (2.51g), 1719, KM-315, choice ef \$115



82937. **Brabant: Philippe le Beau**, 1482-1506, AR double patard (2.76g), Antwerp, 1499, G&H 111-1, Levinson II-146a, crowned coat of arms of Austria-Burgundy, all within polylobe of six arcs / triple-stranded cross fleurée, f-vf \$150



826921. **BELGIUM: Liège: Maximilian Heinrich of Bavaria**, 1650-1688, AR patagon (27.66g), 1674, KM-80, f-vf \$325

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812194. **BHATGAON:** AR mohar, NS842, KM-108, vf-ef \$115



84619. **BOLIVIA:** AR 2 reales, Potosi, ND, KM-8, Phillip III, undated, vf \$110



826790. **BOLIVIA:** AR 8 reales (26.71g), Potosi, 1689, KM-26, lovely strike, with 2½ dates visible, vf-ef \$425



89531. **BOLIVIA:** AR 4 soles (13.42g), Potosi, 1829 JM, KM-96, inscribed AYACUCHO * SUCRE * 1824 incuse on edge, lovely ef, R \$200



94546. **BOLIVIA:** AR boliviano, Potosi, 1869, KM-152.2, assayer FE, lustrous au-unc \$115



82936. **BOSNIA:** Stefan Thomas, 1443-1461, AR grossus (1.44g), Ljubic-XVII/9, crowned helmet left flanked by stars, shield below / St. Gregor standing, facing, f, S, ex. Gerhard Hirsch Nachfolger auction 170, lot 2638 \$150



92661. **BRITISH NORTH BORNEO:** AE 1/2 cent, 1886-H, KM-1, Heaton mint specimen strike, lovely blue iridescent toning, graded by NGC SP-63 BN, NGC graded Proof \$200



826793. **BRITISH NORTH BORNEO:** AE ½ cent, 1891 H, KM-1, bu \$200



826795. **BRITISH NORTH BORNEO:** AE cent, 1890 H, KM-2, prooflike au \$140



90179. **BRITISH NORTH BORNEO:** AE cent, 1891-H, KM-2, Heaton mint specimen strike, prooflike fields, pf \$175

Four rare Cambodian coins from the Silvestre Collection



85390. **CAMBODIA:** AR 2 pe (1.54g), ND (1650-1850), KM—, large rooster right, not at all similar to other rooster types, choice ef, RRR, ex. J. Silvestre Collection \$550



85376. **CAMBODIA:** AR pe (0.39g), ND (1650-1850), KM-3.2, lotus seed, counterclockwise, vf-ef, RR, ex. J. Silvestre Collection \$175



85374. **CAMBODIA:** AR pe (0.19g), ND (1650-1850), KM-5, crab, vf-ef, RR, ex. J. Silvestre Collection \$225



85381. **CAMBODIA:** AR 2 pe (1.45g), ND (1650-1850), KM-21, hippogriff right, pierced, vf-ef, RR, ex. J. Silvestre Collection \$185



93661. **CANADA:** AE 1/2 penny token, 1815, LC-54D2, seated Britannia left / facing American eagle, NGC graded MS61 \$275



825617. **CANADA:** AR 5 cents (1.16g), 1907, KM-13, bu \$150



86286. **CEYLON: Chandagonga**, 1196-1197, AE kahavanu (4.17g), Mitch—, Abeywardene, p.22, choice vf-ef, **RR**, ex William F. Spengler \$125
One of the very rare rulers of a very common series.



90183. **COLOMBIA:** AR peso, Medellin, 1869, KM-154.2, some minor rim bumps, scarce mint & type, f-vf \$200



90184. **COLOMBIA:** AR peso, Bogota, 1871, KM-154.1, some minor rim bumps, scarce type, vf-ef \$280



826834. **DJIBOUTI:** AL 5 centimes (0.90g), 1921, KM-Tn5, choice au-unc, R \$300



54483. **EGYPT:** 2 milliem (1924-H/AH1342), KM-332, specimen uniface obverse trail strike from the archives of the King's Norton mint, PCGS graded SP-63, pf \$185



54484. **EGYPT:** 2 milliem, 1924-H/AH1342, KM-332, specimen uniface reverse trail strike from the archives of the King's Norton mint, PCGS graded SP-64, pf \$195



89282. **EGYPT:** AR 10 qirsh, 1923-H/AH1342, KM-337, unc \$135



88992. **EGYPT:** AR 20 piastres, 1937/AH1356, KM-368, bust of King Farouk, choice unc \$275



82868. **ENGLAND: Charles I**, 1625-1649, AR halfcrown, Tower mint, ND, S-2717, N-2209, king on horse left / Shield of arms, mintmark above, centered on irregular flan, f \$185



93563. **ERITREA:** AR tallero, 1918-R, KM-5, one year type, ef-au \$425

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89654. **FRANCE: Brittany: John V**, 1399-1442, AR blanc aux neuf mouchetures (2.52g), Dinan, Rob-6125, 9 emine tails / cross, vf, R \$175



89659. **Normandy: Richard I**, 943-996, AR denier (0.99g), Rouen, Rob-4802var, D-16, LeG-192, cross with single pellets between arms / temple, but with large X instead of columns, choice ef, R, ex Fécamp hoard \$275



89652. **FRANCE: Louis XI**, 1461-1483, AR blanc à la couronne (2.73g), Lyon, Rob-3014, trefoil mintmark, vf \$100



93944. **FRANCE: Charles, the Bald**, 840-877, AR denier (1.60g), MEC-860; MG-895; Prou-411, Karolus monogram / cross within circle, attractive f \$350



89162. **FRENCH INDOCHINA: AR piastre**, 1895-A, KM-5, fine hairlines, choice ef \$150



89200. **FRENCH INDOCHINA: AR tael**, ND (1943), KM-A3, Kann-939, Burmese and Chinese legend "Genuine silver one tael" / stag head in linear circle, f \$200



826856. **FRENCH INDOCHINA: AL 5 centimes** (0.70g), 1946, KM-PE6, Essai of KM-30.1, bu, R \$130



826859. **GEORGIA: AE bisti** (16.17g), text in the Georgian language, 1808, KM-72, f-vf \$260



826858. **GEORGIA: AE 2 puli** (7.25g), text in the Georgian language, 1810, KM-71, f \$250

German States



93663. **Baden: AR 2½ kreuzer**, 1768-W, KM-121, bold strike, bright luster, NGC graded MS63 \$200



92381. **Braunschweig-Wolfenbüttel: AR 24 mariengroschen**, 1691, KM-586, Dav-337, horse galloping left, vf \$150



76060. **Corvey: Dietrich IV, von Beringhausen**, 1585-1616, AR 1/24 thaler (groschen), 1614, KM-12, issue of the Benedictine Abbey, in the name of Matthias, Holy Roman Emperor, ef \$150



93662. **East Prussia:** AR 3 groschen, 1783-A, KM-21, good strike, NGC graded lustrous MS64 \$150



73690. **Frankfurt am Main:** AR 2 albus (2.06g), 1693, KM-153, nice strike, ef \$115



71510. **Hameln:** AR groschen (1.18g), 1615, KM-10, reichsapfel / city arms, in the name of Matthias, lovely strike, ef, R \$170



90188. **Hannover:** AR 16 gute groschen, 1820, KM-122, George IV of Great Britain, unc \$190



76054. **Hesse-Cassel:** Ludwig II, 1413-1458, AR kronichergroschen (3.12g), Saurma-2232, lion on shield / lion within four crowns, slightly crude ef \$225



76055. **Hesse-Cassel:** Ludwig II, 1413-1458, AR kronichergroschen (2.14g), Saurma-2232, lion on shield / lion within four crowns, crude vf \$185



88383. **Hohenlohe-Waldenburg-Schillingsfürst:** AR kreuzer, 1768 SNR, KM-45, NGC graded lustrous MS62 \$125



88381. **Isny:** AR batzen (3.24g), [15]27, Sch-1383, civic issue, spread eagle above sparkling 6-point star, au \$135



89544. **Lübeck: Anonymous,** before 1379, AR witten (1.31g), ND, Saur-3483, cross / Imperial eagle, full bold strike, ef \$100



826866. **Mainz (Archbishopric): Anselm Franz von Ingelheim,** 1679-1695, AR 12 kreuzer (4.63g), Aschaffenburg, 1694 CB, KM-208, vf-ef \$100



82991. **Öttingen: Wolfgang I & Joachim,** 1477-1520, AR batzen, Löffelholz-54, two coats of arms / St. Sebastian the martyr impaled with five arrows, crude ef \$130



78555. **Pfalz-Neuberg: Otto Heinrich & Philipp,** 1508-1548, AR batzen (3.80g), 1515, Saurma-1111, rampant lion / dual arms, vf-ef, S \$200



70264. **Quedlinberg: Dorothea Sophia,** 1618-1645, AR 1/24 thaler (2.16g), 1622 HL, KM-18, abbess is from Sachsen-Altenburg, vf, R \$140

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826872. **Saxon-Albertine: Christian II**, 1586-1591, AR taler (28.91g), Dresden, 1591 HB, KM-MB251, Dav-9806, vf \$325



821990. **Saxony: Heinrich der Löwe**, 1142-1195, AR bracteate (0.49g), Lüneburg, ND, Kestner Museum 361, lion walking left, bold strike, ef \$220



88329. **Schwarzenberg: BI kreuzer** (0.76g), 1765 SNR, KM-60, NACH DEM CONVENT. FUS., struck at Nürnberg (marked by N in SNR below reverse), au, R \$150



82997. **Teutonic Order: Martin Truchseß**, von Wetzhausen, 1477-1489, AR schilling, Saruma-5033; Neumann-29a, arms of the Grand Master / arms of the Order, with old museum writing on reverse, vf \$100



826875. **Wiedenbrück: AE 3 pfennig** (3.04g), 1678, KM-26, f \$125



823354. **GERMANY: AR mark** (5.53g), 1873 D, KM-7, choice au \$125



823368. **GERMANY: AR mark** (5.54g), 1882 H, KM-7, choice vf-ef, R \$200
"H" is the mint of Darmstadt, active 1872-1882.



823382. **GERMANY: AR mark** (5.53g), 1901 F, KM-14, choice unc \$200



823387. **GERMANY: AR 50 pfennig** (2.76g), 1898 A, KM-15, choice ef \$350

Normal issues of 50 pfennig were struck 1875-1878, the last year very rare, followed by a limited edition 1896-1903, all very rare. Normal production of this denomination resumed in 1905, as 1/2 mark rather than 50 pfennig.



823422. **GERMANY: AL-BZ 50 rentenpfennig** (5.00g), 1923 A, KM-34, choice bu \$100



94612. **GREAT BRITAIN: AR shilling token**, 1811, Bristol silver shilling token, Obverse: A circular view of the castle and a ship (left) within an inscription, buckled band, crest above. On buckled band: 'VIRTUTE ET INDUSTRIA'. Legend: 'BRISTOL TOKEN FOR XII PENCE'. Reverse: Inscription, 'PAYABLE BY MESSRS FRAS GARRATT WM TERRELL EDWD BIRD LANT BECK & FRANS. H. GRIGG.' Legend: 'TO FACILITATE TRADE. ISSUED IN BRISTOL AUGT 12 1811.', au \$100



85993. **GREAT BRITAIN: George I**, 1714-1727, AR shilling, 1723, KM-539.3, struck from South Sea Company silver, indicated by the letters SS C SS C on the reverse, minor natural flan flaw, lustrous au \$250



825643. **GREENLAND: 10 kroner** (11.52g), 1922, KM-Tn49, Ivigtut Kryolith mine token, choice ef \$150



812629. **HEJAZ:** AR 20 piastres, ND (1916-20), KM-18var, countermarked *al-Hejaz* on Maria Theresa taler, crude vf-ef \$400
This countermark is considered by many to be a spurious issue.



826889. **HEJAZ & NEJD:** AR riyal (23.96g), AH1348, KM-12, ef \$350



89792. **JAVA:** AR rupee, 1765, KM-175.1, United East India Company, Arabic script legends, f \$120



89787. **JAVA:** AR rupee, 1804, KM-214, Batavian Republic issue in Arabic script, crude ef \$225



89794. **JAVA:** AR rupee, AH1228, KM-247, British Occupation issue of 1813, f \$185



83335. **IRAN:** AR 500 dinars, Tehran, AH1293, KM-Pn14, pattern, ef, R \$650



83008. **IRELAND: Henry VIII,** 1509-1547, AR groat, S-6472, with Jane Seymore, 1536-37, f \$200



78531. **ITALIAN STATES: Casale: Guglielmo II,** Paleologo, 1494-1518, AR testone (8.46g), Casale-Montferrat, ND, KM-1, Varesi-185, GVLIELMVS MAR MONT FER ZC, bust left, wearing biretta / + SA CRI RO IMP PRINC VICA P P, ducal coat-of-arms, f, RR \$800



2385. **Lucca:** AR scudo, 1743, KM-53, Dav-1373, crowned coat of arms. / Saint Martin of Tours shares his cloak, f \$285



91043. **Milan:** AR filippo, 1676, Dav-4005, bust of Charles II right / arms, choice vf \$500



91044. **Papal States:** AR piastra, 1675, KM-371, Dav-4081, arms of Pope Clement X / Holy Year theme, dated MDCLXXV, mount removed and expertly repaired, it is difficult to find the repair work, vf-ef \$550

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85646. **NORMAN SICILY: William II**, 1166-1189, AE trifollaro (9.74g), NM, ND, Spahr 117, lion's head / palm tree, lovely strike, vf \$135



83052. **Sulmona: Charles VIII**, of France, 1495, AE carvallo (1.54g), French occupation, three lis crowned / cross, f-vf \$150



826905. **Tuscany: Ferdinando III**, 1791-1801, AR francessone (27.33g), 1798, Cr-37, ef \$300



825656. **JAPAN: AR 50 sen** (10.13g), 1916, Y-37.2, choice bu \$125



81653. **KOREA: AE mun**, Treasury Department, ND (1832), KM-15s, seed or 'mother' coin, series 7, *sam* at bottom on reverse, ef \$115



81656. **KOREA: AE mun**, Treasury Department, ND (1852), KM-54s, seed or 'mother' coin, series 3, *il* at bottom on reverse, ef \$115



81660. **KOREA: AE mun**, Military Training Command, ND (1857), KM-472s, seed or 'mother' coin, series 8, *chon* at bottom on reverse, ef \$115



92386. **KOREA: Kuang Mu**, 1897-1907, AR 1/2 won, year 10 (1906), KM-1129, lustrous au \$275

The weight of this denomination was reduced from 13.5g to 10.18g for the half wons of his 11th year and the year 2 issue of his successor, Yung Si.



90198. **LAHEJ: AE 1/2 baiza**, Lahej, AH1291, KM-2, struck in 1896, pleasing ef \$150



88966. **LEBANON: 2 piastres**, Paris, 1925, KM-4, lovely strike, very rare in this quality, unc \$100

An Important group of privately issued coins from Ligor



93697. **LIGOR: lead 1/4 bia** (30.13g), CD1888, Pridmore-227, *Lu K'un T'ung Yüan* (Money of Lakhon [Ligor]) rats at upper right & lower left, *Hé* (harmony) chopmark at lower right, uncertain character countermarked at upper left within rectangle / *Ho Li* (peace and profit), phoenix above & dragon below, f-vf, RR \$275

Value is 1/4 bia with 10 bia equalling 1 dollar, thus 40 of these large coins made one dollar. The rat is symbolic of the Year of the Rat making it very likely this was cast in 1888. Pridmore's published specimen seems to have the two countermarks although he failed to mention them.

The 1/4 bia coins of Ligor were privately issued but were presumably used as general minor coinage. They have not survived in large quantities.



93693. **LIGOR:** lead ¼ bia (20.05g), ND (ca. 1880-95), Pridmore-233cf, *Li Ch'eng Tung Bao*, abbreviated *Bao*, with two additional Chinese countermarks, *Ta Ts'ai* (great quality or genuine) in field / *Ho Fah Kung Ssü* (United Prosperous Company), vf, **RRR** \$325
This type unpublished by Pridmore.



93752. **LIGOR:** lead ¼ bia, ND (ca. 1880-95), Pridmore-226, *Lu K'un Tung Pao* (Money of Lakhon [Ligor]), abbreviated *pao* / *Kuang Li Ch'i Ho*, 2 Chinese chopmarks on reverse, *hé quán*, vf, **RR** \$300
Pridmore mentions that no specimen of this type has been traced for examination or illustration.



93758. **LIGOR:** lead ¼ bia (23.60g), ND (ca. 1880-95), Pridmore-226, *Lu K'un Tung Pao* (Money of Lakhon [Ligor]), abbreviated *pao* / *Kuang Li Ch'i Ho*, with two Chinese chopmarks on obverse *hé hé*, f-vf, **RR** \$275
Pridmore mentions that no specimen of this type has been traced for examination or illustration.



93757. **LIGOR:** lead ¼ bia (23.60g), ND (ca. 1880-95), Pridmore-226, *Lu K'un Tung Pao* (Money of Lakhon [Ligor]), abbreviated *pao* / *Kuang Li Ch'i Ho*, with two Chinese chopmarks on reverse *hé hé*, f-vf, **RR** \$275
Pridmore mentions that no specimen of this type has been traced for examination or illustration.



93749. **LIGOR:** lead ¼ bia, ND (ca. 1880-95), Pridmore—, *He Li Kung Ssü* (Double Harmony company) / with two uncertain characters, one incuse, with two additional Chinese chopmarks, f, **RRR** \$325

Value is ¼ bia with 10 bia equalling 1 dollar, thus 40 of these large coins made one dollar. Pridmore mentions that no specimen of this type has been traced for examination or illustration.



826926. **MALTA:** Emmanuel de Rohan, 1775-1797, AR 30 tari (29.34g), 1790, KM-327, choice ef \$685



89180. **MEXICO:** Fernando VI, 1746-1759, AR 8 reales, 1759, KM-104.2, 'pillar dollar' or *columnario*, vf \$200

The pillar dollar, "ocho reales", struck at the Spanish colonial mints in South and Central America from 1732 to 1771, has always been on the most popular coins amongst collectors in the United States, as together with the portrait dollar of Spanish America it became the standard currency of the United States. Technically, the United States dollar replaced the Mexican eight real coins as the US official currency only in 1857.



826927. **MEXICO:** Maximilian, AR pes0 (27.16g), 1866 Mo, KM-388.1, vf-ef \$100

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94737. **MEXICO:** AR 8 reales, 1893-Zs, KM-377.13, with Chinese ink chop with four characters, two in seal script and two in orthodox script, choice bu, RR \$350
This is the finest example of an ink chopmark we have encountered in some time.



826939. **MOROCCO:** AE 4 falus (11.37g), Fès mint, AH1310, Y-3, two interesting cuds at obverse rim, choice vf \$175



92466. **MOROCCO:** AR 10 dirhams, Berlin mint, AH1313, Y-13. Dav-48, vf-ef \$450



826946. **MOROCCO:** AR 10 dirhams (24.91g), Birmingham mint, AH1320, Y-22.1, ef \$150



826950. **MOROCCO:** AR 10 dirhams (25.01g), Paris mint, AH1329, Y-25, choice au \$250



826956. **MOROCCO:** AR 10 dirhams (24.95g), Paris, AH1331, Y-33, choice ef \$225



826961. **MOROCCO:** AR 10 francs (10.04g), Paris, AH1347 (a), Y-E23, Essai of Y-38, unc \$300



90177. **MOZAMBIQUE:** AR rupee, ND [1889], KM-41.2, crowned PM countermarked on British India 1888-B rupee, vf \$150



812739. **NEJD:** AR 20 piastres, ND (1916-20), KM-14, countermarked *nejd* on Maria Theresa taler, vf-ef \$350
Many consider this countermark to be a spurious issue.



91165. **NEJD:** AR rupee, ND, KM-X7, countermarked *nejd* on 1840 East India Company rupee of Victoria K-458 type, f, S \$300
This countermark is considered by many to be a spurious issue.



84662. **NEPAL:** AR ½ mohar (2.74g), SE1759, KM-564, nice vf \$120



826966. **NETHERLANDS: Holland:** AR ½ leeuwendaler (lion dollar, =48 stuivers) (13.36g), 1604, KM-9, choice vf \$365



826967. **West Friesland:** AR leeuwendaler (lion dollar) (26.52g), 1605, KM-12, vf \$250



826968. **Zeeland:** AR leeuwendaler (lion dollar) (27.08g), 1598, Dav-8870, lion behind waves of the sea, vf \$300



826969. **Zeeland:** AR 30 stuivers (12.67g), 1680, KM-53, crude f \$120



826971. **NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES:** tin duit (7.42g), Negapatnam, 1797, KM-179, struck for use in Java, vf \$350



89365. **PALESTINE:** 20 mils, 1941, KM-5, key date, ef-au \$220



94744. **PERU:** AR 8 reales, Cuzco, 1824, KM-117.2, assayer G, usual weakness of strike, ef, R \$600



94746. **PERU:** AR 8 reales, Lima, 1828, KM-142.3, assayer JM, bold strike, ef-au \$275



94745. **PERU:** AR 8 reales, Lima, 1847, KM-142.10, assayer MB, 7 over 6 in date, strong strike, ef \$450



71982. **RYUKYU ISLANDS:** AE 100 mon, ND (1862), Cr-100, Okinawa Provincial coinage, vf \$175

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94143. **RYUKYU ISLANDS:** AE 100 mon, ND (1862), Cr-100, local oval-shaped provincial issue, vf \$120



85985. **RYUKYU ISLANDS:** AE 1/2 shu, ND (1862), Cr-115, provincial coinage, vf-ef \$190

The Ryukyu islands of Japan are a lengthy series of mostly small islands stretching from just south of the Kyushu province almost to the Tropic of Cancer near Taiwan. It is also known as Nanseu Shoto, "south islands", of which the most famous is Okinawa.



825635. **SALVADOR:** AR 5 centavos (1.28g), 1893, KM-109, au \$100



88568. **SARAWAK:** AE 1/4 cent, 1896H, KM-4, Charles J. Brooke Rajah, PCGS graded MS63 BN \$250



826993. **SCOTLAND:** William II, 1689-1702, AR 5 shilling (2.27g), 1695, KM-140, f-vf \$190



84717. **SERBIA:** Vuk Brankovic, 1389-1397, AR dinar (0.75g), J-105, king standing / nimbate Christ enthroned, choice vf \$120



67336. **SIBERIA:** AE 10 kopecks, Kolyvan, 1781, Cr-6, good strike, small flan defect in reverse center, choice vf \$425

Coin image is approximately 90% of actual size.



93657. **SOUTH AFRICA:** AE penny, 1898, KM-2, NGC graded MS63 \$150



87174. **SPAIN:** Felipe II, 1556-1598, AR 4 reales (13.78g), Granada (15)95, CC-3867, ef \$350



825703. **SPAIN:** José I Bonaparte, 1808-1813, AR 1/2 real (1.38g), Catalonia, 1812 SF, KM-473.1, choice au \$225



825710. **SPAIN:** Isabel II, 1833-1870, AE 4 maravedis (3.98g), Jubia, 1847 JA, KM-530.2, unc \$100



825720. **SPAIN:** Alfonso XIII, 1874-1931, AR peseta (4.95g), Madrid, 1896 PGV, KM-706, choice unc \$115



94772. **SPAIN: Barcelona:** AR 5 pesetas, 1811, KM-69, issue of Joseph Napoleon, lovely ef \$800

Joseph-Napoléon Bonaparte held the titles of King of Naples and Sicily, King of Spain and the Indies, and Comte de Survilliers. He was the elder brother of Napoleon I of France, who made him King of Naples and Sicily and later King of Spain as Joseph I of Spain. He abdicated and returned to France after defeat at the Battle of Vitoria in 1813.



825721. **Barcelona:** AR croat (2.11g), 1706, KM-PT1, issue of Carlos III, pretender, f \$100



94773. **Majorca:** AR 30 sous, 1821, Cribb-L53.1, countermarked type of Ferdinand VII, ef \$325

Salus Populi, "for the good of the people". "30 Sous" refers to the local denomination, equal to one duro, the local crown of the islands. Similar coins had been produced in 1808-1809, in Majorca as well as Gerona, Lerida, Tarragona & Tortosa.



826998. **STRAITS SETTLEMENTS:** AE ¼ cent (2.35g), 1845, KM-1, attractive au \$140



93659. **STRAITS SETTLEMENTS:** AE cent, 1908, KM-19, bright red luster, NGC graded MS64 \$350



827002. **STRAITS SETTLEMENTS:** AR dollar (16.90g), 1919, KM-33, pf restrike \$200



90212. **SUDAN:** AR 20 piastres, Omdurman, AH1304 year 5, KM-7.1, choice vf \$110



87251. **SWEDEN:** AE ¼ öre, Nyköping, 1634, KM-152.1, choice ef \$115



87252. **SWEDEN:** AE ¼ öre, Sater, 1637, KM-160, choice ef \$120



87254. **SWEDEN:** AE öre, Avesta, 1661, KM-232.1, lovely vf, S \$150



91927. **SWEDEN:** AR 1/6 riksdaler (6.19g), 1807 OL, KM-560, mintmaster OL, beautifully toned, cracked reverse die, unc, R \$300

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94768. **SWITZERLAND: Basel:** AR 5 batzen, 1809, KM-199, Cantonal issue, unc \$210



67340. **Basel:** AR 1/4 thaler, ND (1739), KM-166, ornate view of the city on both sides of the river Rhein, vf-ef \$200



825843. **Bern:** AR 5 batzen (4.44g), 1826, KM-196.1, bu \$185



827023. **Helvetian Republic:** AR 5 batzen (4.65g), 1799 B, KM-A9, ef \$100
The Helvetian Republic was established after the Napoleonic occupation of Switzerland in 1798 and lasted until 1803.



827027. **SYRIA:** CN 1/2 piastre (4.07g), Paris, 1921 (a), KM-68, very rare in this condition, unc \$100



90150. **SYRIA:** AR 50 piastres, Paris, 1933, KM-74, au \$115



827028. **SYRIA:** CN 1/2 piastre (4.10g), Paris mint, 1936 (a), KM-75, choice unc \$140



94769. **THAILAND:** AE 1/2 fuang, ND (1866), Y-4, with Thai and Chinese legends, crude ef-au, R \$165



85996. **THAILAND: Hamsavati: Anonymous,** ca. 5th-6th century, AR 88 ratti (9.35g), Mitch-1998:516, sankh shell / yupa within temple, two circles below, type 7, ef, S \$185



83027. **TRINIDAD:** AE half stampee token, ND (ca. 1861), Pridmore-5; Lyall-508, H.E. Rapseys, Port of Spain, f-vf, RR, ex. *W.J. Noble Collection, Sale 61B (lot 1372) and Ex F. Pridmore (lot 384) Collection with ticket* \$350



827063. **TUNISIA:** AR 10 francs (10.01g), AH1365/1945 (a), KM-X1, choice unc \$350



92464. **TUNISIA:** AR 50 centimes, 1895-A/AH1313, KM-223, mintage of only 1,000, ef \$800

Silver coins of 50 centimes were struck in large quantities occasionally, but in all other years 1891-1928 in small quantities for presentation purposes, either 1000 or 1003 pieces (except 1923, with 2009 pieces). Most were either never distribution or used in ordinary circulation, with the result that the presentation dates are much rarer than their mintage of 1000 each year would indicate.



825859. **TURKEY:** AR 50 kurus (5.90g), 1936, KM-865, very rare in this grade, bu \$115



84299. **VATICAN: Innocent XI**, 1676-1689, AR grosso (1.16g), 1686, Berman 2120, papal arms / *nocet minus*, lovely strike, ef \$130



84305. **VATICAN: Benedict XIV**, 1740-1758, AR grosso (1.28g), 1750, KM-968, Berman 2646, papal arms / Holy Door closed, au \$185



89532. **VATICAN: quattrino**, Rome, MDCCCXVI (1816), KM-1276.1, year XVII (17), flan defect near edge, red-brown au \$110



88943. **YEMEN: AE 1/20 riyal**, San'a, AH1337, Y-4.1, denticled border around reverse, 3 stars in reverse margin, vf, R \$150

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81458. **CHOU: Anonymous**, 350-220 BC, AE cash, H-6.3, archaic *yuan* at right, attractive vf \$150



94029. **YUAN: Tian Ding**, rebel, 1359-1360, AE 3 cash (13.29g), H-19.144, light chipping on edge, f, RR \$150



72282. **YUAN: Zhi Zheng**, 1350-1368, AE 10 cash (42.40g), H-19.117, *seu* above on reverse in Mongolian Phagspa script, *shi* below in Chinese with dot above, vf, RRR \$600



70237. **CH'ING: Chun You**, 1241-1252, AE 100 cash (46.05g), H-17.806, FD-1549. S-1023, *dang bai* (value 100) on reverse, attractive f-vf, ex. *Chang Collection* \$350

Coin image is approximately 80% of actual size.



86049. **CH'ING: Xian Feng**, 1851-1861, iron 10 cash, Board of Revenue mint, Peking, H-22.741, Cr-1-6.2a, *pingding* type, likely cast 1855-59 in Shanxi Province, attractive vf, R \$170



86061. **CH'ING: Xian Feng**, 1851-1861, AE 50 cash, Ili mint, Xinjiang Province, H-22.1090, Cr-28-7, cast 1854-55, vg-f, S \$125

Coins of China



87352. **CH'ING: Xian Feng**, 1851-1861, AE 100 cash, Ili mint, Xinjiang Province, H-22.1091, Cr-28-8, cast in 1854-55, attractive f-vf, **R** \$225

Coin image is approximately 80% of actual size.



87262. **CH'ING: Dao Guang**, 1821-1850, AE charm, CCH-288, *tian xia tai ping* (peace under heaven), "curtain hanging money", f-vf, **S** \$100



51327. **HONAN:** AE 100 cash, year 20 (1931), Y-398, vf \$150



85928. **KIRIN:** AE 20 cash, ND (1903), Y-178, CCC-485, in the name of Kuang Hsu, narrow characters variety, vf, ex. *Viking Collection, Hong Kong Auction 47, lot 611 (part)* \$165



826819. **SINKIANG:** AR 5 miscals (16.16g), AH1329, Y-31, vf-ef \$140



93722. **SINKIANG:** AE 10 cash, Kashgar, AH1334, Y-A38.1, *Hong Xian Tong Bi*, crossed Republican flags, long *bi* type, crude f, **RR** \$300



93727. **SINKIANG:** AE 20 cash, CD1929, Y-A41.1, crossed Nationalist flags, *tong bi* (copper coin) either side, vf, **RR** \$300



826820. **SINKIANG: Republic:** AR sar (tael) of 35.0g, Urumqi, year 6 (1917), Y-45.1, ef \$150

This type was extremely rare until after the reintroduction of trade with China in the 1970s. When several hundred, perhaps several thousand, came to the US in the early 1980s, the price collapsed. Those have long since been disbursed, and there is no longer a supply in Xinjiang.



89256. **SINKIANG:** AE 10 cash, CD1911, Y-2.3, in the name of Hsuan Tung, star within circles on obverse, attractive f \$200



810226. **SINKIANG:** AR 5 miscals, ND (1905), Y-6, time of emperor Kuang Hsu but without his name, Ma-820, ef \$200



76174. **SINKIANG:** AR 5 miscals, Urumqi, AH1323, in the name of Kuang Hsu, Y-35, choice ef-au \$155



92383. **SINKIANG: Republic:** AR tael, year 1 (1912), Y-42a, Kann-1250, crossed ornamental flags with four arabesques in stripes, touch of hornsilver on edge, vf \$675



826891. **HONG KONG:** AE cent (7.39g), 1904 H, KM-11, choice unc \$125



826892. **HONG KONG:** AR 50 cents (13.56g), 1905, KM-15, au \$250



827033. **TIBET:** AE 5 skar (3.30g), BE 56-15 (error for 15-56), Y-19, f-vf \$150

Ancient India



88487. **KSHAHARATA: Nahapana,** ca. 105-124, AR drachm (1.95g), Mitch-1253, elderly portrait, reasonably good full Greek inscription around / arrow & thunderbolt within Brahmi inscription, choice ef \$110



78793. **NASIK: Rano Siri Satakarni,** 2nd-1st century BC, AE square karshapana (9.44g), Mitch—, elephant right, swastika above, ruler's name to left / tree-in-railing, Ujjain symbol to right, elephant largely off flan on this specimen, nice vf, RR \$200



88580. **GANDHARA: Bent Bar,** 5th century BC, AR shatamana (11.36g), Ra-540ff, Mitch-4075var, very long bar, one central symbols including a taurus, 45 x 10 mm, choice vf, ex *William F. Spengler collection* \$25



88573. **GANDHARA: Bent Bar,** 4th century BC, AR shatamana (11.42g), Ra-540ff, Mitch-4070, medium bar, no secondary symbols, 31 x 12 mm, choice vf, ex *William F. Spengler collection* \$200



88533. **KASHI: Punchmark,** ca. BC 525-465, AR vimshatika (4.69g), Ra-779/80, Series 58, 5 additional marks on reverse, choice vf \$125



93287. **INDO-GREEK: Menander I,** ca. 165-130 BC, AR drachm (2.48g), Chach, Mitch-1772, diademed & draped bust right, Greek legend / Kharosthi legend, Athena Alkidemos advancing left, hurling thunderbolt and raising shield; monogram in right field, double struck obverse, ef \$125



93262. **INDO-GREEK: Menander,** 160-145 BC, AR drachm (2.47g), Pushkalavati, Mitch-1780, helmeted & draped bust right, Greek legend / Kharosthi legend, Athena advancing left, bearing shield and thunderbolt, choice ef \$150

Ancient India



90221. **INDO-GREEK: Heliokles I**, ca. 135-110 BC, AR tetradrachm (14.43g), Mitch-1889, Attica Standard, diademed & draped bust right / Zeus standing, facing, holding thunderbolt & scepter, some porosity, vf-ef \$600



93257. **INDO-GREEK: Strato I**, ca. 125-110 BC, AE hemiobol (8.22g), Pushkalavati, Mitch-1938, Bop-29, bust of Herakles right, club over shoulder, Greek legend / Kharosthi legend, Nike walking right, holding wreath & palm; monogram before, strong vf, S \$150



93269. **INDO-GREEK: Archebios**, ca. 90-80 BC, AR drachm (2.08g), Panjhir, Mitch-1974, diademed draped bust right, Greek legend / Kharosthi legend, Zeus standing facing, hurling thunderbolt & holding scepter, vg-f, R \$150



90265. **INDO-GREEK: Hermaios**, ca. 90-70 BC, AR tetradrachm, Kapisa, Mitch-2013, diademed & draped bust right / radiate Zeus enthroned left; monogram behind, some reverse adhesion, f-vf \$160



90269. **INDO-GREEK: Hermaios**, ca. 90-70 BC, AR drachm, Mitch-2017/28, diademed & draped bust right / Zeus seated left, holding sceptre; monogram to left, vf-ef \$150



90261. **INDO-GREEK: Hermaios**, ca. 90-70 BC, AR drachm, Mitch-2017/28, diademed & draped bust right / Zeus seated left, holding sceptre; monogram to right, vf \$125



64260. **INDO-GREEK: Apollodotos II**, ca. 80-65 BC, AR tetradrachm (9.15g), Bop-3, diademed and draped bust right / *Maharajasa tratarasa Apaladatas* in Karosthi around Athena Alkidemos advancing left, brandishing thunderbolt in right hand, aegis draped over extended left arm; monogram to lower left and right, well centered, good strike, vf-ef \$600



93295. **INDO-GREEK: Zoilos II**, ca. 55-35 BC, AR drachm (2.29g), Jammu, Mitch-2111, diademed and draped bust right, Greek legend / Kharosthi legend, Athena advancing left, brandishing spear and holding aegis, monogram to left, control mark to right, super portrait! choice ef \$225



93242. **INDO-PARTHIAN: Orthagnes**, ca. 35-55 AD, AE tetradrachm (7.43g), Mitch-2526, diademed bust of king left, Greek legend / Kharosthi legend, Nike standing right holding wreath, f, RR \$350



93340. **INDO-PARTHIAN: Gondophares I**, 20-50 AD, AR tetradrachm (9.53g), Southern Chach, Mitch-2573, king mounted left with arm raised, crowned by flying Nike, 'Gondopharan' tamgha before / Kharosthi legend, Siva standing facing holding long trident left and palm right, vf, S \$150



93342. **INDO-PARTHIAN: Gondophares I**, 20-50 AD, AR tetradrachm (9.59g), Taxila Sirsukh, Mitch-2602, king mounted right with arm raised, 'Gondopharan' symbol before, Greek legend / Kharosthi legend, Zeus standing right holding long sceptre, control marks in fields, minor adhesion on edge, vf-ef, S \$155



93245. **INDO-SCYTHIAN: Vonones**, with Spalyrises, ca. 85-60 BC, AE hemiobol (8.24g), Kandahar, Mitch-2165, king right on horseback, Greek legend / Herakles seated left on rock, Kharosthi legend, f-vf

\$115



93325. **INDO-SCYTHIAN: Azes II**, ca. 35 BC -5 AD, AR tetradrachm (8.85g), Hazara, Mitch-2294/95v, king on horseback riding right, wearing cataphractus and holding whip aloft, Greek legend / Kharosthi legend around Pallas Athena standing right holding spear and shield, very minor weakness of strike, lovely vf-ef

\$325



93246. **INDO-SCYTHIAN: Azes II**, ca. 35 BC -5 AD, AR drachm (2.28g), Hazara, Mitch-2306, king on horseback right, holding whip, Greek legend, with Kharosthi Sa to right / Pallas Athena standing facing, adjusting helmet, holding spear and shield, Kharosthi legend, lovely vf-ef, R

\$140



90289. **INDO-SCYTHIAN: Azes I**, ca. 58-19 BC, AR tetradrachm, Mitch-2358cf, Azes on horseback right, holding whip; monogram before / legend in Karosthi, Pallas standing right, holding shield, scepter, & torque; monograms to left & right, vf

\$140



93260. **INDO-SCYTHIAN: Azes I**, ca. 57-30 BC, AE trichalkon (6.95g), Taxila Sirsukh, Mitch-2389, zebu (humped bull) standing right, monogram above, Greek legends / Karosthi legend around lion or leopard standing right, monogram above, nice f-vf, S

\$100



81704. **INDO-SCYTHIAN: Azes II**, ca. 35 BC - AD 5, AR tetradrachm (9.92g), Taxila Sirsukh, Mitch-2449, king, holding whip, mounted on horse walking right / Kharosthi legend, Athena standing right, holding shield and long spear, superb ef

\$165



80045. **KUSHANO-SASANIAN: Kirada**, ca. 360-380, possibly later, AR drachm (3.72g), Cribb-78, G-8, in name of Varahran, standard design, Brahmi *namdaya* below altar in small letters, extremely fine

\$285

This type is derived from the Sasanian drachm. The headress seems to be derived from that of Shahpur III, who ruled 379-383. If that is correct, then this type should have been struck sometimes between the late 380s and the 400s or 410s. The fire attendants on the reverse are very different from those on standard Sasanian drachms.

Sultanates & Mughal (with a special group of Bengal)



88702. **BENGAL: Ghiyath al-Din 'Iwad**, 1213-1227, AR tanka (10.68g), NM, Rabi' II AH619, G-B29, with title 'Ala al-Haqq, very clear date & month, usually weakness as almost always, choice vf, R

\$450



88703. **BENGAL: Ghiyath al-Din 'Iwad**, 1213-1227, AR tanka (10.45g), NM, AH620, G-B31, with title 'Ali Burhan, clear date, nice strike, choice vf, R

\$450



805731. **BENGAL: Aibak**, 1229-1233, AR tanka (10.85g), NM, AH(62)8, G-B44, in name of Iltutmish of Delhi and caliph al-Mustansir, nice vf, RR

\$375

Saif al-Din 'Aibak ruled in Bengal 628-631/1230-1233, but no coins were ever struck in his name, but always with the names of Iltutmish and al-Mustansir. This Aibak was not the same person as the Qutb al-Din Aibak of Delhi, 602-606/1306-1310, who struck no coins in India, though gold coins in his name are known, presumably struck at Ghazna, published in 1953 by Sourdell.

Sultanates & Mughal



88704. **BENGAL: Iltutmish**, in Bengal, 1230-1236, AR tanka (10.67g) (Lakhnauti), AH6xx, G-B47, usual weakness, pleasing vf, **RR** \$225



88706. **BENGAL: Queen Raziyya**, in Bengal, 1236-1240, AR tanka (10.77g) (Lakhnauti), AH63x, G-B57, excellent strike, vf-ef, **R** \$800



83341. **BENGAL: Mahmud of Delhi**, 1246-1266, AR tanka (9.79g), Lakhnauti, AH(65)9, G-B71, citing the last Abbasid caliph al-Musta'sim, interesting reverse die cracks, ef, **RR** \$185



88714. **BENGAL: Kaika'us**, 1290-1300, AR tanka (10.98g), Lakhnauti, DM, G-B89, nice strike, vf-ef \$110



88760. **BENGAL: Muhammad Shah**, 1st reign, 1415-1416, AR tanka (10.07g), NM, AH818, G-B307, reverse in diamond, with date around, clearly without mint name, 4 or 5 test marks on reverse, ef, **R** \$100



88763. **BENGAL: Muhammad Shah**, 2nd reign, 1418-1432, AR tanka (10.60g), NM, ND, G-B342, lion right on reverse, many test marks on obverse & 4 small banker's marks on lion side, vf, **RR** \$300



88753. **BENGAL: Muhammad Shah**, 2nd reign, 1418-1432, AR tanka (10.72g), Dakhil Banjaliya, AH827, G-B348, toughra obverse, bold strike, with clear mint & full date, 2 banker's marks & 1 testmark, lovely ef, **RR** \$250



88840. **BENGAL: Muhammad Shah**, 2nd reign, 1418-1432, AR tanka (10.70g), Chatgaon, AH832, G-B365, toughra on both sides, 5 banker's marks on reverse, nearly ef, **R** \$185



88847. **BENGAL: Muhammad Shah**, 2nd reign, 1418-1432, AR tanka (10.45g), NM, ND, G-B370, toughra on both sides, bold strike, 4 testmarks (2 each side), good vf, **S** \$145



88767. **BENGAL: Ahmad Shah**, 1432, AR tanka (10.77g), NM, ND, G-B394, with title *al-mu'ayyid bi-ta'yid al-rahman*, 3 banker's marks on reverse, vf-ef, **RR** \$400



88855. **BENGAL: Barbak Shah**, 1459-1474, AR tanka (10.40g), Dar al-Darb, AH864, G-B506, obverse toughra, clear date, 4 banker's marks on reverse, choice vf, **S**

\$175

The date on this variant has been misread as 842 and incorrectly assigned to Mahmud Shah, Barbak's predecessor. Goron has corrected this mistake.



88685. **BENGAL: Barbak Shah**, 1459-1474, AR tanka (10.53g), Jannatabad, AH873, G-B528, very clear mint name, dated on both sides, 2 banker's marks, vf-ef, **RR**

\$150

Despite the abysmal Arabic calligraphy used on the coins of Barbak Shah, the words are usually of correct spelling and grammar.



88788. **BENGAL: Barbak**, 1459-1474, AR tanka (10.60g), Barbakabad, AH[8]74, G-B535ff, coarse inscriptions, several banker's marks on reverse, choice vf-ef, **R**

\$175



88801. **BENGAL: Muzaffar Shah**, 1490-1493, AR tanka (9.65g), Khazana, AH896, G-B676, scalloped borders on both sides, without any testmarks, lovely vf-ef, **R**

\$200



89880. **BENGAL: Muhammad Ghazi**, fl. 1552-1554/55, AR rupee (11.07g), Arakan, ND, G-B962var, several testmarks, some scratching towards obverse center, vf, **RR**, ex *John Deyell* collection

\$185

This piece from the same reverse die as Goron's illustrated specimen, clearly undated, as should be noted in the listing of this type by Goron.



89906. **BENGAL: Jalal Shah**, 1560-1563, AR rupee (11.27g), Satgaon, G-B971, date uncertain, appears to be AH980, presumably intended for AH970 with upside-down 7, 4 testmarks, choice vf, **R**, ex *John Deyell* collection

\$175



89915. **BENGAL: Da'ud Shah**, 1572-1576, AR rupee (11.20g), Satgaon, DM, G-B981, 6-petal flower mintmark, clear mint name, several small testmarks, nearly ef, **RR**, ex *John Deyell* collection

\$150



820434. **BENGAL: Da'ud Shah Kararani**, 1572-1573? AR rupee (Tanda), DM, G-B982, ef-au

\$100

Assigned to Tanda by style & calligraphy.



89887. **CHITTAGONG: Bahadur Shah**, in Bengal, 1555-1560, AR tanka (10.37g), NM, AH959, G-B1010, date weak but certain, 3 bankers' marks on reverse, vf, **R**, ex *John Deyell* collection

\$125



826432. **DELHI: 'Umar**, 1316, BI 6 gani (3.59g), NM, AH715, G-D242, choice vf, **R**

\$135



826433. **DELHI: Mubarak Shah**, 1316-1320, AR square tanka (10.84g), Dar al-Khilafa, AH718, G-D261, nice vf

\$225

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826468. **DELHI: Abu Bakr Shah**, 1389-1390, BI 1/3 tanka (3.63g), NM, ND, G-D572, lovely, vf, **R** \$100



40137. **DELHI: Rukn al-Din Ibrahim**, 1296, AE jital (3.62g), NM, ND, G-D212, lovely strike, ef, **S** \$175



89810. **DELHI: Sher Shah**, 1538-1545, AR rupee (11.09g), Fathabad, AH949, G-D779, square-in-circle type, without any testmarks, lovely ef, ex *John Deyell collection* \$150



89811. **DELHI: Sher Shah**, 1538-1545, AR rupee (11.34g), Fathabad, AH949, G-D780, inner circle type, several testmarks, lovely broad strike with full marginal inscriptions, lovely ef, **RR**, ex *John Deyell collection* \$150
This date unknown to Goron.



85329. **DELHI: Sher Shah**, 1538-1545, AR rupee, Pandua, AH947, G-D789, lovely strike, rare mint, vf, **RR** \$260



89823. **DELHI: Sher Shah**, 1538-1545, AR rupee (11.28g), Sharifabad, AH947, G-D797, 4 testmarks, nice vf, **R**, ex *John Deyell collection* \$100



89818. **DELHI: Sher Shah**, 1538-1545, AR rupee (11.30g), [Satgaon], AH958, G-D816var, nice strike, date in error for 948, several testmarks, attributed to Satgaon by John Deyell, choice vf, **RR**, ex *John Deyell collection* \$100



89852. **DELHI: Islam Shah**, 1545-1552, AR rupee (11.33g), Satgaon, AH952, G-D969, large pentagram in reverse field, several punchmarks, ef, **S**, ex *John Deyell collection* \$140



822216. **KASHMIR: Khan 'Ali Shah**, 1408-1417, AE square falus (13.50g), Kashmir, AH813, G-K4, vf, **R**, ex *William F. Spengler collection*, ex *Donald Hull collection* \$100



822223. **KASHMIR: Zain al-Abidin**, 1420-1470, AR sasnu (6.15g), Kashmir, AH842, G-K9, choice vf, ex *William F. Spengler collection* \$100



83338. **KULBARGA (BAHMANIDS): Mahmud Shah**, 1482-1518, AR 1/6 tanka (1.81g), Goa, AH894, G-BH122A, highly stylized boat or balemark on reverse, f-vf, **RR** \$200



822038. **MADURA: Ahsan Shah**, 1333-1339, AR 1/3 tanka (3.61g), NM, AH739, G-MD2, vf, **R**, ex *William F. Spengler collection* \$150



825156. **MUGHAL: Ahmad Shah Bahadur**, 1748-1754, AR rupee (11.23g), Farrukhabad, AH1161 year one, KM-446.23, some light staining, choice ef \$100



86825. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AE ½ tanka (20.60g), Sherpur, Ilahi 44, Shahrewar, KM-32—, obverse inscription (*zarb sherpur nim tanka akbar shahi*, standard reverse, possibly unpublished (as so often with Akbar coppers), nice f-vf, RR \$100



820925. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AE tanka (41.04g), Bairata, year 44 Ardibihisht, KM-38.3, f, ex. *William F. Spengler* \$110

This type and the half tanka (see previous lot, #86825) belong to a short failed attempt to establish a copper coinage called tanka and its fractions. The copper tanka weighed over 41 grams, compared to the silver and gold tankas each weighing about 11 grams. Because of its weight, the copper tanka was worth only a fraction of the silver tanka.



86793. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AE Malwa square ½ fals (3.41g), NM, Ilahi 45, KM—, as Whitehead-872 but the denominational word *nim* (=half) and the month are both off flan, lower obverse description clear, tentatively interpreted as *tanki hissa*, meaning "fractional tanki", ef, RRR \$110

The "tanki" or "tanka" or Malwa weighed about 7 grams, thus had no relationship to the heavy tanka of about 41-42 grams used at mints such as Bairata and Sherpur.



86790. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AE Malwa square fals (6.82g), NM, Ilahi 46, Tir, KM—, as Whitehead-873 but different month, *tanki hissa* below obverse, which means "fractional tanki", nice vf, RRR \$125



90669. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AR ½ rupee (5.18g), Jaunpur, ND, KM-60.1, some light adhesion, mainly on reverse, f-vf, RRR \$375

Illustration in the old South Asia Coins catalog is actually a Mulher mahmudi (KM-72.1).

The half rupee of the early series (various types AH963-986) are all rare. They were probably struck in minimal quantities to be used for large payments requiring just one half rupee and hundred or full rupees.



90673. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AR square ½ rupee (5.66g), Ahmadabad, Ilahi 3x, KM-62.x, month probably Aban, style of full rupee type KM-88.1, f-vf, RR \$150



90754. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AR rupee (11.31g), Bhakkar, AH984, KM-80.6, much of mint name clearly visible below obverse, 2 testmarks, vf, RR \$275



90793. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AR square rupee (11.25g), Jaunpur, ND, KM-82.3, mint name largely off flan, but confirmed by Nagpur-235, 6 testmarks, nice vf \$125



90801. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AR square rupee (11.38g), Urdu Zafar Qarin, ND, KM-82.8, truly undated, not date-off-flan, without any testmarks, choice vf-ef \$150

*Urdu Zafar Qarin, "the camp associated with victory", was a temporary mint established by Akbar, probably in AH984. Most known examples are dated AH1000, usually with the Arabic word for "thousand" (*alf*) but often undated. It was probably struck without date or with the date "alf" until the end of Akbar's reign in AH1014.*



90809. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AR square rupee (11.12g), Delhi, Ilahi 35, KM-88.2, month of Di, 1 testmark, vf \$110



86858. **MUGHAL: Selim Shah**, 1605, AR rupee (11.38g), Ahmadabad, year 2, KM-140.2, Selim was the personal name of Jahangir used on coinage before his formal coronation, superb strike, choice vf \$135



86856. **MUGHAL: Jahangir**, 1605-1628, AR ½ rupee (5.29g), Qandahar, AH102(8) year 14, KM-135.2, 3 testmarks, f, R \$150

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|  | <p>86857. MUGHAL: Jahangir, 1605-1628, AR ½ rupee (5.68g), Surat, year 18, KM—, Nagpur-99, nice vf, RRR \$400</p> |
|  | <p>86859. MUGHAL: Jahangir, 1605-1628, AR rupee (10.74g), Ahmadnagar, ND, KM-141.1, lovely strike, choice ef \$150</p> |
|  | <p>86862. MUGHAL: Jahangir, 1605-1628, AR rupee (11.39g), Elichpur, AH1015, KM-141.5, 2 testmarks, bold ef \$150</p> |
|  | <p>86861. MUGHAL: Jahangir, 1605-1628, AR rupee (11.39g), Jalnapur, ND, KM-141.6, lovely strike, choice vf \$125</p> |
|  | <p>86875. MUGHAL: Jahangir, 1605-1628, AR rupee (11.30g), Kabul, year "63" (error for 1036?), KM-149.12B, <i>'inayat</i> type, 2 testmarks, some light adhesions on reverse, f, RR \$100</p> |
|  | <p>86877. MUGHAL: Jahangir, 1605-1628, AR jahangiri (13.62g), Ahmadabad, AH1015 year 2, KM-152.2, bold strike, strong vf \$200</p> |
|  | <p>86879. MUGHAL: Jahangir, 1605-1628, AR jahangiri (13.60g), Tatta, AH1018 year 4, KM-152.7, nice strike, vf \$200</p> |
|  | <p>86892. MUGHAL: Jahangir, 1605-1628, AR rupee (11.32g), Lahore, AH1035 year 20, KM-168.4, citing Empress Nur Jahan, 1 testmark, choice ef \$135</p> |

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|  | <p>86899. MUGHAL: Shah Jahan I, 1628-1658, AR ½ rupee (5.55g), Patna, ND, KM-213.3, decent strike, 7 testmarks, vf, R \$100</p> |
|  | <p>86906. MUGHAL: Shah Jahan I, 1628-1658, AR rupee (11.38g), Delhi, year one (ahad), KM-222.7, choice ef \$125</p> |
|  | <p>74954. MUGHAL: Murad Bakhsh, 1658, AR rupee (11.51g), Surat, AH1068 year one, KM-272.3, unusually broad planchet, vf \$175</p> |
|  | <p>818044. MUGHAL: Aurangzeb, 1658-1707, AR ¼ rupee, Ujjain, AH1088 year 21, KM-293.5, f-vf, RR \$250</p> |
|  | <p>818053. MUGHAL: Aurangzeb, 1658-1707, AR ½ rupee, Golkanda, year 7, KM-294.3, one testmark, bold vf+ \$250</p> |
|  | <p>818055. MUGHAL: Aurangzeb, 1658-1707, AR ½ rupee, Golkonda, year 21, KM-294.3, vf \$100</p> |
|  | <p>818057. MUGHAL: Aurangzeb, 1658-1707, AR ½ rupee, Khanbayat, AH1091, KM-294.4, 7 test marks, vf-ef \$120</p> |
|  | <p>818048. MUGHAL: Aurangzeb, 1658-1707, AR ½ rupee, Akbarabad, AH1080 year 13, KM-294.12, 2 test marks, vf-ef, RRR \$350</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This type of half rupee was probably intended as a nisar half, to judge by the short reverse inscriptions.</i></p> |



74957. **MUGHAL: Aurangzeb**, 1658-1707, AR rupee (11.25g), Ahmadnagar, DM, KM-300.3, ef, **S** \$200



84449. **MUGHAL: Aurangzeb**, 1658-1707, AR rupee, Machhlipattan, AH1113 year 45, KM-300.55, lovely vf \$100



85786. **MUGHAL: Shah Alam I**, 1707-1712, AR rupee (11.47g), Tatta, AH1120 year 2, KM-347.19, unlisted in KM, nice strike from young dies, vf, **R** \$115



75227. **MUGHAL: Jahandar**, 1712-1713, AR rupee (11.51g), Burhanpur, year one, KM-363.7, 1 test mark on edge, cleaned, vf-ef \$125



84512. **MUGHAL: Farrukhsiyar**, 1713-1719, AR rupee (11.46g), Parenda, AH1125 year one, KM-377.52, one testmark, lovely vf, **R** \$240
Parenda was a rare Mughal mint, located in Maharashtra about 100 miles east of Pune.



21642. **MUGHAL: Rafi-ud-Darjat**, 1719, AR rupee (11.52g), Ahmadabad, year one, KM-405.1, with mint epithet Zinat al-Bilad, couple of minor adhesion spots, bold strike, ef, **R** \$375
Rafi-ul Darajat, son of Rafi-us-Shan (brother of Azim ush Shan) was the 10th mughal emperor. He succeeded Farrukhsiyar in 1719, being proclaimed Badshah by the Saiyid Brothers. He was a controversial figure and was deposed shortly afterwards and killed at the behest of the Saiyid Brothers in 1719 at Delhi because one of the Saiyids fell in love with his wife.



85817. **MUGHAL: Shah Jahan II**, 1719, AR ½ rupee (5.74g) (Surat), year one, KM-412.2, mint confirmed by style & calligraphy, cleaned, f, **RR** \$120

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95024. **ASSAM: Kamalesvara Simha**, 1796-1810, AR ½ rupee (5.63g), ND, KM-237, ef, **R** \$150



95017. **FARRUKHABAD: Shah Jahan III**, 1759-1760, AR rupee (11.30g), AH1174 year one, KM-16, bold strike but slightly uneven, year 1174 unlisted in SCWC, ef, **RR** \$500



822264. **GADWAL: AR rupee** (9.56g) (AH1186) year 11, Cr-20, crude ef, ex. *William F. Spengler collection* \$100



95022. **JAINTIAPUR: Bar Gossain II**, 1731-1770, AR rupee (9.52g), SE1653, KM-177, one testmark & one banker's mark, ef \$100



95037. **JAIPUR: Man Singh II**, 1922-1949, AR nazarana rupee (11.36g), Sawai Jaipur, 1945 year 24, KM-196, also citing George VI who was technically the Moghul emperor of India before the independence of India in 1947, one flan crack, virtually unc, **S** \$150

The Jaipur nazarana rupees of this style commenced about 1885 and were produced each year until Jaipur was incorporated into India in 1949. Only the years 1913, 1939 and 1949 are common.



95057. **JODHPUR:** AR rupee (11.10g), Jodhpur, AH1180, KM—, posthumous issue in the name of Alamgir II (d. AH1172), mint name epithet Dar al-Mansur, type of KM-460.29, vf, R \$100



95019. **MYSORE: Tipu Sultan,** 1782-1799, AE 2 paisa (22.23g), Patan, AM1221, KM-124.1, elephant left, decent strike, fine \$150



87222. **SIKH EMPIRE:** AE paisa, 1830, KM-Pn1, Herrli-04.20.11, barbarous inscription on machine struck planchet, tiny rim nick, choice ef \$650

Herrli believes this piece to be a 'token' issue of the later part of the 19th century struck in North India. The manufacturing style would indicate otherwise as this high quality type of striking was not being done anywhere in India at this time except at the government mints in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. It is possibly a pattern of European origin.



94985. **TRAVANCORE: Rama Varma VI,** 1885-1924, AR 1/4 rupee (2.68g), 1889, KM-37, choice au, S \$100



94986. **TRAVANCORE: Rama Varma VI,** 1885-1924, AR 1/2 rupee (5.34g), 1889, KM-38, choice au, S \$120

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93660. **BRITISH INDIA:** AE 1/2 anna, 1835, KM-447.1, small reverse spot, lovely bright red luster, NGC graded unc \$650

No, we have not been nibbling around the edge of this coin. The white handles are part of the plastic encapsulation holder popularly nicknamed a "slab". These handles allow most of the edges of the coin to be viewed. Encapsulation serves several purposes, confirmed grading, protection from greasy fingers and other potentially harmful chemicals, and authentication.



89201. **BRITISH INDIA:** AR rupee, 1911, KM-523, "pig" rupee type, cleaned ef \$100



89308. **BRITISH INDIA:** AR rupee, 1921 (b), KM-523, lustrous unc \$125

A modest hoard of 1921 & 1922 rupees, formerly very rare, entered the market in the early 2000s. By now distributed, the price has partially recovered, especially for the best condition pieces.



95007. **BOMBAY PRESIDENCY: Alamgir II,** 1754-1759, AR rupee (11.55g), Mumbai, year 9, KM-178, Pridmore-75, posthumous issue, crescent in obverse field, nice vf, R \$175



89598. **NEGAPATNAM (Dutch colony):** AE 2 stuivers (28.59g), ND (1695), KM-29, stylized figure of God Kali, choice strike, rarely seen as nice, vf-ef, R \$250



87255. **GOA:** AR 2 tangas, Goa, 1643, KM-68, Portuguese royal arms /St John standing, NGC graded VF20

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AR silver	DM date missing	ND no date
AV gold	ds double struck	NI nickel
BI billon	EL electrum	NM no mint
ch choice	lt light	nr near(ly)
c/m countermarked	t/m testmarks(s)	mr mount removed

COMMENTARY: It is August 2010, four years after the first signs of the economic downturn began to reveal their ugly heads. For example, here in Sonoma County California, residential real estate prices reached their peak by the spring of 2006, starting to fall but still grossly overpriced by early 2007, but clever mortgaging satisfied many buyers who could not possibly purchase a home under normal financial terms. From 2000 to 2006, the average home price here in Sonoma County rose from about \$275,000 to peak of \$619,000 about April 2006, falling slowing to about \$525,000 by mid-2007, then collapsing at the end of 2008 and early 2009 to an affordable \$325,000. It has risen slightly in 2010, with a current estimate of about \$350,000, about the same as the 2000 price after the modest inflation of the past decade is factored in.

The price of housing may now be far more affordable, but the economy is far too weak to provide buyers. However, the housing market is not the only significant portion of the economy as a whole. Some aspects seem to have recovered nicely, such as the stock market, corporate profits, and (yuck) annual bonuses for the ultra-rich. But unemployment is stuck at

roughly twice its level in mid-2008, now worsened by job loss in the public sector as well as the private sector.

What a mess here in California. Unemployment has risen from 5% to just over 12% over the past 3½ years, creating a state tax loss of at least 5%. State taxes have also been clobbered by real estate value decrease, buying cheaper goods or ordering from out-of-state (thus less sales tax), and less spending overall (i.e., more saving and less credit card debt). It seems that every city and county, as well as the state, is battling financial shortfalls not seen since the 1930s. Even the "terminator", our governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, is bewildered by the year after year budget shortfall. Will we ever escape from this predicament?

Irrespective of the outcry of the pessimists, the answer is "yes", but not in the immediate future. Unwinding state and local deficits here in California (and in most other states) will require deep changes in public demands and lifestyle, a complex philosophical and cultural change that will require many years to define and adopt, probably a decade or longer. I believe that Americans tend to accept reality, be it undesirable or even abhorrent, after first pretending it is unnecessary, then learning its potential advantages, finally acceptance. Ten years ago Californians could barely consider the possibility of legalizing marijuana, but current polls reveal that a substantive majority are in favor, not because they intend to smoke some pot, but because they perceive the legalization as a reasonably safe advantage for government finance. Ten years ago we loved our plastic bags, but now we see their disadvantages, not just environmentally but also economically. Ten years ago we wanted more and better, even if it meant stretching out our debts, but today we increasingly want less and better, and are willing to pay for these goods with fewer loans, a factor that will quickly become a significant source of financial advance, despite its temporary detriment (this is a long a complex argument which I'll pass on for now).

Nobody can predict where we will be ten years from now, in 2020, though it seems to me that life in the rich countries will be eminently different, as we all gradually move towards an altered but more viable economic and social structure. For now, we can sit around, with a few beers or a Sonoma County bottle of wine, and argue philosophically until after midnight over how the economy and its cultural aspects might proceed.

I'll take a stab on one prognosis, numismatics. Where might coin collecting be in 2020? There are many negative factors currently developing. First, in the rich countries there will be less wealth to purchase non-essential items for at least several more years. Second, the aftermath of the UNESCO convention of 1970 will likely worsen, as more countries accept the absurd regulations of coin ownership and trading promulgated by that convention. Third, the decline in coin shops, clubs and fairs is likely to continue. Fourth, the overload of newly issued "non-circulating legal tender" coins will draw more and more collectors away from older coins (e.g., pre-1960). Fifth, every year there seem to be fewer useful numismatic books and other publications, such as the disgracefully deteriorating *Standard Catalog of World Coins*. Finally, the growing flood of counterfeits will increase and their quality will improve, not just from China.

However, examine these issues from a different angle and they appear vastly less discouraging. First, I perceive that coin collection may actually replace other non-essential products, thus growing overall, as occurred during the Great Depression in the 1930s. Second, objection to the UNESCO convention is already growing, not just amongst collectors and dealers, but in academia and government administration. Third, the internet has already replaced the necessity of coins shops and fairs, and clubs died predominantly during the 1980s and 1990s, now evermore replaced by cheap telephone calls and email loaded with scans or photos. Fourth, even if they start by acquiring NCLT or fantasy coins, serious collectors will very frequently transform their interest to historically more interesting pieces. Fifth, who needs books as the internet offers useful and usually free alternatives (e.g., www.zeno.ru, free to everyone, with more than 25,000 Islamic coins listed & illustrated). The only area where I remain disheartened is the future of counterfeiting. I will discuss this disturbing issue in a future commentary.

There will still be some books, even useful and desirable publications. I am now in the final proofreading stage of the 3rd edition of my **Checklist of Islamic Coins**, of which the first version, without illustrated, should be to the printers by the end of September. I can still use some more outside proofreading. Anyone interested?

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