Session A

Begins at 09:00 PDT on Thursday, May 17, 2018

Ancient Coins

Gaul



1. **GAUL: Celtic**, ca. 1st century BC, potin “wheel” (1.67g), cf. Castelin-984, struck at unknown mint, simple wheel in circle, lovely example, choice EF $90 - 110



2. **MASSALIA:** AR drachm (2.74g), 2nd-1st centuries BC, S-76var, bust of Artemis right // lion standing right with delta to right and above and in exergue, very irregular flan shape, NGC graded AU Strike: 5/5, Surface: 4/5 $130 - 190

Greek



3. **AEOLIA:** AR tetradrachm (16.51g), ca. mid-2nd century BC, bust of Amazon Cyme right // horse standing right with cup below raised foreleg and wreath around all, lustrous, NGC graded Mint State Strike: 4/5, Surface: 4/5 $900 - 1,300

Aeolia, or Aeolis, comprised the western and northwestern regions of Asia Minor, mostly along the coast, but also the offshore islands which included the Aeolian Greek city-states.



4. **ATTICA: Anonymous**, 449-413 BC, AR drachm (4.29g), Athens, cf. Svoronos-33, head of Athena right, wearing earring on crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive leaves over visor and a spiral palmette on the bowl // right of owl standing right, head facing; olive sprig behind; all in an incuse square, EF $800 - 1,000



5. **ATTICA: Anonymous**, 449-413 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.15g), S-2526, Athens, helmeted bust of Athena right // owl standing right with head facing, olive spray and moon behind, bold strike, NGC graded Mint State Strike: 4/5, Surface: 3/5 $1,250 - 1,750



6. **ATTICA: Anonymous**, 449-413 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.18g), Athens, head of Athena in wreathed crested helmet // , owl right, olive-spray and crescent in upper left field, all within an incuse square, EF $500 - 600



7. **ATTICA: Anonymous**, 449-413 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.09g), Athens, head of Athena in wreathed crested helmet // , owl right, olive-spray and crescent in upper left field, all within an incuse square, VF $350 - 450



8. **ATTICA:** AR tetradrachm (16.96g), 2nd-1st Centuries BC, Athens, New Style [ca. 137/6 BC (?)], bust of Athena Parthenos right // owl standing right with head facing, on horizontal amphora, with on amphora and below, all within laurel weath, stunning strike and luster, NGC graded Choice AU Strike: 5/5, Surface: 3/5 $1,500 - 1,800



9. **BRUTTIUM: Kroton: Anonymous**, ca. 530-500 BC, AR stater (7.85g), SNG-Ashmolean 1463; SNG-ANS 230; HN Italy-2075, tripod, legs terminating in lion’s paws, with ornaments on and serpents rising from the bowl; QPO to left // the same design incuse, VF $300 - 500



10. **CORINTH: Corinthia: Anonymous**, circa 480-400 BC, AR stater (8.55g), Pegasus flying right, koppa below // helmeted head of Athena right within incuse square, EF $1,000 - 1,200



11. **CORINTH: Corinthia: Anonymous**, circa 375-345 BC, AR stater (8.58g), Pegasus flying right, koppa below // helmeted head of Athena left, behind cockerel standing right, intersting variety, lovely toned lustrous surfaces, AU $500 - 700



12. **IONIAN ISLANDS: Chios: Anonymous**, circa 400-380 BC, AR drachm (7.84g), SNG-Copenhagen 1540-1542, Sphinx seated left; to left, grape bunch above amphora; all set on circular convex field // quadripartite incuse square, VG-F $150 - 250



13. **LEUKAS:** AR didrachm (8.71g), circa 420-350 BC, S-2277, Pegasus flying left, with pointed wing, letter below // helmeted head of Athena left, in front, leaf symbol behind, lovely VF-EF $180 - 220



14. **MACEDONIA: Philipp II**, 359-336 BC, AR tetradrachm (14.45g), Pella, SNG-ANS 385 ff., Le Rider-233, laureate head of Zeus right // horseman pacing right, holding palm branch and bridles; below, horizontal thunderbolt and, in exergue, N, slightly double-struck, lovely iridescent tone, EF $600 - 800



15. **MACEDONIA: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.07g), S-6721 ff, wearing lionskin / Zeus enthroned, holding eagle & scepter, below, anchor & monogram to left, / beneath the throne, lifetime issue, superb strike, choice EF $600 - 800



16. **MACEDONIA: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.10g), Arados, S-6721 ff, wearing lionskin / Zeus enthroned, holding eagle & scepter, below, caduceus left, below throne, probably early posthumous issue, couple light adhesions, VF-EF $300 - 400



17. **MACEDONIA: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.13g), S-6721 ff, Heracles wearing lionskin // Zeus enthroned, holding eagle & scepter, below, anchor, bowl & monogram to left, / beneath the throne, lifetime issue, superb strike, VF-EF $300 - 400



18. **MACEDONIA: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.09g), S-6721, head of Herakles right, clad in lion's skin // Zeus enthroned, holding eagle & spear, letter H to left, wreathed monogram beneath the throne, posthumous issue, porous surfaces both sides, VF $120 - 160



19. **MACEDONIA: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.13g), S-6724, posthumous issue, head of Hercules, wearing lion's skin // Zeus seated, legs crossed, holding eagle & staff, struck on narrow thick planchet, NGC graded choice VF Strike 3/5, Surface 5/5 $200 - 250



20. **MACEDONIA: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.20g), early posthumous issue, bust of Heracles in lion skin right // Zeus seated left, NGC graded Mint State Strike: 4/5, Surface: 3/5 $225 - 325



21. **MACEDONIA: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323 BC, AV stater (8.47g), early posthumous issue, helmeted head of Athena right // Nike standing left holding wreath and palm branch, monogram above double axe, NGC graded Choice EF Strike:5/5, Surface: 4/5**, R** $2,500 - 3,000

Coinage continued to be struck in Alexander the Great's name for the next 200 years at many mints in the ancient world.



22. **MACEDONIA: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.10g), Babylon, cf. Price-3708, head of Heracles right, wearing lion's skin // Zeus seated left, holding eagle & scepter, posthumous issue with crossed legs, VF $200 - 300



23. **MACEDONIA: Philip III**, 323-317 BC, AR drachm, bust of Heracles right in lion's skin // Zeus seated left in throne with eagle, no monogram, small standing figure behind throne, NGC graded Choice VF $120 - 150



24. **MACEDONIA: Philip III**, 323-317 BC, AR drachm, bust of Heracles right in lion's skin // Zeus seated left in throne with eagle, monogram to left, NGC graded VF $100 - 150



25. **MACEDONIA: Phillip III**, 323-317 BC, AR drachm (4.11g), S-6750/51, head of Heracles right, clad in lion's skin // Zeus enthroned, holding eagle & spear, F-VF $100 - 120



26. **METAPONTION:** AR stater (7.37g), ca. 330-300 BC, S-416, wreathed head of Demeter right, wearing triple-pendant earring and necklace // barley ear with leaf to right; META to left, plough above leaf, MAX below, choice VF $200 - 250



27. **NEAPOLIS:** AR didrachm (7.29g), head of nymph right, wearing diadem, earring and necklace // man-faced bull advancing right, crowned by Nike flying to right, below, strike 3/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded VF $100 - 120



28. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Antiochos VII Euergetes**, 138-129 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.90g), S-7092, king's head right // Athena standing, holding Nike on out-stretched arm, monogram to left, without any letter below, strike 5/5, surface 3/5, NGC graded AU $200 - 300



29. **SELEUKEIA: Philip I Philadelphos**, circa 95-83 BC, AR tetradrachm (14.68g), Antioch, SC-2488.2; HGC-9, 1323, diademed head of king right // Zeus Nikephoros seated left on throne; A to inner left, monogram below throne, H in exergue, Fine $75 - 100



30. **SELEUKEIA: Philip I Philadelphos**, circa 95-83 BC, AR tetradrachm (14.68g), Antioch, SC-2464; HGC-9, 1320, diademed head of king right // Zeus Nikephoros seated left on throne; in exergue, Fine $75 - 100



31. **SICILY: Leontini: Anonymous**, ca. 425-420 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.09g), Boehringer-62 (same dies), SNG-ANS 253 (same dies), laureate head of Apollo to right // head of roaring lion right; three barley grains around, mullet below, VF, **R** $1,000 - 1,200



32. **TARENTUM/TARAS:** AR didrachm (6.27g), ca. 300-250 BC, nude person on horseback, leaning forward and offerint wreath, name below, above // Taras astride dolphin, thrusting his trident, below, owl to the right above the dolphin, EF $300 - 400



33. **THESSALY:** AR double victoriatus (6.06g), 2nd-1st Centuries BC, cf. Sear-2232, head of Zeus right // Athena Itonia right with inscriptions around but no other distinguishing marks, very nice for the grade, NGC graded EF Strike: 5/5, Surface: 3/5 $140 - 180



34. **THRACE: Maroneia: Anonymous**, circa 398-385 BC, AR triobol (2.73g), Schönert-Geiss-303; SNG-Copenhagen-618, / / ; forepart of prancing horse right / / ; bunch of grapes on a vine, within dotted square; all within incuse square, EF $150 - 250



35. **THRACE: Lysimachus**, 305-281 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.01g), cf. Sear-6813, head of Alexander the Great right // Athena enthroned left, holding Nike and resting left arm on shield, no monograms, grape cluster in field above knee, lightly toned, NGC graded Choice EF Strike: 4/5, Surface: 4/5 $700 - 900

36. **ANCIENT GREECE:** LOT of 5 small silver coins: **Cherronesos:** hemidrachm: forepart of lion, looking back // quadripartite incuse square (2 examples, different symbols, both VF); and **Mysia:** obol: forepart of a boar, tunny upright // head of a lion (1 pc, VF), and hemiobol, same design (2 pcs, both About VF), all with full identification and catalog references; retail value $350, **lot of 5 pieces** $200 - 250

Roman Republic



37. **ROMAN REPUBLIC:** AR victoriatus (2.78g), after ca. 211 BC, Anonymous Lucenia issue, head of Jupiter right // Victoria crowning trophy with a wreath, ROMA in exergue, NGC graded AU Strike: 5/5, Surface: 4/5 $250 - 300



38. **ROMAN REPUBLIC: Safra**, 150 BC, AR denarius (4.08g), S-85, helmeted head of Roma, denomination X behind // Victory in biga galloping right, name SAFRA below, lovely bold EF $180 - 220



39. **ROMAN REPUBLIC: M. Vargunteius**, 130 BC, AR denarius (3.75g), Crawford-257/1, helmeted head of Roma right; M.VARG behind, partly conjoined, mark of value to lower right // Jupiter driving triumphal quadriga right, holding palm frond, thunderbolt, and reins, VF-EF $75 - 100



40. **ROMAN REPUBLIC: M. Calidius, Q. Caecilius Metellus & Cn. Fulvius**, 117/116 BC, AR denarius, Rome, S-160, helmeted bust of Roma // Victory in biga, holding wreath, rare variety with the governor's name inscribed CH FOVL above and M CAL Q MET below, ICG graded AU50 $130 - 170



41. **ROMAN REPUBLIC: Postumius**, 74 BC, AR denarius (4.03g), S-330, draped bust of Diana, bow & quiver over shoulder // hound running right, TA monogram below, attractive VF $120 - 160



42. **ROMAN REPUBLIC:** AE As (44.58g), Rome, S-627, laureate head of bearded Janus, I above // prow of gallery, I above, ROMA below, no additional symbols, F-VF $100 - 150

Roman Empire



43. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Augustus**, 27 BC-14 AD, AE dupondius (13.74g), RIC-79, Divus Augustus, struck under Tiberius, DIVVS AVGVSTVS PATER, radiate head left // Large S C within oak wreath, VF $150 - 250



44. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Caligula**, 37-41 AD, AE sestertius (25.41g), Rome, BM-33, Paris-45, struck 37-8 AD, C CAESAR AVG GERMANICVS PON M TR POT, laureate bust left //ADLOCVT COH, without S C, Caligula standing left on platform, camp chair behind him, addressing five soldiers holding standards, reverse corrosion, attractive portrait, Fine $400 - 500



45. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Claudius**, 41-54 AD, AE sestertius (29.85g), Rome, RIC-114, BMC-188, Cohen-48, TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG P M TR P IMP P P, laureate head of Claudius to right // NERO CLAVDIVS DRVSVS GERMAN IMP / S C, the Arch of Nero Claudius Drusus: arch surmounted by equestrian statue of Nero Claudius Drusus and two Gallic trophies, slightly misaligned obverse die, Fine $200 - 300



46. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Claudius**, 41-54 AD, AE sestertius (21.71g), brockage error of obverse, Fine $100 - 150



47. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Claudius**, 41-54 AD, AR cistophoric tetradrachm (11.25g), Ephesus, RIC-120, TI CLAVD - CAES AVG, bare head left // COM - ASI, distyle temple within which Claudius stands facing, on left, holding spear and globe, being crowned by female figure standing on right, holding cornucopiae in left hand, lovely old cabinet tone, VF $500 - 700

A similar example sold in Numismatica Ars Classica Auction 72, Lot 1499 for $1,700.



48. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Galba**, 68-69 AD, AE sestertius (25.66g), RIC-271 (p.245), struck June to August 68 AD, SER GALBA IMP - CAES AVG TRP, laureate, draped bust right // SPQR / OB / CIVSER within oak wreath, some corrosion, VG $200 - 300



49. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Julia Domna, wife of Septimius Severus**, 193-217 AD, AE23, Bizya, Thrace, bare head right // Demeter standing right, holding corn-ears and long torch, Greek legends, lovely patina, VF $75 - 100



50. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Honorius**, 393-423 AD, AV solidus (4.34g), Mediolanum (Milan), RIC-1206, Depeyrot-16/2, struck ca. 395-408 AD, D N HONORI - VS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right // VICTORI - A AVGGG, Emperor standing right in military dress, holding vexillum and Victory on globe, placing foot on bearded captive sitting on ground before him, COMOB in exergue, M - D across field, lightly crimped on edge, VF-EF $500 - 600



51. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Zeno**, 474-491 AD, AV solidus (4.22g), Constantinople, RIC-905, first issue, D N ZENO PERP AVG, diademed, helmeted and cuirassed three-quarter facing bust, holding spear over shoulder // VICTORI-A AVGGG and officina letter S, Victory standing left, holding jewelled cross; star in right field. CONOB in exergue, strike 5/5, surface 2/5, NGC graded Choice EF $400 - 500

52. **ROMAN EMPIRE:** LOT of 29 copper and 5 silver coins: **Copper:** 21 pieces from the Roman Empire, plus 7 byzantine copper coins and 1 modern imitation of a medallion of Antonius Pius, nearly all in holders and identified by the consignor, average F-VF; **Silver:** Roman denarii: Trajan (S-3169, VG), Antoninus Pius (S-5193, Fine, porous), Geta (S-7169, Fine), and Elagabalus (S-7529, VF-EF); and one Spanish denarius of Bolscan (Burgos-1501, VF, mount removed); retail value $650, **lot of 34 pieces** $300 - 500

53. **ROMAN EMPIRE:** LOT of 47 bronze coins including Greek (4), Spain (1), and the remainder Roman from all periods including sestertii, asses, tetradrachms, folles and other later types, includes some Greek Imperial Roman issues, average circulated quality, retail value $800, **lot of 47 coins** $400 - 500

54. **ROMAN EMPIRE:** LOT of 79 bronze coins including Claudius, 41-54 AD, AE asses (6); Hadrian, 117-138, AE asses (6); Trajan Decius, 249-251, AE sestertii (4); Trebonianus Gallus, 251-253, AE sestertii (5); Gordian III, 238244, AE sestertii (3); Philip II, 244-249, AE sestertii (5); Maximianus Herculeus, 286-310 various bronzes (20); Licinius I, 308-324, various bronzes (22); Theodosius I, 378-383, various bronzes (8); average circulated quality, retail value $1500, **lot of 79 coins** $800 - 1,000

Byzantine Empire



55. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Phocas**, 602-610, AV tremisssis (1.47g), Constantinople, S-634, DN FOCAS PP AVG, beardless, pearl diademed, draped, cuirassed bust right // VICTORI FOCAS AV, cross potent, mintmark CONOB, strike 5/5, surface 3/5, NGC graded Mint State $150 - 200



56. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AV solidus (4.48g), Constantinople, S-758, Heraclius, crowned, with long moustache and long beard in center, Heraclonas, much smaller, wearing cap, on left, and Heraclius Constantine (almost as tall as Heraclius), crowned, unbearded, on right, all wearing chlamys and holding cross on globe; cross in upper left field // VICTORIA AVGU and officina letter Z, cross potent on three steps; PTh monogram in right field; mintmark CONOB, NGC graded Choice AU Strike 5/5, Surface 3/5 $300 - 400



57. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constans II**, 641-668, AE 20 nummia, Carthage, S-1057, struck 647/8-651/2, crowned and draped facing bust // large XX, cross between, and CRTS below, pleasing example of this scarce North African type, choice VF $75 - 100

58. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE:** LOT of 5 silver follis and 1 glass weight, including Heraclius (2 pcs, both of Cyprus mint, regnal year 8, both F-VF); Arab Imitations of Constans II (3 pcs, one derived from Grierson type 9, but with N instead of M to right of emperor, another countermarked with Greek A, the third with uncertain symbol upper right of reverse, average VF); and glass weight (Greek monogram, VF); retail value $320, **lot of 6 pieces** $150 - 250



59. **KINGDOM OF NICAEA: Theodore I, Comnenus-Lascaris**, 1208-1222, AR trachy (4.34g), Magnesia mint, S-2064, Christ, nimbate, enthroned, raising right hand, Gospels in left hand // St. Theodore crowning Theodore, bold holding sword & staff surmounted by 8-point star, EF**, R**,
ex Malter Galleries Auction 57, Lot 528 $100 - 150

Group Lots

60. **ANCIENT:** LOT of 5 silver & 4 copper coins, plus one primitive piece: **Silver:** Parthia: Vologases III, drachm (2 pcs, VF & VF-EF); Sasanian: Kavad I, AY mint, year 32 (VF-EF), and Khusro II, GD mint, year 35 (Fine, holed); and Kaulonia, Apollo // stag (VG obverse, Fair reverse); **Copper:** Indo-Scythian: square, horseman // zebu (Fine); Ancient Greek: Carthage; Macedonia; and one unidentified (average VG-Fine); and Mamluk, fals (Fair); **Primitive Money:** Aztec: copper axe money (VF); retail value $300, **lot of 10 pieces** $130 - 190

61. **ANCIENT:** LOT of 50 Greek and Roman coins, nice little group of Greek bronze (13), Roman bronze (29), silver (1), Byzantine bronze (7), with some better types and rulers, viewing recommended, slightly better than average quality and many with attractive patina, retail value $500, **lot of 50 coins** $200 - 300

62. **ANCIENT:** LOT of 10 coins, **1) Greek** Sicily Kamarina AE tetras Gorgoneion facing // owl SNG ANS-1225, **2) Greek** Moesia Istros AE12 four-spoked wheel // legend on reverse, SNG-BM Black Sea 220, **3) Roman** Gordian III 238-244 AE sestertius, Jupiter on reverse RIC III 255a, **4) Roman** Trajan 98-117 AR denarius, Dacian seated on reverse RIC II 223**, 5) Roman** Constantine I 307-337 AE follis Antioch RIC VII 86, **6) Roman** Hadrian 117-138 AR denarius, Moneta on reverse RIC 256, **7) Roman** Nero 54-68 AE as, Victory on reverse RIC I 544, **8) Roman** Postumus 260-269 AR antoninianus, Hercules on reverse RIC V 67, **9) Roman Republic** C. Mamilius Limetanus 82 BC serrate AR denarius Crawford 362/1, **10) Armenia** Levon I 1196-1219 AE tank, all average quality examples, retail value $350, **lot of 10 coins** $150 - 250

63. **ANCIENT:** LOT of 26 coins including Greek bronzes (14), Greek silver (3), Roman bronze (7) including two sestertii, and Roman silver (2), viewing of this lot recommended, average circulated quality, retail value $600, **lot of 26 coins** $300 - 500

64. **ANCIENT:** LOT of 115 ancient bronze coins, a good mixture of types and periods including Greek (22), Roman (81), Byzantine (12), mostly average circulated quality, retail value $575, **lot of 115 coins** $300 - 500

Ancient Near East



65. **ARMENIA: SASANIAN:** AR drachm ("zwzwn") (3.61g), NM, year 6 (frozen), cf. Zeno-17577, early style, probably struck during the first quarter of the 7th century or slightly later, somewhat harshly cleaned, VF**, R** $100 - 120



66. **ARADOS:** AR tetradrachm (15.57g), year 184 (76/75 BC), S-5992, turreted & veiled head of Tyche right // Nike standing left, holding aplustre & palm, date , Phoenician letters & left, lovely toning, attractive F-VF $130 - 150



67. **ACHAIMENIDIAN EMPIRE: Darios I to Xerxes II**, ca. 485-420 BC, AV daric (8.38g), Sardes mint, Carradice-Type IIIb, Persian king or hero, wearing kidaris and kandys, quiver over shoulder, in kneeling-running stance right, holding spear in right hand, bow in left // incuse punch, VF-EF $1,000 - 1,200



68. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires III & Anzaze**, ca. 82-73 BC, AR drachm (3.74g), Seleucia ad Hedyphon, Sel-235 (=78/7 BC), van t'Haaff-2.2, jugate portraits of the king & queen, anchor behind // Zeus-like deity seated, holding Nike and scepter, traces of hornsilver both sides, VF $150 - 200



69. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires III & Anzaze**, ca. 82-73 BC, AR drachm (3.95g), Seleucia ad Hedyphon, Sel-235 or 236 (=78/76 BC), van t'Haaff-2.2, jugate portraits of the king & queen, anchor off flan // Zeus-like deity seated, holding Nike and scepter, traces of hornsilver both sides, VF $130 - 170



70. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires V**, 54/3-33/2 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.32g), ND, van t'Haaff-2, diademed bust left, short-armed anchor behind, star above the anchor // similar bust, short hair, blundered Greek inscription around, lamination defect at the top of the rear bust, bold VF-EF $220 - 300



71. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires V**, 54/3-33/2 BC, AR tetradrachm (14.72g), Seleukeia, ND, van t'Haaff-2, diademed bust left, long-armed anchor behind, star above the anchor // similar bust, long hair, slightly blundered, but still legible Greek inscription around, small lamination defect at the top of the rear bust, bold VF-EF $220 - 300



72. **ELYMAIS: Anonymous**, ca. BC 30 to about 50 AD, AR tetradrachm (15.14g), Seleukeia, ND, van t'Haaff-10.1, diademed bust left, anchor behind, 8-point rosette above the anchor // simplified bust left, stylized Greek inscription around, choice EF $220 - 300



73. **ELYMAIS: Anonymous**, ca. BC 30 to about 50 AD, AR tetradrachm (14.68g), Seleukeia, ND, van t'Haaff-10.1, diademed bust left, anchor behind, ornate 6-point rosette above the anchor // simplified bust left, stylized Greek inscription around, EF $200 - 250



74. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Vardanes I**, ca. AD 38-46, BI tetradrachm, diademed bust left // Vardanes enthroned right, receiving palm branch from Tyche standing left holding scepter, with year (Sel-355), month off flan, faint obverse graffiti, encapsulated in NGC holder, choice VF (grade not assigned by NGC) $100 - 120



75. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Gotarzes II**, ca. AD 44-51, BI tetradrachm, diademed bust left // Gotarzes enthroned right, receiving wreath from Tyche standing left, with year (Sel-358), month off flan, faint obverse graffiti, encapsulated in NGC holder, choice VF (grade not assigned by NGC) $80 - 100



76. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Gotarzes II**, ca. AD 44-51, BI tetradrachm, diademed bust left // Gotarzes enthroned, receiving palm branch from Tyche standing left holding scepter,with year (Sel-358), month off flan, encapsulated in NGC holder, choice VF (grade not assigned by NGC) $80 - 100



77. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Vologases I**, ca. AD 50-78, BI tetradrachm, diademed bust left // Vologases enthroned, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right holding scepter, with year (Sel-358), month mostly off flan, encapsulated in NGC holder, VF-EF (grade not assigned by NGC) $100 - 120



78. **PERSIS KINGDOM: Baydad (Bagadat)**, early 3rd century BC, AR tetradrachm (16.22g), Alram-515, Sunrise-560, head right, with short beard, moustache and earring, wearing kyrbasia with flaps tied behind // fire-temple of Ahura-Mazda, king standing to left, raising arms in prayer, standard to right, Aramaic text around, some light porosity and a few minor adhesions on the reverse, VF-EF $2,200 - 2,600



79. **PERSIS KINGDOM: Baydad (Bagadat)**, early 3rd century BC, AR tetradrachm (16.46g), Alram-515, Sunrise-560, head right, with short beard, moustache and earring, wearing kyrbasia with flaps tied behind // fire-temple of Ahura-Mazda, king standing to left, raising arms in prayer, standard to right, Aramaic text around, one scratch in the reverse field, bold VF $2,800 - 3,200



80. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.30g), G-10, pellet to right of the king's crown, 2 minuscule nicks in the reverse margin, lovely strike on broad flan, choice VF-EF $220 - 300



81. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran II**, 276-293, AR drachm (3.92g), G-64, busts of the king and queen facing right, and the son, without diadem, facing left, slightly uneven surfaces, About VF $150 - 200



82. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur II**, 309-379, BI drachm (4.25g), G-102, bust right, with mural crown & korymbos // fire altar flanked by two attendants, royal bust in flames, lovely bold strike without any weakness, EF $100 - 140



83. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur II**, 309-379, lead pashiz (3.53g), G-109, standard bust right // fire-altar without attendants, Fine**, R** $110 - 150



84. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur III**, 383-388, AR drachm (3.96g), [Herat], G-126, SMS-14, narrow flan, legend on the base of the altar, finest style, assigned by Nikolaus Schindel to the Herat mint, choice EF**, R**, *ex Alan S. DeShazo Collection* $150 - 200



85. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur III**, 383-389, AR drachm (4.10g), G-126, standard design, king's ribbons facing upwards, EF $130 - 150



86. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur III**, 383-388, AR drachm (4.03g), G-127, Zeno-71472 (this piece), VF $90 - 110



87. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd I**, 399-420, lead pashiz (2.59g), G-—, standard bust right, triangle to the right, and pellet within the crescent attached to the right side of the crown // standard reverse, nice F-VF**, R** $130 - 170



88. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd III**, 399-420, AR drachm (4.26g), G-146, standard type, crescents between attendant's crowns and their swords, eastern style, EF $120 - 160



89. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd I**, 399-420, AR drachm (4.30g), AS (the Treasury mint), G-147, bold strike, mint name to right of the fire on the reverse, EF , *ex Alan S. DeShazo Collection* $130 - 170



90. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran V**, 420-438, lead pashiz (2.42g), G-158var, standard bust right // fire-altar without attendants, without mint name, F-VF**, R** $110 - 150



91. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Peroz**, 457-484, AR drachm (3.99g), WH (Veh-Ardashir), year 6, G-169, SMS-201, lovely strike for the 2nd series of Peroz, and dated drachms of Peroz are always rare, EF**, R**, *ex Alan S. DeShazo Collection* $120 - 160



92. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Valkash**, 484-488, AR drachm (4.10g), GD (Jayy), ND, G-178, SMS-18, superb bold strike, AU**, R**, *ex Alan S. DeShazo Collection* $220 - 300



93. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Kavad I**, 488-531, AR drachm (3.57g), DA (Darabjird), ND, G-183, first series, without the ribbons on the crown, EF $100 - 120



94. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusro II**, 591-628, AR drachm (4.02g), YZ (Yazd), year 1, G-208, first series, flat crown without wings, choice VF**, R**, *ex Alan S. DeShazo Collection* $140 - 200



95. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusro II**, 591-628, AR drachm (4.01g), SK (Sijistan), year 27, G-212, lovely style, impressive example for this mint, EF $90 - 110



96. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Kavad II**, 628, AR drachm (4.16g), AHM (Hamadan), year 2, G-223, superb strike, without any weakness, choice EF**, R**, *ex Alan S. DeShazo Collection* $700 - 900



97. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir III**, 628-630, AR drachm (4.12g), WYHC (the Treasury mint), year 1, G-225, first series, crown without wings, fine strike, lovely EF , *ex Alan S. DeShazo Collection* $150 - 200



98. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir III**, 628-630, AR drachm (4.08g), AW (Ahwaz), year 2, G-226, 2nd series, winged crown, choice strike, EF $100 - 120



99. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd V**, 631-632, AR drachm (4.12g), MY (Mishan), year 2, G-230, bold strike, choice VF-EF , *ex Alan S. DeShazo Collection* $150 - 200



100. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd V**, 631-632, AR drachm (4.15g), WYHC (the Treasury mint), year 3, G-230, VF-EF $150 - 200



101. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd VI**, 631-632, AR drachm (4.09g), WYHC (the Treasury mint), year 2, G-230, lightly cleaned, VF $120 - 160



102. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusro III**, 631-633, AR drachm (3.43g), WYHC (the Treasury mint), year 2, G-232, king's bust without beard, nice strike, also assigned to Khusro IV/V, if indeed so many different Khusros did exist, choice VF-EF , *ex Alan S. DeShazo Collection* $200 - 250

Interesting graffiti in reverse margin, which seems to be IX encircled; could this mean the that reduced weight was reckoned as 9/10 of the full drachm weight?



103. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd III**, 632-651, AR drachm (3.39g), SK (Sijistan), year 5, G-234, struck to the light standard used in the east (Zabulistan, etc.), EF $150 - 200

104. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur II**, 309-379, LOT of 7 silver drachms, standard type with ribbons aligned with the rim (Göbl-102), all without mint marks or special symbols, lovely group with an average grade of VF-EF; retail value $400, **lot of 7 pieces** $200 - 300

105. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusro II**, 591-628, LOT of 5 silver drachm, all of type Göbl-212, BN year 28 (possibly Bamm, choice VF); GD year 36 (Jayy, EF); LD 36 (Rayy, choice EF); ShY year 35 (Shiraz, EF); and WYH (Bihqubadh, EF); retail value $260, **lot of 5 pieces** $160 - 200

106. **SASANIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 4 silver drachms of Ardashir III, 628-630, second series (Göbl-226): AYLAM year 2 (Hulwan mint, 2 pcs), NAL year 2 (Narmashir), and DA year 2 (Darabjird); all in VF-EF condition; retail value $400. **lot of 4 pieces** $240 - 300

Ancient Egypt



107. **PTOLEMAIS: Ptolemy I**, as Satrap, 323-305 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.08g), Alexandria, Svoronos-42, SNG-Copenhagen 15, struck on the Attic standard circa 314-310 BC in the name of Alexander the Great, head of Alexander, in elephant headdress; small before elephants ear just above scales of aegis // Athena Alkidemos walking right, brandishing spear & shield; EY & eagle in right field, EF, *ex Don Erickson Collection* $1,300 - 1,500



108. **PTOLEMAIS: Ptolemy I**, as Satrap, 323-305 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.57g), Memphis or Alexandreia mint, Price-3971c, SNG-Copenhagen 7, in the name and types of Alexander III of Macedon, struck circa 323/2-317/1 BC, head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin // Zeus Aëtophoros seated left; rose in left field, below throne, to left of scepter, several test cuts, Fine**, R**, *ex Don Erickson Collection* $400 - 500



109. **PTOLEMAIS: Ptolemy II Philadelphos**, 285-246 BC, AR tetradrachm (14.12g), Joppa (Jaffa), S-7774, diademed & draped bust of Ptolemy I right // eagle standing left on thunderbolt, EF $400 - 500



110. **PTOLEMAIS: Ptolemy VI Philometor**, 180-145 BC, AR tetradrachm (13.69g), Paphos, S-7892, Head of Ptolemy I // eagle standing on thunderbolt, mintmark to left, regnal year (year 20, = 163/62 BC), attractive VF $100 - 140



111. **PTOLEMAIS: Ptolemy VI Philometor**, 180-145 BC, AE 28 (15.02g), S-7905, Head of Cleopatra I, as Isis // eagle standing on thunderbolt, mintmark PA to right, fine example, choice VF $100 - 140



112. **PTOLEMAIS: Cleopatra VII**, 51-30 BC, AE diobol (80 drachmai) (16.33g), Alexandria, Svoronos-1871, diademed and draped bust right // eagle standing left on thunderbolt; cornucopia to left, to right, VG $300 - 500

Ancient Central Asia



113. **BUKHARA: "Hyrkod"**, 1st-2nd century AD, AR hemidrachm (1.37g), cf. Zeno-164102, royal bust right, Greek letters behind // standing soldier, holding long spear, fire emerging from his shoulders, VF**, R** $110 - 150

114. **BUKHAR-KHODAT:** LOT of 4 silver drachms, known as "mug" drachms, struck circa 700-750 (cf. Zeno-172243): Sasanian style, derived from the standard drachm of Varahran V, minted in the Samarqand region, three without any countermark, one with triskeles countermark, all in decent VF condition; retail value $500, **lot of 4 pieces** $250 - 400



115. **NEZAK HUNS: Nezak Malka series**, ca. 630-711, AR drachm (3.34g), G-200, bust right, wearing winged buffalo headdress // fire altar with attendants; wheel-rosettes above, excellent strike, one typical flan crack, as often found on this type, choice EF $150 - 200



116. **NEZAK HUNS: Nezak Malka series**, ca. 6th century, AR drachm (3.50g), G-225, bust right, wearing three-trident headdress // fire altar with attendants, rosettes above, symbols left & right, nice strike, lovely VF $110 - 150



117. **HEPHTHALITE: "Hormizd IV" type**, 7th century, AR drachm (2.91g), Zeno-162876 (with lengthy discussion), "flying camel" and monogram countermarks in obverse margin, uncertain countermark in reverse margin, VF $140 - 180

Design based on standard drachm of Hormizd IV (579-590), his name coarsely written, with bottom crescent replaced by pair of vertical crescents // totally blundered mint & date on reverse, derived from BHL 11 (Balkh).

118. **HUNNIC & SASANIAN:** LOT of 6 silver coins: **Hunnic:** Göbl-226, Nezak Shah type (VF); Göbl-244, Sandan type, trilingual, one countermark (bold VF); and Göbl-257, Sri Shahi, with that name in Brahmi (VF-EF, slightly porous surfaces); and **Sasanian:** Göbl-23: Shahpur I, 241-272, drachm, standard type with ear-flaps (VF, lightly porous surfaces); Göbl-209: Khusro II, 591-628, drachm, SK mint (Sijistan), year 5, senmurg countermark (VF);and Göbl-212, same ruler, drachm, GD mint (Jayy), year 33, human head & tamgha countermarks (VF); retail value $520, **lot of 6 pieces** $300 - 400



119. **KESH: Phseighacharis**, 1st-2nd century AD, AR drachm (1.76g), Zeno-101229 (this piece), royal portrait, derived from the early Yueh Chi issues of Central Asia // Heracles standing, his right hand resting on a club, degenerate Greek legend around, VF-EF**, R** $150 - 250

It is likely that there is only one denomination, which varies in weight from less than 1g to more than 2g, rather than two separate different denominations.



120. **KESH: Phseighacharis**, 1st-2nd century AD, AR hemidrachm (1.34g), Zeno-35294 (this piece), moustached portrait, apparently without diadem // Heracles standing, his right hand resting on a club, blundered Greek legend around, VF-EF**, R** $150 - 250



121. **KESH: Phseigacharis**, ca. 1st-2nd century AD, AR hemidrachm (1.16g), Zeno-131349 (this piece), moustached portrait, with partial diadem // Heracles standing, his right hand resting on a club, random Greek letters around, choice VF $150 - 250



122. **SAMARKAND: Anonymous**, ca. 2nd-4th century, AR obol (0.58g), cf. Zeno-51443, bust left // archer with quiver, holding large bow, scyphate, fine style, lovely VF $100 - 150



123. **SAMARKAND: Tarkhun**, ca. 700-710, AE cash (2.74g), Smirnova-215ff, tamghas of Samarkand & the Ikhshids, Fine $80 - 100



124. **SAMARKAND: Gurak**, ca. 710-738, AE cash (4.28g), Smirnova-359ff, name of ruler in Sogdian // two tamgas of Samarqand, F-VF $110 - 150



125. **SEMIRECH'E: Turgesh**, 8th century, AE cash (5.19g), Kam-24, Zeno-6317, Sogdian legend // tamgha based around the central square hole, medium weight standard, nicely patinated, lovely VF-EF $150 - 200



126. **SEMIRECH'E: Turgesh**, 8th century, AE cash (6.32g), Kam-24, Zeno-6317, Sogdian legend // tamgha based around the central square hole, heavy standard, bold VF $140 - 180



127. **SEMIRECH'E: Turgesh**, 8th century, AE cash (5.69g), Kam-24, Zeno-6317, Sogdian legend // tamgha based around the central square hole, heavy standard, VF $100 - 150



128. **SEMIRECH'E: Turgesh**, 8th century, AE cash (2.83g), Kam-46, cf. Zeno-121668, Smirnova-1588, name of ruler in Sogdian // two tamghas of the Arslanid branch, F-VF**, R** $180 - 220



129. **SEMIRECH'E: Turgesh**, 8th century, AE cash (2.83g), Kam-22, cf. Zeno-39562, Smirnova-1588, Sogdian legend // tamgha based around the central square hole, with Runic M and Sogdian *prn*, attractive F-VF**, R** $150 - 200



130. **SEMIRECH'E: Inal-Tegin**, mid 8th century, AE cash (3.32g), Kam-34, cf. Zeno-123063, name of ruler in distorted Sogdian script // runic letter P plus Turgesh tamgha and Sogdian word *prn*, VF**, RR** $180 - 220



131. **SEMIRECH'E: Qarluq branch**, 8th century, AE cash (2.40g), cf. Zeno-120731, Sogdian text for the Qarluq branch of the Arslanids of Semirech'e (*pny bgy xralwy xagan*) // ruler's name, tentatively read as either Kobak or Pobak, plus two tamghas, strong VF**, R** $160 - 200



132. **SEMIRECH'E: Qarluq branch**, 8th century, AE cash (2.54g), cf. Zeno-120731, Sogdian text for the Qarluq branch of the Arslanids of Semirech'e (*pny bgy xralwy xagan*) // ruler's name, tentatively read as either Kobak or Pobak, plus two tamghas, VF**, R** $140 - 180

Most known pieces have come from the region of Shish-Tyube in the Chu Valley of Kyrgyzstan. (See also lot 131 above).

Nakhshab

For the coinage of Nakhshab, see the article by Alexander Naymark, "The Coinage of Nakhshab during the First-Fourth Centuries CE," in the Journal of Inner Asian Art and Archaeology 7 (2012).



133. **NAKHSHAB: Ashtat**, 1st-3rd century, AR drachm (2.50g), Zeno-68590 (this piece), diademed male head left, with long moustache, name behind (probably Aramaic) // archer standing, holding bow, blundered Greek legend around, bold VF-EF**, RR** $200 - 300



134. **NAKHSHAB: Ashtat**, 1st-3rd century, AR hemidrachm (1.08g), Zeno-71256 (this piece), diademed head left, unusual hair style // archer standinig right, holding bow, Greek legends left & right for "Antiochus"), choice VF-EF**, RR** $200 - 300



135. **NAKHSHAB: uncertain series**, 1st-3rd century, AR unit (0.97g), Zeimal-9:4, large head right, wearing complex cap // Zeus seated, holding bird by his right hand, chipped, VF-EF**, RRR** $100 - 140



136. **NAKHSHAB: Anonymous, 3rd series**, ca. 3rd century, AR obol (0.35g), cf. Zeno-69720, Naymark figure 5.4, stylized bust right, barbarous Sogdian legend around // standing figure, holding sword and staff, meaningless legend around, VF**, R** $100 - 150



137. **NAKHSHAB: Anonymous, 3rd series**, ca. 3rd century, AR obol (0.36g), cf. Zeno-69720, Naymark figure 5.5, stylized bust right, barbarous Sogdian legend around // standing figure, holding staff (and sword, which is off flan on this piece), meaningless legend around, light porosity, VF**, R** $100 - 150



138. **NAKHSHAB: Anonymous, 3rd series**, ca. 3rd century, BI unit (0.84g), cf. Zeno-69720, Naymark figure 5.7, stylized bust right, barbarous Sogdian legend around // standing figure, without sword & staff, little silver, mostly copper, VF**, RR** $100 - 150



139. **SOGHD: Anonymous**, ca. 50-100 AD, AR obol (0.54g), cf. Zeno-151230, helmeted bust left // caps of the Dioscuri, each with a palm frond, blundered Greek legend around, derived from the Indo-Greek obol of Eucratides (Bopearachchi-9), VF**, RR** $150 - 250



140. **SOGHD: Anonymous**, ca. 50-100 AD, AR obol (0.38g), cf. Zeno-151230, long-heared bust left // caps of the Dioscuri, each with a palm frond, blundered Greek legend around, the reverse derived from the Indo-Greek obol of Eucratides (Bopearachchi-9), the obverse purely Central Asian (perhaps derived from Nakhshab types), somewhat porous surfaces, About VF**, RR** $100 - 150



141. **SOGDIANA: Anonymous**, ca. 2nd century BC, AR unit (1.32g), cf. Zeno-146695 for a much later example of this design, Yueh Chi style diademed bust left // forepart of a horse left, with Greek letter to left, fine style, EF**, RRR** $300 - 400

This design was later adopted at Samarqand, and this piece seems to represent the initial style of the Samarqand "horsehead" series that would last for several centuries, rapidly disintegrating into almost childish simplified designs, as we can see on Zeno under Central Asia > Soghd > Samarqand.



142. **SOGDIANA: Anonymous**, ca. 1st -2nd century, AR unit (1.15g), Zeno—, Yueh Chi style capped bust left, border of pellets // archer standing, holding bow, corrupt Greek/Aramaic legend around, porous surfaces, VF**, RR** $100 - 120

143. **SOGDIANA:** LOT of 4 small silver coins: **Bukhara:** “Hyrkod” style drachm with soldier reverse (3.15g, Fine); **Kesh:** Heracles & Zeus type (cf. Zeno-25694) (2 pcs, 0.57g and 0.46g, both Fine); and **Samarkand:** Archer type, bust // archer holding bow, scyphate (0.46g, F-VF); retail value $400, **lot of 4 pieces** $200 - 280



144. **CAUCASIAN ALBANIA: Anonymous**, ca. 1st century BC, AR drachm (2.43g), Sergeev-661 ff, Zeno-54795 (this piece), deeply stylized Alexander type: “Heracles” head, with dot-shape eye & large triangular nose // “Zeus” seated, but the seat has vanished, still holding bird and standard, VF**, RR** $200 - 300

This type has been found at Qabala (Kapalak, the ancient capital of Caucasian Albania). See also Lot 145 below.



145. **CAUCASIAN ALBANIA: Anonymous**, ca. 1st century BC, AR drachm (3.69g), Sergeev-661 ff, Zeno-8273 (this piece), deeply stylized Alexander type: “Heracles” head, with dot-shape eye & large triangular nose // “Zeus” seated, but the seat has vanished, still holding bird and standard, VF**, RR** $200 - 300



146. **NORTHERN TOKHARISTAN: KOBADIEN: Anonymous**, ca. 6th-7th century, AR drachm (3.02g), Zeno-7055 (this piece), style derived from the Sasanian drachm of Peroz (457-484): with two tamghas in obverse field, and three countermarks: helmeted head on obverse, long-haired head and resting camel on reverse, VF**, R** $150 - 200



147. **NORTHERN TOKHARISTAN: KOBADIEN: Anonymous**, ca. 6th-7th century, AR drachm (3.01g), Zeno-6128 (this piece), style derived from the Sasanian drachm of Peroz (457-484): with two tamghas in obverse field, and three countermarks: helmeted head on obverse, long-haired head and resting camel on reverse, VF**, R** $150 - 200

For this series, see
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Islamic Coins

Early Pre-Reform



148. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Yazdigerd type**, 652-660, AR drachm (3.64g), BN, YE20, A-2, with Arabic *jayyid* (“good”) instead of *bism Allah* in the 2nd quadrant of the obverse margin, VF-EF**, RRR** $700 - 900

Mint location undetermined, though the city of Bamm in eastern Kirman province has been suggested.



149. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw “lillâh” type**, ca. 656-670?? AR drachm (2.78g), DA (Darabjird), YE35, A-A6, clipped down to the post-reform dirham weight, VF $120 - 160

The actual issuers and purpose of the "lillâh" series has never been determined. The calligraphic form of "lillâh" can be read as either Arabic "lillâh" or Pahlavi AP, the first two letters of the phrase APD that occurs on a significant percentage of the regular drachms of the Sasanian Khusro II (Göbl-211). It has been suggested that the mints and dates on the "lillâh" series are very tentative.



150. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 666-670, AR drachm (3.91g), SK (Sijistan), AH48, A-5, with uncertain countermark, generally as Göbl-51, in obverse margin, choice VF**, RR** $150 - 200



151. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 666-670, AR drachm (3.02g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH49, A-5, anonymous gubernatorial issue of Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan, before he added his name to the obverse in the following year (AH50), clipped down to the post-reform standard, VF $110 - 150



152. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd Allah b. ‘Amir**, ca. 661-664, AR drachm (3.77g), NAL (Narmashir in Kirman province), year 33, A-7, ‘Abd Allah in Pahlavi, spelled as ATWLA, very rare mint for this type, F-VF**, RR** $200 - 250



153. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.00g), DA (Darabjird), YE52, A-12, superb strike, AU $140 - 180



154. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (3.90g), KRMAN-GY (Jiroft), AH61, A-12, pellets flanking the upper star-and-crescent on the reverse, rare mint for this governor, choice EF**, R** $300 - 400



155. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (3.95g), GD (Jayy), AH60, A-12, with special symbol added in ObQ1 (meaning undetermined), VF-EF $140 - 180



156. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Mu’awiya**, 661-680, AR drachm (4.11g), DA Darabjird), AH43 (frozen), A-14, earliest Islamic coin to cite the Umayyad caliph by name, struck circa AH52-54 (circa AD 672-674), glorious strike, with elegant touch of iridescent toning, choice EF $200 - 250



157. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AR drachm (3.97g), ART (Ardashir Khurra), AH67, A-15, governor cited with his patronymic (b. Zubayr) rather than his caliphal title, rare mint/date combination, VF**, R** $150 - 200



158. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AR drachm (4.15g), DA+P (Fasa), YE60, A-16, pellet at 11:30 in reverse margin, AU $150 - 200



159. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AR drachm (3.93g), DA+P (Fasa), YE60, A-16, pellet at 11:30 in reverse margin, lightly polished to minimize traces of hornsilver at the rim, EF-AU $130 - 170



160. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AR drachm (3.89g), DA+GH (Jahrom), YE60, A-16, pellet at 11:30 in reverse margin, lightly polished to minimize traces of hornsilver at the rim, EF $130 - 170

Jahrom and Fasa are two small cities not far from Darabjird (modern Darab).



161. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AR drachm (3.98g), KLMAN-SLC (possibly Sirjan), AH65, A-16, Pahlavi letter P before *bism Allah* in the obverse margin, mount removed, VF-EF**, R** $130 - 170



162. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AR drachm (3.62g), ST (Istakhr), AH63, A-16, symbol at 2:30 in obverse margin, bold VF $100 - 150



163. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AE pashiz (2.45g), MM, AH62, A-16K, Gyselen-63, weak date, but likely AH62, mint should be Istakhr (ST), but obscured by weakness of strike, Arabic *bism Allah* in ObQ2, Fine**, RR** $90 - 110



164. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Salm. b. Ziyad**, ca. 680-685, AR drachm (3.70g), HLY (Herat), AH67, A-18, star at 11:30 in reverse margin, slightly clipped, VF $120 - 160



165. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Mus’ab b. al-Zubayr**, ca. 685-690, AR drachm (3.94g), KLMAN-NAL (Narmashir), AH71, A-17, with the Pahlavi GDH in ObQ3, VF**, RR** $300 - 400



166. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd al-Malik b. Marwan**, 685-705, AR drachm (3.82g), DA+GH (Jahrom), YE60, A-32, cleaned, mostly to remove some hornsilver, VF $100 - 150



167. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd al-’Aziz b. ‘Abd Allah b. ‘Âmir**, ca. 685-691, AR drachm (3.04g), SK (Sijistan), AH66, A-25, with *al-’aziz* in ObQ3; clipped down, cleaned, VF**, R** $150 - 200



168. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Atiya b. al-Aswad**, fl. 689-696, AR drachm (3.91g), KLMAN-NAL, AH75, A-28, obverse marginal text in the 2nd quadrant is *bism Allah wali al-amr*, crescent to the left of the crown’s left wing, pellet at 11:30 in reverse margin, VF $250 - 300



169. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Qatari b. Fuja’a**, ca. 688-698, AR drachm (3.51g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH75, A-33, with the Kharijite slogan *la hukm illa lillah* in the obverse margin, title *‘abd Allah* before his name in the obverse field, cleaned, VF-EF $300 - 400



170. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Qatari b. Fuja’a**, ca. 688-698, AR drachm (3.90g), DA (Darabjird), AH75, A-33, with the Kharijite slogan *la hukm illa lillah* in the obverse margin, pellet at 11:30 and Pahlavi monogram at 12:30 in reverse margin, VF $300 - 400



171. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Qatari b. Fuja’a**, ca. 688-698, AR drachm (3.15g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH75, A-33, Kharijite issue, with the phrase *la hukm illa lillah*, clipped down to the post-reform standard, F-VF $250 - 350



172. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 690-710, AE pashiz (1.15g), Bishapur, ND, A-42, Gyselen-7, single Byzantine-style facing bust // crowned human-headed bull, about 15% flat strike, mostly on reverse, F-VF $100 - 140



173. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Muqatil b. Misma'**, 691-692, AR drachm (4.01g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH73, A-22, *al-bakriya* in ObQ3 refers to Muqatil's tribe, the Bakr tribe in Arabia; final digit of date in the Pahlavi numerical system, followed by "70" in the Pahlavi word system, EF**, S** $500 - 600



174. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Muhallab b. Abi Sufra**, ca. 694-698, AR drachm (3.98g), ST (Istakhr), AH76, A-31, mint name engraved in the cursive Pahlavi format, normal for this mint on Istakhr coins in the name of al-Muhallab, choice EF $200 - 300



175. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Muhallab b. Abi Sufra**, ca. 694-698, AR drachm (4.00g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH75, A-31, gorgeous bold strike on broad flan, EF $100 - 120



176. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, 694-713, AR drachm (2.54g), ART (Ardashir Khurra), AH80, A-35.2, only *bism Allah* in obverse margin, clipped down to later standard, VF**, S** $200 - 300



177. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, 694-713, AR drachm (3.96g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH80, A-35.3, scarce variety with just *lillah al-hamd* in the obverse margin, triplet of pellets at 5:30 and 6:30 in the obverse margin, superior bold strike on broad flan, choice EF**, S** $500 - 600



178. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, 694-713, AR drachm (4.03g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH81, A-35.4, obverse text *bism Allah rabbi* in Arabic in ObQ2 and Pahlavi HShT ('eight') in ObQ3, very rare type, EF-AU**, RR** $1,100 - 1,500



179. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, 694-713, AE pashiz (0.69g), NM, ND, A-B37, Gyselen-79, radial obverse (derived from the silver drachm type A-A35, but only partially visible due to double-striking), Orans figure (Muslim at prayer) on reverse, facing right, very crude VF**, RR** $120 - 160



180. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Farrukhzad**, ca. 695-699, AE pashiz (0.73g), Tanbuk, ND, A-41B, Gyselen-59, Sasanian style bust right // ram (mouflon) right, mint name to right of the ram, nice strike, F-VF**, RRR** $150 - 200



181. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, 700-703, AR dirham (3.83g), SK (Sijistan), AH83, A-38, date written as SYHShTAT, lightly cleaned, rare date for this type & mint, EF $125 - 175



182. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, 700-703, AR drachm (3.86g), SK (Sijistan), AH81, A-38A, 4-pellet breast ornament, lightly cleaned, VF-EF $125 - 175



183. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, 700-703, AR drachm (3.74g), SK (Sijistan), AH82, A-38A, extra single pellet left of the wings in the obverse margin, EF $125 - 175



184. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, 700-703, AR drachm (3.97g), SK (Sijistan), AH82, A-38A, triplet of pellets in obverse margin before *rabbi* rather than after *bism Allah*, bold EF $125 - 175



185. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, AE fals or pashiz (3.40g), Kirman, AH95, A-45.1, unpublished type, with Pahlavi text on obverse (perhaps Pahlavi translation of the Muslim kalima), Arab reverse: *bism Allah / darb kirman / sana khams / wa tis'in,* historically important and unique, VG-F**, RRRR** $300 - 400

This is the first known Arab-Sasanian copper coin of the mint of Kirman, dated AH95 within the caliphal reign al-Walid I, written out in words in Arabic. No standard Umayyad copper coins are known from Kirman or any of its subordinate mints, though most silver dirhams of the Kirman mint are common.



186. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khalid b. ‘Abbad**, ca. 700, AE pashiz (0.95g), BYSh (Bishapur), AHx4, A-N42, Gyselen-3, Sasanian bust right, name in Arabic to right // standing Sasanian fire altar and 2 attendants, with mint & date (probably 94, as suggested by Gyselen in her second edition), Fine**, RRR** $180 - 220

Reverse margin has the Arabic countermark that seems to be kh.bâd.h, *meaning undetermined, and apparently never previously reported.*



187. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 690-710, AE pashiz (0.53g), Bishapur, ND, A-42, Gyselen-7, single Byzantine-style facing bust // crowned human-headed bull, lovely strike, almost EF $150 - 200



188. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 700-720, AE pashiz (0.53g), ST (Istakhr), ND, A-A46, Gyselen-23var, facing bust, wearing kufiya, with uncertain word to right // Anahita-style facing bust, mint name to right, slightly porous surfaces, VF**, R** $120 - 160



189. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 695-715, AE pashiz (0.84g), ST (Istakhr), ND, A-H46, Gyselen—, duck right, with mint monogram ST above // 3-line Pahlavi legend, of which only the top line has been read, APZWT, unpublished and presumed unique, VF**, RRRR** $400 - 500



190. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 690-710, AE pashiz (0.41g), NM, ND, A-43B, cf. Gyselen-85, two facing Byzantine-style busts, perhaps derived from Heracles & son // cross potent above 4 steps (Gys-85 has the patriarchal cross), completely stylized “legends” on both sides, Fine**, RR** $100 - 150



191. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 690-715, AE pashiz (1.99g), NM, ND, A-49K, Gyselen-84, Sasanian bust right, GDH behind, APZWT before // facing pseudo-Byzantine bust facing, LWBAK (“current”) left, undeciphered word right, Fine**, R** $150 - 200



192. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 690-715, AE pashiz (1.90g), A-49K, Gyselen-88, Khusro-style bust right, Pahlavi LWBAK (“current”) to right, illegible legend behind // standing Byzantine-style figure, with undeciphered legends left & right, harshly cleaned, Fine**, RR** $100 - 140

This type has not yet been assigned to a specific mint.

193. **ARAB-SASANIAN:** LOT of 5 silver coins: **Arab-Sasanian:** Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad (BCLA 56), Umar b. Ubayd Allah (ART 69), and Salm b. Ziyad (MLW 63) (all about VF and slightly clipped); **Tabaristan:** Sa'id, PYE126 (EF); and **Sasanian:** Ardashir III, AYLAN year 2 (Fine, clipped); retail value $230, **lot of 5 pieces** $120 - 180



194. **EASTERN SISTAN: Anonymous**, 716-727, AR drachm (4.10g), SK (Sijistan), AH104, A-77, very clear date, pellet after *bism Allah* and after *rabbi*, nice strike, with some double-striking in the reverse center, some light (removable) adhesions in obverse margin, VF-EF**, R** $180 - 200

Not from the recent hoard, which had a terminal date of AH98.



195. **EASTERN SISTAN: Ya'qub**, ca. 820s-830s, AR drachm (3.29g), SK (Sijistan), ND, A-E90, countermarked *ya'qub / ja'iz* on anonymous type 89T (but probably without *'adl* in the 4th quadrant of the obverse), with two additional previously unknown countermarks, one with an unread name above the Arabic word *ja'iz*, the other very small, with undetermined word or symbol inside, VF**, RRRR** $300 - 400

The only other example bearing the ya'qub ja'iz *countermark sold in Stephen Album Auction 27, Lot 124, for $900. The reference to the founder of the Saffarid dynasty, Ya'qub al-Layth, is very tentative, and it is likely that the fellow named in this countermark is a different Ya'qub.*



196. **ARAB-BUKHARAN: Muhammad**, ca. 761-769+, AR drachm (2.98g), ND, A-93, post-Sasanian style, struck in the name of Muhammad, presumably the future caliph al-Mahdi, as heir under his father al-Mansur, approximately 143-151+ / 761-769+., lovely EF**, RR** $150 - 250

Arab-Byzantine



197. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Pseudo-Byzantine**, ca. 660s-670s, AE fals (4.47g), year XXI, A-3502, Goodwin-C, two standing figures, the left figure probably wearing military dress (but largely off flan), with swastika instead of the normal cross at the top between the 2 figures // capital **M**, ANO to the right, XXI left (for year 21), CON below, river symbol within the M and uncertain symbol above, overstruck on part of an earlier Byzantine folles, possibly unpublished, VF**, RR** $120 - 180



198. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Pseudo-Byzantine**, ca. 650s-660s, AE fals (4.03g), NM, ND, A-3502, Goodwin-C, Two Standing Figures, one in military dress, each holding cross // capital **M**, simple cross above, officina below, ANII left, blundered symbol probably derived from the year 17, nice strike, VF**, S** $100 - 150



199. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Pseudo-Byzantine**, ca. 650-660, AE fals (1.52g), ND, A-3504, Standing Emperor type, derived from Grierson Class 4 folles of Constans II // cursive **m**, with T, cross and circle above, uncertain characters below (almost entirely off flan), attractive patination, choice VF $100 - 120



200. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Pseudo-Byzantine**, ca. 655-670, AE square fals (4.37g), NM, ND, A-3505, Goodwin-F, Standing Emperor type, holding cross // capital **M**, simple cross above, officina below, AN(A) left, probably NEO at right, but obscured by uncertain countermark, crude VF**, R** $100 - 150

Unusual variety struck on a square planchet.



201. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Three Standing Figures**, ca. 680-700, AE fals (3.57g), Tabariya, A-3512, capital **M**, anchor above, diamond symbol below, with mint name in Greek & Arabic around, attractive VF $100 - 150



202. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Emperor**, ca. 670s-680s, AE fals (3.39g), Damascus, year "17", A-3517.1, fancy fleur-de-lys left, right // capital **M**, Greek inscriptions only, VF**, S** $100 - 150



203. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Emperor**, ca. 670s-680s, AE fals (4.93g), Ba'albakk, ND, A-3518, Greek to the far right // capital **M**, mint name in both Arabic & Greek (as usual for this mint), crescent below the center of the letter M, bold VF**, RR** $120 - 160

This type is normally recognized as a muling of an obverse for Damascus with a reverse for Ba'albakk.



204. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Emperor**, ca. 670s-680s, AE fals (5.48g), Tabariya, ND, A-3519, mint name in Arabic to the far left, unread Arabic? word to right // cursive **m**, above tiny pole to left, retrograde below, above curled symbol to right, simple cross above, pleasing patination, apparently unpublished in the principal references, VF**, RRR** $150 - 250



205. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Emperor**, ca. 680-690, AE fals (5.21g), Tabariya, A-3519, Imperial figure holding long cross & globus cruciger, city name in Greek to the right, letters to the left // cursive **m** surrounded by completely blundered Greek text (the exergue is retrograde CON, "Constantinople"), cross above, nice strike, bold VF**, RR** $150 - 250



206. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-697, AE fals (2.98g), Ma'arrat Masrin, ND, A-3534.2, without the name of the caliph, pleasing patination, bold VF**, R** $100 - 150



207. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-697, AE fals (2.98g), Ma'arrat Masrin, ND, A-3536, citing the caliph, attractive patination, nice strike, lovely VF**, RR** $200 - 250



208. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-697, AE fals (3.02g), Qûrus, A-3536, circle-on-steps reverse, mint name to right, *waf* to left, nice example of this rare mint, bold VF**, RRR** $180 - 220

The planchet is part square, part round, thus a cut portion of a much larger copper coin, presumably a Byzantine folles.



209. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-697, AE fals (3.46g), Ba'albakk, A-3541, 8-point star to right of the caliph on the obverse // circle-on-steps reverse, mint name to right, no word or other symbol to the left, wonderful patination, seldom found in this quality, VF-EF $150 - 200



210. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-697, AE fals (2.62g), 'Amman, ND, A-3542, citing the caliph, star instead of the Arabic word *waf* left of the pole, VF $100 - 150



211. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-697, AE fals (3.03g), ND, A-3544, unidentified mint, appears to be something like *bataqa*, citing the caliph, VF**, R** $130 - 170



212. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-698, AE fals (1.82g), undeciphered mint, A-3544, SICA-686, local imitative type, the mint name perhaps derived from *qinnasrin,* but with a star to right of the cross-on-steps rather than the word *waf*, choice VF**, RR** $120 - 160

An Extremely Rare Arab-Byzantine Solidus



213. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Anonymous**, 715-718, AV solidus (4.24g), Africa, AH97, A-121M, BMC-P.49, Bernardi-34Ca, Latin & Arabic text both sides, with the Arabic kalima divided equally between obverse & reverse; the obverse Latin legend is SLD FRT IN AFRK AN XCVII (abbreviation of "Solidus Feritus In Afrika Anno XCVII", i.e., "solidus made in Africa in the year 97"), with an abbreviated Latin version of the Islamic kalima on the reverse, struck with slightly worn dies, especially noticeable on the reverse, attractive F-VF**, RRR** $7,000 - 9,000

The 4 examples illustrated by the British Museum and Bernardi catalogs are all from different sets of dies, and this example is from a fifth set of dies.

214. **ARAB-BYZANTINE:** LOT of 9 copper fulus: A-3512, three standing figures, Tabariya (2 pcs, VF and Fine); A-3513.2, two standing figures, Ba'albakk (Fine); A-3517.3, Dimashq, 8-point star below capital M on reverse (F-VF); A-3522, "pseudo-Damascus" (Fine); A-3540.1, standing caliph, Dimashq (3 pcs, two VF and one F-VF); and A-3544, standing caliph, uncertain mint (Fine); retail value $550, **lot of 9 pieces** $300 - 450



215. **GHUZZ OF SYRDARIA: Jabuya**, AR drachm (1.20g), NM, ND (after about 830), A-99, cf. Zeno-124107, Chorasmian-style crowned head right, Arabic *jabuya malik al-ghuzziya / mawla amir al-mu'minin* before // crowned & diademed horseman right, surrounded by a blundered Chorasmian legend, with the name of the Tahirid ruler 'Abd Allah b. Tahir above the horse's rump, VF**, RR** $350 - 450



216. **GHUZZ OF SYRDARIA: ‘Abd Allah b. Tahir**, 830-845, AR drachm (1.31g), NM, ND, A-100.1, cf. Zeno-124109, Chorasmian-style crowned head right, the Arabic name *‘abd Allah bin tahir* before // crowned & diademed horseman right, surrounded by a blundered Chorasmian legend, with the name Muhammad above the horse’s rump, VF**, RRR** $400 - 500

Early Post-Reform

Umayyad Caliphate



217. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AV dinar (4.24g), NM (Dimashq), AH78, A-125, interesting die damage visible on the obverse, trace of luster, attractive early style, EF $700 - 900



218. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AV dinar (4.23g), NM (Dimashq), AH79, A-125, small nick on the edge, admirable VF $400 - 500



219. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.73g), Mah al-Basra, AH79, A-126, Klat-550, lightly cleaned, VF-EF**, R** $1,000 - 1,200



220. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.34g), al-Sus, AH80, A-126, Klat-474, clipped down to lighter standard, VF**, S** $200 - 300



221. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.68g), Jayy, AH83, A-126, Klat-257, final digit of date *athlath*, which is the norm for this year at the mint of Jayy, EF $300 - 400



222. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AV dinar (4.26g), NM (Dimashq), AH87, A-127, lovely strike, admirable EF $550 - 650



223. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AV dinar (4.29g), NM (Dimashq), AH89, A-127, stained, bold VF $300 - 350



224. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.84g), al-Sus, AH90, A-128, Klat-477, decent VF $110 - 150



225. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.31g), Sarakhs, AH94, A-128, Klat-454b, clipped down to lower standard, VF $120 - 160



226. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.88g), Arminiya, AH95, A-128, Klat-49, minor graffiti below obverse & reverse fields, bold EF $200 - 300



227. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.99g), Herat, AH95, A-128, Klat-658a, in the reverse marginal legend, the word *al-mashrikun* is without the letter *waw*, wonderful bold strike, EF-AU**, S** $130 - 170



228. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.89g), Herat, AH95, A-128, Klat-658b, EF-AU $130 - 170



229. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.49g), Sarakhs, AH95, A-128, Klat-455b, bold VF $150 - 200



230. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.89g), al-Furat, AH96, A-128, Klat-508, bold strike, minor adhesions at the rim, EF-AU $180 - 220



231. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.65g), al-Furat, AH96, A-128, Klat-508, slightly clipped, F-VF $110 - 150



232. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.81g), Junday Sabur, AH96, A-128, Klat-244, attractive VF $100 - 120



233. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.80g), Maysan, AH96, A-128, Klat-634, F-VF $100 - 120



234. **UMAYYAD: Sulayman**, 715-717, AV dinar (4.20g), NM (Dimashq), AH97, A-130, Fine $350 - 450



235. **UMAYYAD: Sulayman**, 715-717, AV dinar (4.27g), NM (Dimashq), AH98, A-130, EF $450 - 550



236. **UMAYYAD: Sulayman**, 715-717, AV dinar (4.20g), NM (Dimashq), AH99, A-130, pleasing VF $400 - 500



237. **UMAYYAD: Sulayman**, 715-717, AR dirham (2.90g), Arminiya, AH98, A-131, Klat-52, EF $200 - 300



238. **UMAYYAD: Sulayman**, 715-717, AR dirham (2.63g), Jayy, AH98, A-131, VF $80 - 120



239. **UMAYYAD: ʻUmar**, 717-720, AR dirham (2.93g), al-Basra, AH100, A-133, Klat-172, superb strike, choice AU $100 - 150



240. **UMAYYAD: Yazid II**, 720-724, AV dinar (4.24g), NM (Dimashq), AH104, A-134, lustrous AU $700 - 800



241. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.20g), NM (Dimashq), AH111, A-136, lightly tooled, edge nick, probably once in jewelry, VF $250 - 350



242. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.23g), NM (Dimashq), AH112, A-136, mount removed, VF $300 - 350



243. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.22g), NM (Dimashq), AH116, A-136, VF $500 - 600



244. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.25g), NM (Dimashq), AH121, A-136, evenly struck, VF-EF $500 - 600



245. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.10g), NM (Dimashq), AH121, A-136, lightly creased, probably once somewhat firmly cleaned, VF-EF $400 - 500



246. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.24g), NM (Dimashq), AH121, A-136, one scratch in reverse field, VF-EF $400 - 500



247. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.20g), NM (Dimashq), AH124, A-136, excellent VF $400 - 500



248. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.61g), Arminiya, AH108, A-137, Klat-62, About VF**, R** $400 - 500



249. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.73g), Ifriqiya, AH111, A-137, Klat-98b, modestly stained, choice VF $200 - 250



250. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.69g), Ifriqiya, AH111, A-137, Klat-98b, VF*, ex Hans Lundberg Collec.* $140 - 180



251. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.82g), Balkh, AH115, A-137, Klat-180, pleasing VF $100 - 140



252. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.90g), al-Mubaraka (=Balkh), AH119, A-137, Klat-577b, EF $100 - 140



253. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.94g), al-Mubaraka (=Balkh), AH120, A-137, Klat-578b, alternating pointed annulets and triplets of pellets in obverse margin,, EF**, S** $180 - 220

The is last issue of Balkh with the epithetical name al-Mubaraka. Dirhams citing the mint as Balkh were struck thereafter, starting in the year AH121.



254. **UMAYYAD: Yazid III**, 743-744, AR dirham (2.89g), Wasit, AH126, A-139, Klat-719b, 4 annulets in obverse margin, VF-EF**, S** $100 - 150

This is the only Umayyad mint/date combination that can securely assigned to Yazid III.



255. **UMAYYAD: Marwan II**, 744-750, AR dirham (2.79g), Sijistan, AH130, A-142, Klat-448b, cleaned, bold VF**, S** $140 - 180



256. **UMAYYAD: Marwan II**, 744-750, AR dirham (2.93g), al-Samiya, AH131, A-142, Klat-431, EF $130 - 150



257. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (7.66g), al-Fustat, A-150, the finance director ‘Abd al-Malik b. Marwan (fl. 749-750), nice strike, no weakness, VF $100 - 150



258. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (6.68g), al-Fustat, ND, A-150, in the name of ‘Abd al-Malik b. Marwan, lovely strike, accurate strike with narrow dies, evenly worn, F-VF $100 - 120



259. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (3.27g), Sarmin, ND, A-154A, with only the mint name on the reverse, without the full formula that was later adopted universally at Syrian mints, probably struck circa 700-706, wonderful patination, choice VF-EF**, RR** $150 - 200



260. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, circa 730-750, AE fals (4.97g), NM, ND, A-B161, fruit tree with 5 branches and plenty of fruit, assigned to the mint of Jerusalem (Iliya); overstruck on earlier Umayyad fals, from which *(bism) Allah duri(ba …)* from the reverse margin is still visible, choice VF**, R** $120 - 160



261. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, circa 730-750, AE fals (2.02g), NM, ND, A-164E, remarkable variety, with two ducks below the obverse field, facing each other, with a palm tree (or branch?) between them, appears to be unpublished and of the greatest rarity, VF**, RRR** $250 - 350

The legends are the first half of the kalima repeated on both sides. The overall style suggests a Palestinian mint.



262. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (4.61g), Antakiya, ND, A-A167, Fine**, RRR** $200 - 250



263. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.88g), ‘Asqalan, A-167, Bone-2, nice strike, on flan cut from a larger Byzantine follis, about 15% flat, pleasant patination, VF**, RR** $120 - 160



264. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (3.29g), Ba’albakk, ND, A-168, W—, Bone—, kalima divided between obverse & reverse, bird above *muhamamd* on reverse, mint formula in reverse margin, unublished, choice VF**, RRR** $180 - 220



265. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (3.39g), Bayt Jibrin, ND, A-171, SNAT-44, very rare Palestinian mint, VF**, RRR** $200 - 250



266. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.65g), Busra, ND (ca. 710-720), A-172, struck on thick narrow flan, F-VF**, R** $100 - 130



267. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (3.23g), Busra, ND (ca. 720-730), A-172, Bone-3, reverse legend *muhammad / rasul Allah / busra*, crescent above, nice strike for this mint, F-VF**, R** $150 - 200



268. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, ca. 705-715, AE fals (3.05g), Dar’at, ND, A-173, without the initial *alif* of the mint name, star to the lower left of the reverse field, early style (ca. 705-720), VF**, RR** $200 - 250



269. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.75g), Dar’at, ND, A-173, SNAT-231/35, crescent and dot above, and city name below reverse field, later style, circa 730-750, VF $150 - 200



270. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (3.33g), Iliya (Jerusalem), ND, A-179, with rosette of 7 dots after the mint name in the reverse margin, VF**, S** $150 - 200



271. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.90g), Iliya (Jerusalem), A-179, 6-pointed star after the city name in the reverse margin, attractive patination, VF $120 - 160



272. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (3.92g), Manbij, ND (ca. 705-715), A-183, Bone-2a, with 3 annulets attached to the obverse circle, finest style, superb strike on very broad planchet, delightful patination, choice VF**, RR** $200 - 300



273. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, ca. 705-715, AE fals (4.16g), Saffuriya, ND, A-186, Walker-P.135, the ancient Sepphoris in Palestine, near Nazareth, light adhesions, Fine**, RR** $120 - 160



274. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, ca. 705-715, AE fals (3.65g), Tanukh, ND, A-189, Tanukh was not a city, but a tribal region near the city of Aleppo, lovely patina, VF**, R** $100 - 150



275. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (3.34g), NM, ND (ca. 730s-740s), A-191X, first half of kalima on obverse, *…. / âl muhammad / sall Allah 'alayhi,* on reverse, no marginal legends either side, F-VF**, RRR** $120 - 160

This appears to be unpublished for the Umayyad or Abbasid caliphates; style suggests eastern Syria or the Jazira region.



276. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, ca. 705-715, AE fals (4.41g), al-Mawsil, ND, A-193, Rotter-1, attractive patination, lovely VF $100 - 120



277. **UMAYYAD: al-Qatiran b. Akama**, ca. 744-746, AE fals (2.89g), al-Mawsil, ND, A-193, Rotter-9, VF $100 - 120

Two Extremely Rare Umayyad Coppers



278. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (4.34g), al-Anbâr, ND, A-N196, with the basic kalima, divided as usual between obverse & reverse, with the mint name *al-anbar* added at the top of the reverse field, unpublished and probably one of only two known examples, VF**, RRRR** $800 - 1,200

Unlocated mint, mostly likely somewhere in Iraq and the same mint that appears as just Anibâr on an extremely rare Umayyad dirham dated AH81. See also lot 279 below.



279. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.98g), al-Anbâr, ND, A-N196, with the basic kalima, divided as usual between obverse & reverse, with the mint name *al-anbar* added at the top of the reverse field, unpublished and probably one of only two known examples, VF**, RRRR** $500 - 600



280. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.67g), Arminiya, ND (ca. 720s-730s), A-196, W-746, mint name followed by *wa jâz,* "and current", VF $100 - 140



281. **UMAYYAD: Ishaq b. Muslim**, ca. 749/750, AE fals (2.63g), Arminiya, ND, A-196A, pleasing strike, evenly worn, VF**, RR** $120 - 160



282. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (3.61g), al-Bab, AH115, A-196E, citing Marwan b. Muhammad (future caliph, AH127-132), VF**, RRR** $150 - 200



283. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.98g), Darabjird, AH117, A-199, first half of kalima divided between obverse & reverse, the second half in the reverse margin, followed by *arsalahu bi'l-huda wa din al-haqq*, pleasing Fine**, RRR** $200 - 300

The only other example was sold at Solidus Numismatik Online Auction 6, Lot 510, for $1628 (with a starting bid of €60, and the date interpreted as AH119).



284. **UMAYYAD: Salm b. al-Musayyib**, governor, AE fals (1.82g), Istakhr, ND, A-A201, Miles, Persepolis-180/184, small crescent above reverse field, attractive VF $100 - 125



285. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.54g), al-Mansura, ND, A-A204, rare mint, then the capital of Sind, citing and uncertain governor's name, style of circa AH110s-130s, Fine**, RRR** $100 - 150



286. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.88g), Wasit, AH104, A-205, minor flat area towards the rim, fully clear mint & date, VF**, R** $100 - 150



287. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.41g), NM, ND, A-Q206var, lion right, fancy tail, 4 pellets in the field // elephant right, Arabic *bi'l-kull* above ("for everything"), appears to be unpublished, VF-EF**, RRR** $300 - 400

The general style, and the Arabic phrase, all suggest Central Asian origin. The lion design suggests the Tashkent region, perhaps issued after the Chach coinage of that region (cf. S&K-group 6, type 8, version 4 for the lion), but the elephant is apparently unknown from the region. The normal version of type A-Q206 has the reverse phrase "ja'iz lahu / bi-kull shay" ("current for it, for everything").



288. **UMAYYAD: al-Qasim b. 'Ubayd Allah**, 734-742, glass vessel stamp (4.83g), DM, A-195G, B-179, central portion, after removal from the vessel, for the manufacturing of a Qist ("quantity") of unspecified substance, EF**, RR** $200 - 300

From the same die as Balog-179, thus dated AH119 and also citing the subordinate officer Muslim b. 'Arraf, although both the date and officer's name are off flan on this piece.

Group Lots

289. **UMAYYAD:** LOT of 9 silver dirhams of the *Wasit* mint: AH89 (AU), 90 (EF), 92 (EF-AU), 93 (EF), 94 (EF-AU), 95 (2 pcs, both EF-AU), 96 (EF), and 99 (EF); retail value $450, **lot of 9 pieces** $300 - 350

290. **UMAYYAD:** LOT of 9 silver dirhams of the *Wasit* mint: AH105 (AU), 108 (EF), 111 (EF), 113 (UNC), 115 (VF-EF), 116 (F-VF), 118 (AU), 119 (AU), and 120 (AU); retail value $450, **lot of 9 pieces** $300 - 350

291. **UMAYYAD:** LOT of 10 silver dirhams of the *Wasit* mint: AH121 (EF-AU), 122 (2 pcs, both AU), 123 (AU), 124 (EF), 125 (EF-AU), 126 with 5 annulets in obverse margin (EF), 126 with 7 annulets (VF-EF), 127 (VF-EF), and 128 (VF); retail value $470, **lot of 10 pieces** $300 - 350

292. **UMAYYAD:** LOT of 5 silver dirhams: **Dimashq:** AH94 (VF), 103 (EF, minor edge chip), 113 (choice EF), and 127 (AU); and **Marw:** 95 (AU); retail value $325, **lot of 5 pieces** $200 - 280

293. **UMAYYAD:** LOT of 21 silver dirhams, mostly VF (others noted): al-Basra AH82 (scruffy) and 100 (VF-EF), Darabjird 93 and 97 (Fine), Dastawa 94 (VF, small chip), Dimashq 80, Herat 92 (clipped), Istakhr 96, al-Jazira 131 (Fine, scruffy), Junday Sabur 92 (scruffy) and 96, Kirman 94, Mahayy 96 (cleaned Fine), Manadhir 95 (Good), Nahr Tira 93 (VG-F), Ramhurmuz 90, Sabur 91 (nearly EF) and 97 (3 pcs, one choice VF, the others cleaned Fine), and Wasit 85 (Fine), all identified in envelopes; retail value $900, **lot of 21 pieces** $550 - 750

294. **UMAYYAD & ABBASID:** LOT of 29 copper coins, including many interesting and scarce types, mostly fine, some better: **Umayyad:** mints of Ba'albakk, Dimashq, Halab, Iliya, Ludd, al-Mawsil (3 pcs), al-Ramla, Tabariya, Wasit, and mint missing; also the 5-branch candelaria type of Jerusalem (2 pcs, Fine & VG); **Abbasid Revolution:** NM AH131 (Fair); **Abbasid:** Istakhr, Jurjan (3 pcs), al-Kufa 167, al-Masisa, and Misr, plus mint missing (2 pcs); **Fatimid** (very debased billon issue of al-Mustansir (Fair); **Lu'lu'id,** al-Mawsil 631; **Ilkhan:** Sati Beg, Tabriz type, but with some corrosion; and modern **Hejaz** (2 pcs, both corroded); retail value $950, **lot of 29 pieces** $450 - 650

Abbasid Revolution



295. **ABBASID REVOLUTION: Anonymous**, 744-751, AR dirham (2.39g), Jayy, AH127, A-206.1, Klat-268a, traces of hornsilver, cleaned, VF**, S** $350 - 450



296. **ABBASID REVOLUTION: Anonymous**, ca. 745-746, AR dirham (2.80g), al-Kufa, AH128, A-207.1, Klat-548a, with Kharijite phrase *la hukm illa lillah* in the obverse outer margin, F-VF $200 - 300



297. **ABBASID REVOLUTION: 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muslim**, AE fals (2.65g), Sijistan, AH131, A-208, governor cited as Abu Muslim (weak on this piece, but legible), very clear mint & date, VG**, RR** $120 - 160



298. **ABBASID REVOLUTION: 'Abd Allah, as caliph**, 749-754, AE fals (1.45g), Tawwaj, AH132, A-M209, date in obverse field in words, decent strike, decent patination, VF**, RRR** $800 - 1,000

Considered either revolutionary or 'Abbasid, as the name 'Abd Allah is followed by the title amir al-mu'minin, *but still retains the Qur'anic verse 42:23 standard only on the revolutionary issues at this time.*

Abbasid Caliphate



299. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.05g), Fasâ, AH142, A-321, citing the governor Muhammad b. Yahya (al-Barmaki), very clear date, Fine**, RR** $100 - 120



300. **ABBASID:** AE fals (1.47g), Istakhr, AH133, A-325, citing the first Abbasid caliph, as *'abd Allah amir al-mu'minin*, lightly porous surfaces, excellent strike, VF**, RR** $120 - 160



301. **ABBASID: al-Saffah**, 749-754, AR dirham (2.85g), al-Sus, AH134, A-211, cleaned, VF**, RR** $450 - 550



302. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.25g), NM, AH137, A-212, bold strike, lovely AU $300 - 350



303. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.19g), NM, AH137, A-212, EF $300 - 400



304. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.19g), NM, AH139, A-212, triplet of pellets below date, as on virtually all dinars dated AH139, bold VF $220 - 300



305. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AR dirham (2.68g), Ifriqiya, AH145, A-213, *thumm* below reverse field, VF**, R** $400 - 500



306. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AR dirham (2.70g), Adharbayjan, AH167, A-215.1, citing the official Nasr, whose name appears on silver dirhams of most Abbasid mints in this year only, VF**, S** $140 - 180



307. **ABBASID: al-Hadi**, 785-786, AR dirham (2.79g), Ifriqiya, AH170, A-217.4, also citing Harun as heir-apparent, VF $100 - 150



308. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.24g), NM (Madinat al-Salam), AH191, A-218.4, Arabic letter "H" below reverse field, VF-EF $260 - 340



309. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.93g), Ifriqiya, AH180, A-219.2a, citing the governor Harthama, superb strike, VF-EF**, R** $150 - 200



310. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.92g), Madinat al-Salam, AH174, A-219.6a, citing the caliph as *abd Allah harun amir al-mu'minin* in minuscule letters within an inner margin on reverse, darkened, VF**, RR** $100 - 150



311. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.82g), “Madinat al-Salam”, AH180, A-219E, North African imitation, struck during the 180s and perhaps also the 190s, closely resembling the normal Madinat al-Salam 180 dirham but calligraphically distinctive, very rare in this quality, VF-EF**, R** $100 - 150



312. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.96g), Zaranj, AH193, A-219.2a, Lowick-2472, citing the governors Harthama b. A’yan & al-Hakam b. Sinan, pierced, About VF**, RR** $180 - 220



313. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.05g), al-Mubaraka, AH179, A-219.3, citing the governor al-’Askar b. Muslim, rare mint in North Africa (not to be confused with the Umayyad mint of al-Mubaraka), F-VF**, R** $200 - 250



314. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.85g), Sijistan, AH170, A-219.4, without any governor, and only the word *bakh* below and a pellet above the reverse, VF $100 - 140



315. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.92g), Sijistan, AH174, A-219.4, citing the governor Ibn Khuzaym, lovely bold strike, choice VF $120 - 160



316. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.85g), Zaranj, AH193, A-219.5, citing the caliph al-Rashid, and Harthama above and al-Hakim below reverse field, choice VF-EF**, S** $120 - 160



317. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.83g), Ma’din Bajunays (in Armenia), AH191, A-219.9, Vardanyan-203, citing Umm Ja’far, the wife of the caliph al-Rashid whose personal name was Zubayda, plus the unidentified official Da’ud, excellent strike, modestly cleaned, VF $100 - 140



318. **ABBASID: al-Amin**, 809-813, AR dirham (2.85g), Bukhara, AH193, A-221.4, in the name of al-Ma’mun as amir, heir to the caliphate and son of the caliph, pellet below revese field, nice VF $100 - 120



319. **ABBASID: al-Amin**, 809-813, AR dirham (2.67g), Marw, AH195, A-221.4, citing al-Fadl below reverse field, VF $80 - 100



320. **ABBASID: al-Amin**, 809-813, square lead seal (19.75g), AH193, in the center is the date in words, *sanat thalath wa tis’in wa mi’a*, around is a lengthy text that has only been partially interpreted as *… amara (….) umm / muhammad bint amir al-mu’- / -minin (….) al-amin / amir al-mu’minin*, VF**, RR** $200 - 250

“Umm Muhammad” means “mother of Muhammad”, perhaps refering to Zubayda, who was the mother of the caliph al-Amin Muhammad.



321. **ABBASID: al-Ma’mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (3.89g), Madinat al-Salam, AH211, A-222A.2, Bernardi-116Jh, slightly clipped and a couple very light scratches, VF**, RR** $400 - 600

Date unlisted by Bernardi, but three specimens dated AH211 are now recorded on CoinArchives.



322. **ABBASID: al-Ma’mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.91g), al-Rafiqa, AH208, A-223.5, lovely bold strike, lightly cleaned, EF**, RR** $150 - 200



323. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.89g), Madinat al-Salam, AH208, A-223.6, superb strike, choice EF-AU $110 - 150



324. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.91g), Madinat al-Salam, AH218, A-223.6, VF-EF $100 - 150



325. **ABBASID: Ibrahim**, in rebellion, 817-819, AR dirham (2.92g), Madinat al-Salam, AH202, A-E225, "AH" below the reverse field represents the first and last letters of the name Ibrahim, EF**, R** $200 - 240



326. **ABBASID: al Mu'tasim**, 833-842, AR dirham (2.85g), Isbahan, AH221, A-226, lovely EF $110 - 150



327. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AV dinar (4.18g), Surra man Ra'a, AH233, A-229.1, Bernardi-155Jc, first series, without citing the heir to the caliphate, compact flan, superb strike, choice EF**, RRR** $800 - 1,000

This example was struck on a thicker compact flan, unlike the standard dinars of this reign, plausibly intended for presentation purposes.



328. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AR dirham (2.96g), al-Mutawakkiliya, AH247, A-230.4, VF $120 - 160



329. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AR dirham (2.93g), al-Mutawakkiliya, AH247, A-230.4, F-VF $100 - 120



330. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AR donative dirham (2.62g), Surra man Ra'a, AH245, A-230B, broad thin flan, struck with wide blank outer margins from normal style dies, but of superior calligraphy, trace of hornsilver, mount removed, VF**, RR** $400 - 600



331. **ABBASID: al-Musta'in**, 862-866, AR dirham (3.08g), Tiflis, AH248, A-234.1, Bennett-57, clear mint & date, minor weakness, VF**, RRR** $800 - 1,000

Except for the year AH294 in the name of al-Muktafi, all Abbasid dirhams of Tiflis (Tbilisi) are of the highest rarity. The only AH248 recorded on CoinArchives sold at Stephen Album Auction 21, Lot 260, for $2400.



332. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.28g), Mah al-Kufa, AH260, A-240.1, clear mint & date, rare mint, VF**, R** $130 - 150



333. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (4.06g), al-Mawsil, AH270, A-240.2, citing al-Mufawwad, and with the word *bakh* below the reverse field, VF $100 - 150



334. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (2.95g), al-Mawsil, AH271, A-240.2, citing al-Mufawwad, with *bakh* below reverse, flanked by a large pellet on either side, minor weakness, EF**, R** $150 - 200



335. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.25g), Nasibin, AH270, A-240.3, citing al-Mufawwad and Dhu'l-Wizaratayn ("possessor of the two vizierates"), choice VF $100 - 150



336. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (2.64g), Wasit, AH276, A-240.7, with the additional phrase *al-quwwa lillah jami',* "power is God's, entirely", on both sides, EF-AU $120 - 160

Uncertain Abbasid Mint, Lots 337 to 344

The mint for lots 337 to 344 is uncertain. Probably struck somewhere in the Caucasus, during extensive political unrest in Armenia and Azerbaijan. The mint name resembles "m.s.t.f.r." (ending in "'ayn" or "ghayn"), but has never been identified.



337. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (2.94g), uncertain mint, AH265, A-240.5var, contemporary imitation, muling an obverse citing al-Muwaffaq (AH262-273, heir of al-Mu'tamid) with a reverse citing al-Mu'tazz (AH251-255), almost full strike, complete mint & date, VF-EF**, RR** $200 - 300



338. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.19g), uncertain mint, AH265, A-240.5var, contemporary imitation, muling an obverse citing al-Muwaffaq (AH262-273, heir of al-Mu'tamid) with a reverse citing al-Mu'tazz (AH251-255),excellent strike with almost no weakness, clear mint & date, VF-EF**, RR** $200 - 250



339. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.46g), uncertain mint, AH2(65), A-240.5var, contemporary imitation, muling an obverse citing al-Muwaffaq (AH262-273, heir of al-Mu'tamid) with a reverse citing al-Mu'tazz (AH251-255), about 30% flat, mint name clear, VF-EF**, RR** $100 - 150



340. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (6.02g), uncertain mint, AH265, A-240.5var, contemporary imitation, muling an obverse citing al-Muwaffaq (AH262-273, heir of al-Mu'tamid) with a reverse citing al-Mu'tazz (AH251-255), about 15% flat, remarkably heavy, strong VF**, RR** $200 - 300



341. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.45g), uncertain mint, AH2(65), A-240.5var, contemporary imitation, muling an obverse citing al-Muwaffaq (AH262-273, heir of al-Mu'tamid) with a reverse citing al-Mu'tazz (AH251-255), about 15% flat, VF**, RR** $100 - 150



342. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.14g), uncertain mint, AH265, A-240.5var, contemporary imitation, muling an obverse citing al-Muwaffaq (AH262-273, heir of al-Mu'tamid) with a reverse citing al-Mu'tazz (AH251-255), about 40% flat, mint name off flan, VF**, RR** $100 - 150



343. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.92g), uncertain mint, AH(26)5, A-240.5var, contemporary imitation, muling an obverse citing al-Muwaffaq (AH262-273, heir of al-Mu'tamid) with a reverse citing al-Mu'tazz (AH251-255), about 40% flat, full mint name & last digit of date, VF**, RR** $100 - 150



344. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.68g), uncertain mint, AH26(5), A-240.5var, contemporary imitation, muling an obverse citing al-Muwaffaq (AH262-273, heir of al-Mu'tamid) with a reverse citing al-Mu'tazz (AH251-255), about 30% flat, VF**, RR** $80 - 100



345. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tadid**, as heir apparent, 891-892, AR donative dirham (2.67g), NM, AH278, A-M241, same style as the normal donative dirhams of al-Mu'tadid struck during his caliphate, but a year before and with the central legends *lillah / al-mu'tamid / billah* on obverse, and *wali / 'ahd / al-muslimin* on reverse, unpublished and appears to be unique, mount removed (as so often the case for these donative dirhams), VF**, RRRR** $500 - 700



346. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tadid**, 892-902, AR dirham (2.94g), Shiraz, AH289, A-242, with circle around obverse field, nice strike, EF , *ex Hans Lundberg Collection* $75 - 100



347. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.16g), Madinat al-Salam, AH303, A-245.2, clear strike, lightly crinkled VF $250 - 300



348. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.73g), Qumm, AH308, A-245.2, Bernardi-242MN, some discoloration (removable), lightly wavy surfaces, VF $300 - 350



349. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (3.80g), al-Muhammadiya, AH312, A-245.2, Bernardi-242MH, Fine**, R** $300 - 350



350. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (3.87g), Mah al-Kufa, AH313, A-245.2, Bernardi-242MR, some weakness towards the rim, normal for this mint, VF $300 - 350

It appears that the die engraver first cut mah al-karaj*, then corrected it to* mah al-kufa.



351. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (3.38g), al-Karaj, AH318, A-245.2, Bernardi-242JF, some weakness towards the rim, normal for this mint, stained (removable), VF $300 - 350

It appears that the die engraver first cut mah al-karaj*, then corrected it to* mah al-kufa. *Mah al-Kufa was the epithetical name for the town of Dinavar, not far from Karaj, both towns not far from Hamadan.*



352. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (3.09g), al-Qasr al-Fakhir, AH296, A-246.1, SICA-4:757, 2 small flan-cracks, from production, VF**, RR** $500 - 700

The issue of al-Muqtadir, struck only in AH296, is much rarer than the AH295 one-year issue of al-Muktafi. None of al-Muqtadir are recorded on CoinArchives, compared to several of al-Muktafi.



353. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (2.23g), 'Askar Mukram, AH299, A-246.2, lightly hornsilvered surfaces over much of the coin, somewhat harshly cleaned, especially on the reverse, F-VF**, R** $100 - 150



354. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (3.68g), al-Rahba, AH307, A-246.2, appears to be an unrecorded date for this mint, and a nice strike for this mint, VF $200 - 300



355. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (3.09g), al-Rahba, AH308, A-246.2, excellent strike for this rare mint, one flan-crack, VF**, R** $120 - 160



356. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (2.81g), al-Antakiya, AH308, A-246.2, VF $100 - 140



357. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (3.31g), Dimashq, AH311, A-246.2, clear mint & date, VF**, R** $120 - 160



358. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (3.40g), Harran, AH312, A-246.2, scarce mint, about 15% flat strike, boldly clear mint & date, VF**, S** $80 - 100



359. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (3.04g), al-Mawsil, AH317, A-246.2, unusually broad flan, perhaps intended for donative purposes, VF**, R** $200 - 250



360. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (2.81g), Harran, AH317, A-246.2, some weakness as usual for this mint, VF $100 - 140



361. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (2.72g), al-Rahba, AH318, A-246.2, clear mint & date, some weakness, VF**, R** $150 - 200



362. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR ¼ dirham (0.96g), NM, AH298, A-246B, decent strike, blackened surfaces, appears to have had a mount gently removed (barely noticeable), Fine**, RRR** $200 - 250

The weight is too heavy for a quarter dirham, but is appropriate for a third dirham. The weight of the donative pieces can vary considerably, so the actual "denomination" is unclear and may be irrelevant.



363. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR fractional donative dirham (1.24g), NM, AH304, A-246B, ruler's name, surrounded by the basic kalima // *amir / al-mu'minin* in center, date formula around, without mint name, but likely struck at Madinat al-Salam, small chip (because of mount removed?), pierced, unpublished and unique, VF**, RRRR** $500 - 600



364. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR donative dirham (3.98g), NM, ND, A-247, bull & horseman motif, caliph's name *al-muqtadir billah* is above the bull, *lillah ja'far* above the horseman, mount removed (as usual for these donative items), VF $800 - 1,000

Fabric and design derived from the abundant Hindushahi coinage of the Kabul Valley, but probably struck at Baghdad (Madinat al Salam).



365. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (4.60g), Halab, AH319, A-249, citing the vizier 'Amid al-Dawla, some weakness & lightly cleaned, VF**, RR** $150 - 200

Normally, 'Amid al-Dawla is cited only on coins dated AH320, so this must be a muling of an old 319 obverse die and a normal reverse die of 320 citing 'Amid al-Dawla.



366. **ABBASID: al-Radi**, 934-940, AV dinar (4.57g), Madinat al-Salam, AH324, A-254.1, letter R below reverse field, choice VF $300 - 400



367. **ABBASID: al-Radi**, 934-940, AR dirham (4.07g), al-Mawsil, AH327, A-255.2, citing the caliphal heir al-Fadl, decent strike on broad flan, VF $120 - 160



368. **ABBASID: al-Muttaqi**, 940-944, AR dirham (4.19g), al-Basra, AH330, A-257, attractive VF-EF**, S** $100 - 150



369. **ABBASID: al-Muttaqi**, 940-944, AR dirham (2.95g), Hims, AH331, A-257, without the names of the Hamdanid amirs, much weakness of strike, F-VF**, RR** $100 - 140



370. **ABBASID: al-Muttaqi**, 940-944, AR dirham (3.79g), Nasibin, AH330, A-261, citing the chief amirs of the Hamdanid family, Sayf al-Dawla and Nasir al-Dawla, about 15% flat, VF**, R** $100 - 150



371. **ABBASID: al-Mustakfi**, 944-946, AR dirham (3.05g), Madinat al-Salam, AH333, A-264, citing the chief amir Tuzun, as al-Muzaffar Abu'l-Wafâ, and *al-khalifa* below the reverse, which refers to al-Mustakfi, VF $120 - 150



372. **ABBASID: al-Mustansir**, 1226-1242, AR dirham (2.96g), Madinat al-Salam, AH639, A-272, superb strike, EF $110 - 150



373. **ABBASID: al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AV dinar (8.13g), Madinat al-Salam, AH649, A-275, slight waviness, rare date, choice VF**, S** $400 - 500



374. **ABBASID:** AE fals (3.36g), [Halab], ND, A-283, Shamma, p.94 (citing specimens at Tübingen), citing Hâj below obverse (rather than Tâj) and Divdad below reverse, known dated AH256, unread obverse margin legend, VF**, RR** $120 - 160

Lebanese Mint of 'Irqa, Lots 375 to 378

Here we present four examples of a very rare mint in Lebanon, which operated only in the Abbasid period for a few very rare copper fulus. An example of this type sold in Stephen Album Auction 29, Lot 207, for $600.



375. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.32g), 'Irqa, ND, A-A288, mint name below obverse half of the kalima (rather than the more frequent variety with the mint name at the end of 2nd line of the obverse), name Humayd below the reverse half of the kalima, without the name Muhammad b. Yahya, cast, appears to be an unpublished type, VF**, RRR** $250 - 350



376. **ABBASID:** AE fals (1.62g), 'Irqa, ND, A-A288, in the names of Muhammad b. Malik & Humayd b. Yahya, neatly cast, circa AH130s-180s, VF**, RRR** $250 - 350



377. **ABBASID:** AE fals (1.81g), 'Irqa, ND, A-A288, in the names of Muhammad b. Malik & Humayd b. Yahya, neatly cast, circa AH130s-180s, nice patination, VF**, RRR** $200 - 300



378. **ABBASID:** AE fals (1.82g), 'Irqa, ND, A-A288, in the names of Muhammad b. Malik & Humayd b. Yahya, cast, circa AH130s-180s, central weakness, Fine**, RRR** $100 - 130



379. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.69g), Khunâsir, ND (late 8th century), A-A290, in the names of 'Abd Allah b. Salih and his underling 'Abd al-Karim, extremely rare mint near Hims, briefly in operation, possibly a temporary mint serving Hims for some reason lost to history, F-VF**, RRR** $150 - 200



380. **ABBASID:** AE fals (3.12g), Sur, ND (ca. 850s-870s), A-293, citing Dinar below obverse & above reverse, cast as always, traces of a marginal legend on the reverse, pleasing VF**, RR** $120 - 160



381. **ABBASID:** AE fals (1.72g), Tarabulus, ND (ca. 800), A-294, mint name *târâbulus* with two long alifs, other text is only the kalima, divided as usual between obverse & reverse, with mint name below the first half of the kalima, Fine $200 - 300

Struck at Tarabulus (Tripoli) in Lebanon. A similar specimen sold in Stephen Album Auction 19, Lot 403, for $680.



382. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.10g), Sur, AH196, A-295, excellent strike, VF $90 - 110



383. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.32g), NM, ND (ca. 750-754), A-295, 5-pointed star, *la ilah illa Allah wahduhu* around, with reference to the Abbasid caliph al-Saffah // *bism Allah 'abd Allah 'abd Allah amir al-mu'minin* around, with rest of the kalima in center, nice even strike, About VF**, RR** $120 - 160

Without mint name, but style of al-Mawsil, which is most likely where it was minted.



384. **ABBASID: Rustam b. Bardaw**, ca. 900, AE fals (4.61g), Tarsus, ND, A-299, VF**, R** $100 - 150



385. **ABBASID:** AE fals (4.75g), Sinjar, ND, A-M313, in the name of the governor ‘Ali b. Sulayman, also citing a lesser official, possibly bearing the name Zafar b. …, some weakness of strike, VF**, RRR** $150 - 200

The second name is perhaps Zafar b. al-Rabi’, noted by Lowick on an undated Sinjar fals also citing ‘Ali b. Sulayman (Lowick-363).



386. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, as caliphal heir, 760-775, AE fals (2.52g), Arran, AH153, A-314, Vardanyan-234, also citing the local governor Bakkâr in the outer obverse margin, VF**, RR** $150 - 200



387. **ABBASID:** AE fals (0.94g), Ardashir Khurra, AH167, A-317, in the name of the caliph, al-Mahdi, F-VF $80 - 100



388. **ABBASID:** AE fals (3.89g), Junday Sabur, AH151, A-K327, clear mint & date, reverse marginal text uncertain, but two separate countermarks, one with large letters, *mimma amara (bihi) / al-mahd(i)*, the other with small letters, *amara al-mahdi / yakramahu al*…., a remarkable set of countermarks on an extremely rare host (probably the same as Shamma’s piece dated 151 on his page 250), modestly cleaned, F-VF**, RRR** $120 - 180



389. **ABBASID:** AE fals (3.74g), Junday Sabur, AH169, A-K327, clear mint & date, in the name of the caliph al-Hadi, cited as *‘abd Allah musa amir al-mu’minin* (reigned 169-170), with the phrase *ja’iz* below the reverse field, lightly cleaned, F-VF**, RRR** $120 - 180



390. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.57g), Darabjird, ND, A-327, citing the governor Sulayman, nice strike, F-VF**, R** $120 - 160



391. **ABBASID:** AE fals (3.36g), Kazirun, AH156, A-A328, tamgha below mint name in reverse center, porous surfaces, F-VF**, RR** $100 - 120



392. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.20g), Nawkath Zakariya, AH205, A-331N, cf. Zeno-55618, citing the principal governor Ghassan and the local governor Layth, harshly cleaned, very rare Central Asian mint, F-VF**, RRR** $140 - 200



393. **ABBASID:** AE fals (1.30g), Shiraz, AH137, A-B335, Sasanian-style king’s bust right, *muhammad rasul Allah* around // standard Abbasid legends, but entirely retrograde, with the 1st half of the kalima, mint & date around, VF**, RR** $140 - 180

394. **ABBASID:** LOT of 25 silver dirhams of the first period (AH132-193 / 749-809): **al-’Abbasiya:** AH160, 162, 170, and DM (2 pcs); **al-Basra:** 139, 143, 145, and 161 (2 pcs); **al-Kufa:** 134, 136, 140, and 144; **Madinat Jayy:** 162 (3 pcs); and **al-Muhammadiya:** 151, 166, 168, 181, 182 (2 pcs), 190, and 192; mostly VF condition; retail value $800, **lot of 25 pieces** $475 - 625

395. **ABBASID:** LOT of 27 dirhams of **Madinat al-Salam:** AH152 (3 pcs), 155, 157 (3), 162 (2), 163 (3), 164, 180 (2), 181 (3), 182, 187 (2), 188, 189, 190, 191, 193, and 195; average VF condition; retail value $800, **lot of 27 pieces** $400 - 600

396. **ABBASID:** LOT of 7 silver dirhams of the first period (AH132-193 / 749-809), all from better mints: Arminiya 161 (VF); Ifriqiya 170, in the name of the caliph al-Hadi (VF, lightly scratched); Ma’dan Bajunays 192, citing Umm Ja’far (VG); Nishapur 194, citing Jibril (VF, porous surfaces); al-Rafiqa 192 (EF); Sijistan 172 (F-VF, but slightly clipped, porous surfaces); and Madinat Zaranj 179, citing Yazid (VF-EF); retail value $440, **lot of 7 pieces** $250 - 350

397. **ABBASID:** LOT of 12 silver dirhams of the first period: Balkh: 189, and 194; Isbahan 197, citing Harthama (2 pcs), and 199; Samarqand 196, 197 (2 pcs), and 199; Tudgha: 176, citing Halaf b. al-Muda’ (Fine); and Madinat Zaranj 179, citing Yazid (2 pcs); mostly VF condition, a few slightly wavy; retail value $575, **lot of 12 pieces** $350 - 450

398. **ABBASID:** LOT of 30 dirhams of the middle period (AH218-334): **al-Wathiq:** Madinat al-Salam; **al-Mutawakkil:** Madinat al-Salam (2 pcs), and mint missing; **al-Musta’in:** mint missing; **al-Mu’tazz:** Fars, and Nasibin; **al-Mu’tamid:** Fars, Nasibin (2 pcs), and mint missing (2 pcs); **al-Mu’tadid:** Nasibin, Ra’s al-’Ayn, al-Rafiqa, and mint missing; **al-Muktafi:** Ra’s al-’Ayn; **al-Muqtadir:** al-Ahwaz, Arrajan, al-Basra, Fars, Madinat al-Salam (2 pcs), Nasibin, Shiraz (2 pcs), and mint missing or unclear (3 pcs); and **al-Qahir:** al-Kufa; many with legible dates; mostly Fine, some better, but many are either weakly struck or otherwise inferior, especially the examples of scarcer mints; retail value $800; **lot of 30 pieces** $450 - 650

399. **ABBASID:** LOT of 11 silver dirhams and 1 copper fals: Balkh AH184; al-Basra 134 and 144; Fars 298; Madinat al-Salam 151, 192, and 641; al-Muhammadiya 185; Ra’s al-’Ayn 291; and Wasit 291 and 322 (al-Radi); plus late fals dated 63x, mint off flan, all VF or better, retail value $525, **lot of 12 pieces** $200 - 300

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