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GOLD

(lots nos. 1-59 are gold)

Ancient

- GUPTA: Chandragupta II**, ca. 380-414, AV dinar (7.8g), horseman l., seated Lakshmi reverse, Mitchiner 4818, crude extremely fine \$500
- Prakasaditya**, ca. 510-525, AV dinar (9.2g), lion-slayer type with Lakshmi seated on lotus rev., Altekhar XV:14-15, fine style, extremely fine, RRR \$2750
The obverse shows the ruler on horseback, bent over with exhaustion but still capable of spearing the lion that is attacking him and his mount.
- Narasimha**, c. 530, AV dinar (9.2g), archer type (common type for reign), Mitchiner 4916, extremely fine, R \$575
- GUPTA of Bengal: Anon.**, c. 550-700, AV dinar (5.6g), king as archer obverse, Lakshmi stgd. rev., but all designs extremely crude and stylized, Mitchiner 4924, extremely fine, crude strike \$450
- UJJAIN: Anonymous**, 1st or 2nd C. AD, perhaps slightly earlier, AV unit (2.12g), uniface with floral pattern on obverse, ex-Spink/Taisai (Sing.) 9:159, very fine, RR \$750
The earliest gold coin of peninsular India. The type has been published & discussed by Dr. Bhatt, Journal of the Indian Numismatic Society, v. 4, plate 2.

Islamic Dynasties

- UMAYYAD: temp. 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AV dinar (4.3g), without mint name as always (struck at Dimashq), year 86, Walker #197, nearly extremely fine \$350
- temp. al-Walid I**, 705-715, AV dinar (4.3g), no mint name, 96 Hijri, Walker #210, virtually uncirculated \$375
- ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 809-833, AV dinar (4.2g), Misr 210, citing governor 'Ubayd Allah b. al-Sari, BMC-270, very fine \$215
- CASTILE: Alfonso VIII**, 1158-1214, AV dinar or alfonsino (3.9g), Tuleytula (Toledo), Safar year 1250 (=AD 1212), cf. Vives #2039, superb extremely fine, fully struck with no weakness, as nice as example of this important type as can be expected \$2250

Struck in imitation of the Almoravid dinar, but with Christian religious inscriptions and the name and titles of the Castilian king, Alfonso.

- FATIMID: al-Mahdi**, 909-934, AV dinar (3.9g), al-Qayrawan 302, type of Ramleh Hoard #94, nearly very fine, nice even strike with no weakness, RR \$1000
- al-'Aziz**, 975-997, AV dinar (4.1g), without legible mint name and date intended to be 384, imitation, perhaps later Crusader imitation, with marginal legends reversed from normal obverse/reverse position, unpublished type, interesting and presumably RRR, extremely fine \$450
- al-Mustansir**, 1036-1094, AV dinar (4.02g), al-Iskandariya 485, Miles #274, very fine \$175
- CRUSADER: Kingdom of Jerusalem, anonymous** AV dinar (3.47g), with pseudo-mint & date "Misr 515", legends copied from those of al-Hafiz, unpublished, extremely fine, couple weak spots \$800
An important & very rare coin, to be contrasted with the common type of the same pseudo-mint & date with the caliph al-Mustansir.
- AV dinar (3.1g), with cross in obverse center & Christian inscriptions, 'Akka 1256, similar to Metcalf, pl. V:77, nearly full strike with minimal weakness, choice nearly unc., RRR \$3000
This rare type was struck in response to a papal edict banning the further production of imitations bearing Muslim inscriptions. The quality of this piece is outstanding.
- MAMLUK: Qutuz** 1259-1260, AV dinar (4.0g), mint & date off flan (probably struck at Cairo), type of Balog 22-23 with group of 5 dots at top, extremely fine, R \$400
- RASSID: al-Hadi**, 898-911, AV dinar (2.9g), Sa'da 298, type of Bikhazi 76 ff., extremely fine \$400
A rather common type, probably struck from 298 for several decades without change of date or inscriptions.
- SULAYHID: 'Ali b. Muhammad**, 1047-1081, AV dinar (2.4g), Zabid 451, Bikhazi #221, good very fine, common type \$275
- al-Mukarram Ahmad**, 1081-1091, AV dinar (2.4g), 'Adan 475, crude extremely fine, RR \$450
The prototype of the full dinar of Queen 'Arwa. Her issues are distinguished from those of her father only by date.
- BUWAYHID: Sultan al-Dawla**, 1012-1021, AV dinar (3.6g), Madinat al-Salam (=Bagdad), year 404 Hijri, slightly crude strike, otherwise extremely fine with elegant calligraphy, R \$350
- SAMANID: Mansur II**, 997-999, AV dinar (5.3g), Nishapur 387, citing the majordomo Abu'l-Fawaris Bektuzun, Artuk #994, extremely fine, rather heavy for type, S \$275
- HAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 998-1030, AV dinar (3.9g), Ghazna, month of Safar 421, very fine, rare with month \$250
During the confused year of 421, many dinars struck at Herat & Ghazna bear the month as well as the year. These coins have proven very useful in reconstructing the conflict between Muhammad & Mas'ud after their father's death.
- GREAT SELJUQ: Arslan Arghu**, c. 1093-1097, as vassal or co-ruler of Barkiyaruq, AV dinar (4.2g), Nishapur 489, good very fine, RR \$300
Arslan Arghu was one of several claimants to the succession after Malikshah's death. His coins were struck in Khorasan from 486 to 489 or 490.
- Muhammad I**, 1105-1118, AV dinar (4.3g), Isfahan 502, with title *malik al-Mashriq wa'l-Maghrib* ("king of the East and the West"), extremely fine, slightly crude strike \$225
- SELJUQ of Kirman: Qara Arslan Qawurd**, 1041-1073, AV dinar (4.0g), Bardasir 457, as sole ruler without overlord, very fine, RR \$500
- OTTOMAN: Süleyman I**, 1520-1566, AV sultani (3.5g), Misr 932, bold clear date, Artuk #1555, vF-xf, RR \$400
After the conquest of Egypt, coins were dated with the actual year until 943, after which the accessional date of Süleyman was used for the rest of his reign. Most actually dated coins are rare.
- ILKHAN: Sulayman**, 1339-1356, AV dinar (4.2g), Kashan 740, type B, choice vF-xf, fully struck with no weakness, RR as are all gold coins of the later Ilkhans \$850
- SAFAVID: Isma'il I**, 1501-1524, AV mithqal (4.7g), without mint or date, good very fine, nice style \$200
- Tahmasp II**, 1722-1732, AV ashrafi (3.4g), Isfahan 1142, extremely fine, usual crude strike (high relief on thin planchet) \$250

29. **AFSHARID: Shahrukh**, 2nd reign, 1750-1755, AV mohur (11.0g), KM444, Mashhad 1163, scarce with clearly legible date, good very fine, **R** \$300
30. **ZAND: Karim Khan**, 1753-1779, AV 1/4 mohur (2.7g), Rekab 1178, choice style, uncirculated \$220
Rekab, which means "stirrup," was the court mint under the Zands and Qajars.
31. **QAJAR: Fath 'Ali Shah**, 1797-1834, AV toman (4.6g), C206d, Yazd 1233, nearly unc., broad flan with full margins around, but some minor ghosting \$175
32. **Nasir al-Din Shah**, 1848-1896, AV 1/2 toman (1.6g), Tehran 1295, unlisted transitional type, machine-struck, uncirculated, **RR** \$725
- Modern issues, etc.**
33. **EGYPT: K235.1**, AV 100 piastres of Abdulmajid (8.5g), 1255, year 4, choice nearly uncirculated, **R** in this quality \$325
34. **K265**, AV 500 piastres of Abdulaziz, 1277, year 15, one of the most sought-after modern coins of Egypt, choice uncirculated with no defects and no damage, **RR** \$8600
35. **HEJAZ: K31**, AV hashimi dinar, 1334, year 8, uncirculated \$425
36. **KHOQAND: C118**, AV tilla of Malla Khan (1858-1862) (4.0g), 1277, good very fine + \$225
37. **NEPAL: K580**, AV mohar of Rajendra Vikrama (5.47g), SE 1766 (AD1844), choice extremely fine, **R** \$225
38. **K612**, AV 1/2 mohar of Surendra Vikrama (2.75g), SE 1790 (AD 1868), nearly uncirculated, **R** \$200
39. **K615**, AV tola of same ruler (12.35g), SE 1793 (=AD 1871), choice extremely fine, **R** \$360
40. **K675.2**, AV tola of Prithvi Vira Vikrama (12.4g), VS1947, extremely fine, very light trace of mount \$300
41. **K679**, AV 4 mohars of same ruler (23.2g), SE 1829, Friedberg #12, brilliant uncirculated \$750
42. **TURKEY: K697**, AV 250 piastres of Abdulaziz, 1277, year 8 (common year), nearly extremely fine, never mounted \$375
- Gold coins of India**
43. **DELHI Sultanate: Muhammad Shah III**, 1325-1351, AV tanka (11.0g), Baldat Qutbabad 726, Rajgor #1197, extremely fine, **R** \$475
44. **MALWA Sultanate: Mahmud I**, 1436-1468, AV tanka (11.1g), type of Shadiabad mint (rarely shows on these coins), 85x, bold extremely fine, deep relief \$500
45. **MUGHAL Empire: Shah Jahan I**, 1628-1658, AV mohur (10.95g), Daulatabad 1067, year 30, KM-258.3, rare type with central inscriptions in lozenge, good extremely fine \$550
46. **Shah Alam I**, 1707-1712, AV mohur (11.0g), Burhanpur, with epithet *Dar al-Surur* ("the abode of happiness"), year 2, K356, extremely fine \$310
47. *same ruler*, AV mohur (11.0g), Surat, year & date off flan as usual for this mint, virtually uncirculated, bold strike \$340
48. **Jahandar**, 1712-1713, AV mohur (10.9g), Shahjahanabad 1124, year one, K368.6, choice uncirculated \$540
49. **Shah Jahan III**, 1759-1760, AV mohur (10.8g), Maha Indrapur (=Bharatpur), 1174, year one, KM478.4 (listed as Mughal issue), choice uncirculated, very bold even strike, **RR** \$1500
50. **COOCH BEHAR: Nripendra Narayan**, 1863-1911, AV nazarana mohur (9.2g), dated 354 in local era (=AD1864), KM185, uncirculated, **RR** \$1300
Gold coins of Cooch Behar are of the highest rarity, as they were struck in very limited numbers, apparently for presentation purposes upon the accession of a new ruler.
51. **Jitendra Narayan**, 1913-1922, K215, AV nazarana mohur (7.9g), CB404 (=1914), only 100 minted, choice unc., **RRR** \$1650
52. **JODHPUR: K160**, AV mohur of George VI & Hanwant Singh (1947-1952) (11.0g), undated as always, nearly extremely fine, the last "dump" style mohur struck in India (or anywhere in the world) and thus of much historical significance, **RR** \$525
53. **KUTCH: Y18**, AV 50 kori (9.3g) of Pragmalji II + Victoria, AD1873/VS1930, virtually uncirculated \$270
54. **Y19**, AV 100 kori (18.8g), same rulers as last, AD1866/VS1923, nearly unc. \$460
55. **TRIPURA: Ishana Chandra Manikya**, 1850-1862, AV mohur (10.8g), dated Saka Era 1771, KM-342, extremely fine but has been mounted, mount neatly removed, **RR** \$650
56. **MADRAS (Br.): K420**, AV 1/2 mohur of the East India Company, undated (struck 1819), uncirculated, **RR** \$600
57. **K422**, AV 5 rupees (1/3 mohur), undated (1820), xF-au \$150
58. **BRITISH INDIA: K477**, AV 10 rupees of Victoria, 1870 CM, uncirculated but rather heavily cleaned, **R** \$300
59. **K496**, AV mohur of Victoria, 1881, low mintage issue, uncirculated, **S** \$400

ANCIENT WORLD

60. **HIMYARITE: Anon.** AR tetradrachm (5.4g) in imitation of Athenian owl, 1st C. BC, BMC VIII:7, from the Sana hoard of the 1880s, crude strike as always, nearly extremely fine, nice toning \$350

61. **CHORESMLIA: Anon.**, issue of the "king of the Dahae", 1st C. BC, AR hemidrachm (1.5g), Mitchiner #38, good very fine, **R** \$200
62. **BACTRIA: Apollodotus I**, ca. BC180-160, AR square drachm (2.5g), elephant/humped bull, Bopearachhi #4F, extremely fine, nice toning \$140
63. **Lysias**, ca. BC120-110, AR dirham (2.5g), bust of king wearing elephant scalp/Herakles stdg., B-4B, extremely fine, **R** \$250
64. **Hermaios**, c. BC90-70, AE tetradrachm (9.3g), standing Zeus reverse, Bopearachhi #20, choice extremely fine \$125
65. **INDO-SKYTHIAN: Maues**, c. BC90-57, AR tetradrachm (9.6g), king standing/Pallas standing, holding out wreath, Mitchiner #2181, nearly extremely fine but struck from worn dies \$550
66. **SASANIAN: Shahpur I**, 241-272, AR drachm (4.4g), flowing hair type with Σ mark on altar shaft, generally as Göbl #30, nearly extremely fine, choice for this rare type, **RR** \$950
67. **Varahran II**, 276-293, AR drachm (3.9g), three bust obverse, usual reverse with left attendant wearing spiked crown, right attendant wearing peaked crown, Göbl #59, good very fine, **R** \$300
68. *same ruler*, AR drachm (3.6g), two busts, Göbl #63, no mintmarks on reverse, very fine, **RR** \$500
69. **Shahpur II**, 309-379, AR drachm (4.0g), unattended altar on reverse, assigned by Göbl to Isfahan mint, G111/G1253, extremely fine, **S** \$200
70. **EPHthalite: Late style AR drachm** (4.4g) derived from Ardasher III, tall headdress with bull's head, generally as Göbl #266, from small hoard discovered in 1980s, choice extremely fine, **RR** \$500

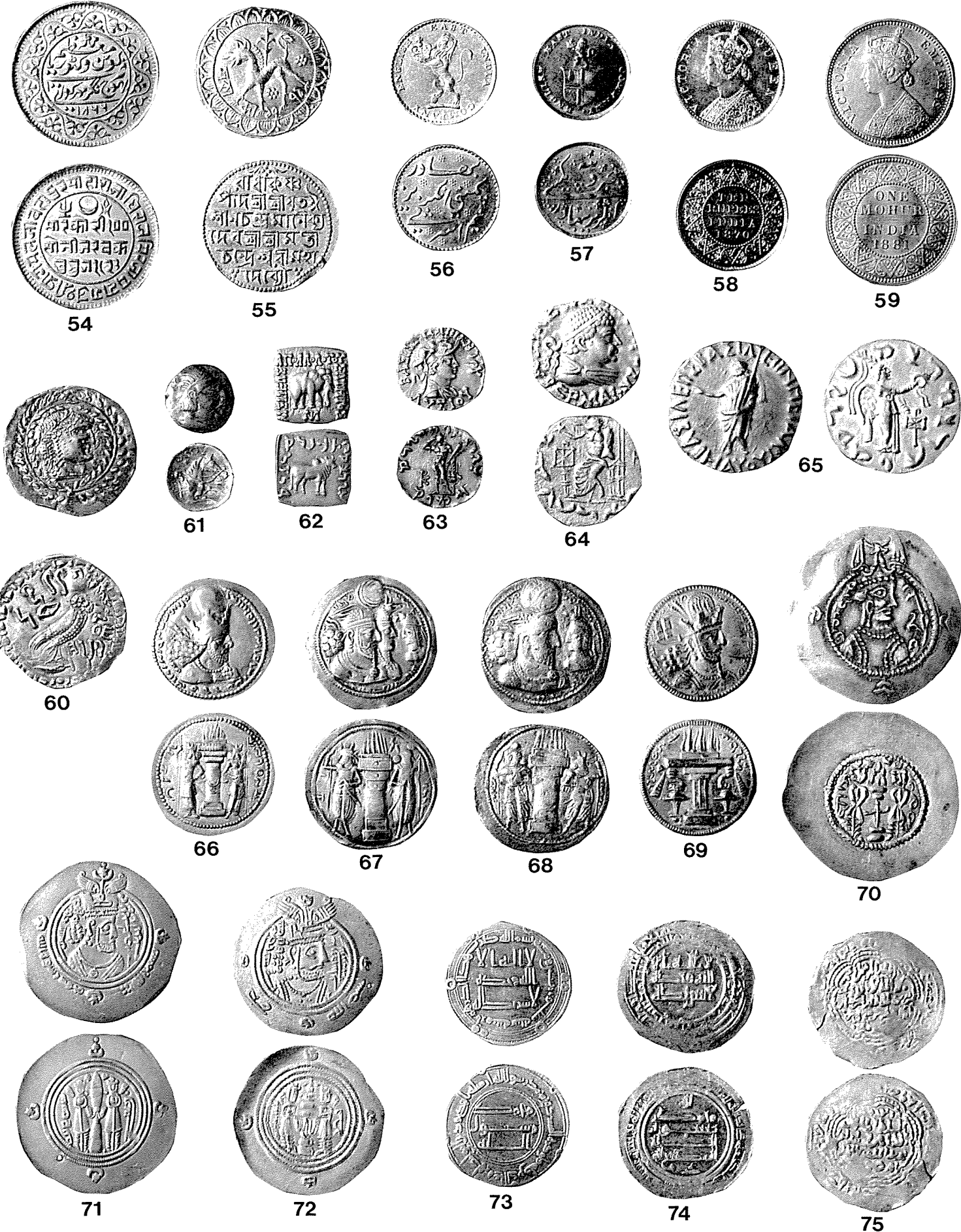
ISLAMIC DYNASTIES

71. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khalid b. 'Abd Allah**, AR dirham (3.9g), BYSh (Bishapur), year 73, Walker #213, extremely fine, scarce type with *Muhammad Rasul Allah* in 3rd quadrant obverse \$185
72. **'Ubayd Allah b. Abi Bakra**, AR dirham (4.1g), SK (Sijistan), year 79, as Walker Th.14 but pellet below B of *bism Allah* in obverse margin, scarce governor, **R** \$275
73. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AR dirham (2.8g), Arminiya 146, Fahmy #1565, good very fine \$175
74. **al-Muti'**, 946-975, AR dirham (4.8g), Antakiya, year 5 only (for 345), type not listed by Linder-Welín, extremely fine, small flan crack, **RR** \$300
The diecutter failed to leave room for the entire date.
75. **RASULID: al-Zahir 'Abd Allah**, rival ruler, ca. 1322-1334, AR dirham (1.6g), al-Mahjam, date off flan as usual, cr. very fine, **RR** \$325
76. **ZANGID of Mosul: Mahmud**, 1219-1233, AE dirham (16.4g), al-Mawsil 620, facing head, angels above, Edhem #136, lovely extremely fine with full bold detail on both sides, rare thus \$250
77. **BEGTIMURID: Begtimur**, 1183-1193, AE fals or dirham (8.6g), dated 58x, cow suckling calf, type of Mitchiner #1148, crude very fine, **S** \$125
78. **SELJUQ of Rum: Kaykhusraw II**, 1236-1245, AR 1/2 dirham (1.4g), lion & sun type, cf. Paris #1773, near extremely fine, **RR** \$350
79. **OTTOMAN: Musa Çelebi**, 1410-1413, AR akçe (1.2g), Edirne 813, JS-302, extremely fine, **RR** \$250
80. **TAGHAYTIMURID: Pir Muhammad**, in Astarabad 1404-1408, AR tanka (4.35g), Aqalim, undated, very fine, **RR** \$125
Aqalim, "the climes", was an epithet for Astarabad.
81. **AFSHARID: Nadir Shah**, 1735-1747, AR rupi (11.45g), Nadirabad 1153, KM385, nice very fine, extremely rare mint for this denomination, **RRR** \$300
82. *same ruler*, AR rupi (11.6g), Darband (Derbent in the Caucasus), 1154, K385, very fine, **RR** \$250
83. **Nadir Mirza**, 1796-1803, AR rupi (11.6g), K672, Mashhad 1216, only year coins struck in Nadir's name, extremely fine, **RR** \$250

MODERN COINAGE

84. **EGYPT: K231**, AR 10 piastres (14.0g) of Abdulmajid, 1255, year 2, virtually uncirculated, **RR** in this grade especially \$1000
85. **K249 (Y4a)**, AE 40 para (23.2g), 1277, year 10, flower to right of toughra (Cairo mint), choice extremely fine, superb strike, **RRR** \$1250
Although considerably less rare than once believed, this type is still extremely rare in higher grades.
86. **K251**, AR 2-1/2 piastres of Abdulaziz, European strike without flower above toughra, superb uncirculated, perhaps from presentation set, extremely rare in this quality \$300
87. **K253.1**, AR 5 piastres, European strike as above, companion piece apparently from same set, superb uncirculated \$450
88. **HEJAZ: K28**, 5 piastres, 1334, year 8, nearly uncirculated, **S** \$190
89. **K29**, 10 piastres, 1334, year 8, nearly uncirculated, **R** \$775
Following is an outstanding group of minor denominations of Muhammad Ali Shah, apparently saved as a group from the time they were still current.
90. **IRAN: Y44**, AR shahi safid of Muhammad Ali Shah, 1326, uncirculated, good strike, **R** \$85
91. *same type*, 1327, also uncirculated, **R** \$85





- 92. Y45, AR 1/4 kran (rob'i), 1327, choice uncirculated, extremely rare in this grade, R \$150
 - 93. Y48, AR 500 dinars, 1326, portrait type, uncirculated, R \$225
 - 94. Y48a, AR 500 dinars, 1326, date repeated amidst lion's feet on reverse, uncirculated, RR, especially in this grade \$360
 - 95. JARING (Thailand): K3, tin pitis (2.5g), 1302, nearly extremely fine, one minor casting defect, RR \$100
 - 96. KUWAIT: K1, AE baiza (5.3g), 1304, the first coin of Kuwait and the only issue before the common series commencing in 1961, crude very fine, RRR \$1350
 - 97. MALUKA: K-Tn10, AE keping (2.0g), 1228, with countermark as on Tn9, very fine, RR \$175
 - 98. PENANG: K-5.1, AR 1/10 dollar (2.6g), 1788, uncirculated, bold strike with no defects \$525
 - 99. SAI (Thailand): K2, tin pitis (3.8g), 1307, extremely fine, RR \$200
 - 100. SINGGORA (Malaysia): Tin bia (1/400 dollar) (9.9g), broad flan with center hole, undated (late 18th/early 19th C.), Mitchiner #3903, good very fine \$100
 - 101. TURKEY: K121.3, AR piastre (19.6g) of Mustafa II, Izmir mint, accessional date 1106, extremely fine, slightly porous surface as usual for type, relatively bold strike, RR \$330
This and the similar half piastre are the only coins struck at Izmir under the Ottomans. Under the Greek name of Smyrna, Izmir had been an important Roman provincial mint.
 - 102. K202, AR 10 para (6.4g) of Mahmud I, 1143, mark ص, choice uncirculated, unusually bold strike, R in this quality \$175
 - 103. K255, AR 5 para (2.8g) of Osman III, 1168, mark ع, good very fine, RR \$300
 - 104. K312, AR 20 para (9.2g) of Mustafa III, (117)3, extremely fine, rare denomination \$175
 - 105. K406, AR 2 piastres (29.6g) of Abdulhamid I, 1187, year 16, uncirculated, first issue of this denomination \$285
 - 106. XINJIANG: Y3.1, AR misal, imperial dragon obverse, choice uncirculated with attractive toning, RR \$375
About 20 examples of this previously virtually unobtainable coin were discovered recently.
 - 107. Y-A7.8, AR 1/2 misal (1.3g), Kashgar mint, 1313, obverse has Chinese for 5 fen (=1/2 misal), reverse Turki *aq fjuang* ("white fen"), bold very fine +, RRR \$475
 - 108. Uighuristan Republic: Y-E38.1, AE 20 cash (14.0g), 1352 (Hijri), vF-xf, small corrosion spot, R \$250
- COINAGE OF INDIA**
- 109. BENGAL: Yuzbak, as sultan, 1255, AR tanka (11.1g), Lakhnauti, dated Ramadan 653, Rajgor #139 (plate specimen), extremely fine, RRRR, probably only two known for reign \$2700
 - 110. GUJARAT: Ahmad Shah I, 1410-1442, AR tanka (11.4g), pedigree type with full genealogy of the ruler, without mint name, dated 840 (unpublished year), Rajgor #2096, nearly extremely fine, RRR \$1200
The genealogy is as follows: Ahmad Shah ibn Muhammad Shah ibn Muzaffar Shah, may his caliphate be prolonged.
 - 111. KASHMIR: Yusuf Shah, 1579-1587, AR sansu (6.1), square flan as always, Kashmir 987, extremely fine, R \$225
 - 112. MUGHAL: Jahangir, 1605-1628, K136.1, AR 1/2 rupee (5.7g), Patna, month of Khurdad 1036, year 22, choice extremely fine, RR \$250
 - 113. same ruler. AR sawai (14.2g), Lahore, 1018, year 4, KM158.5, choice nearly uncirculated, superb style with finest calligraphy, no weakness, RR \$450
The sawai was equivalent to 1.25 rupees, and was struck for several years by Jahangir, and on rare occasions by some later rulers.
 - 114. same ruler, AR square sawai (14.1g), Lahore, month of Isfandarmuz 1019, year 5, K160.2, nearly very fine \$500
 - 115. Azam Shah, 1707, K332.4, AR rupee (11.4g), Khujista Bunyad, 1118, year one, nearly extremely fine & struck on broad flan, very pleasing example of this reign, RR \$750
 - 116. Rafi-ud-Darjat, 1719, K405.15, AR rupee (11.5g), Multan, 1131, year one, special strike on full flan with full margins around, extremely fine, adjustment marks on edge, RR \$500
 - 117. Shah Alam II, 1759-1806, K711, AR rupee (11.2g), Shahjahanabad, 1216, year 44, broad flan issue (not nazarana but struck with extra care), superb extremely fine, RR \$250
 - 118. KACHAR: Megha Narayan, 1566-1583, K102, AR rupee (10.6g), dated SE1488, extremely fine, RR as are all coins of this kingdom \$450
 - 119. INDORE: K18, AR mudra rupee (11.2), SE1788, good very fine, RR \$375
The mudra rupees, struck both in copper and silver, were nazarana coins, whose purpose remains obscure.
 - 120. NIMAK (Sikh): K88, AR rupee (11.0g), VS 1905, good very fine, struck on broad flan, R \$225

- 121. ARCOT (French): K6, AR 1/4 rupee in name of Ahmad Shah Bahadur, year 3, RR \$200
- 122. K10, AR 1/4 rupee in name of Alamgir II, 1168, year one, choice extremely fine, RR, the KM plate specimen coin \$200
- 123. GOA: Anonymous, AR mahmudi (1.8g), rude design resembling a ship on obverse, date 894 and mint name in Arabic on reverse, unpublished and RRR, extremely fine \$600
The only Goan type struck between the Kadamba period and the arrival of the Portuguese. About six pieces were recently offered in the market, of which this is the best.
- 124. K167 (old style number), AR 2 tangas (3.7g), 1653, good strike with relatively full detail for this always crudely struck type, R \$330
- 125. MADRAS (Brit.): K404.2, AR double rupee (24.0g), with frozen date 1172, year 6, overstruck on 8 reales of Lima, KM97, with assayer initials JP (used 1803-1808), choice extremely fine \$600
The double rupee was not a successful denomination, and was struck only for a very limited time in 1807. Priddy records that a total of 165,172 were struck in two varieties. Most were overstruck on slightly cut down Spanish American eight reales.
- 126. BRITISH INDIA: KM-Pn66, AR rupee pattern for Edward VII, 1901, Calcutta mint, head r./lion in crowned medallion, choice proof with lovely iridescent toning, RRR \$1800
One of the loveliest coins produced for India, far superior to the adopted design of the 1902-1910 rupee coinage.

WHOLESALE LOTS

Starter Lots: Nice coins, representative of the series, intended for novice or dealer. Retail of each lot about \$160-180 for average grade coins, \$140-160 for higher grade coins, no duplicates, no junk, all coins identified in envelopes (unless otherwise specified). You specify the area, grade range, etc., and we will try our best to fill your needs. These lots are especially tailored for collectors who want a general representation of a series they are just starting to collect, allowing them to obtain some of the more common coins at a discounted price. Some sample topics:

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A2. Ayyubid & Mamluk.	A8. Indian sultanates.
A3. Mongols in Iran.	A9. Mughal silver coins.
A4. Early Ottoman (pre-1687).	A10. Mughal copper coins.
A5. Yemen medieval.	A11. Princely state copper.
A6. Durrani kingdom.	A12. British India before 1835.
A13. Special: Caucasian khans (lower grade coins), available only as double size lot for \$250.	

A14. Create your own category. Each lot, NET \$125
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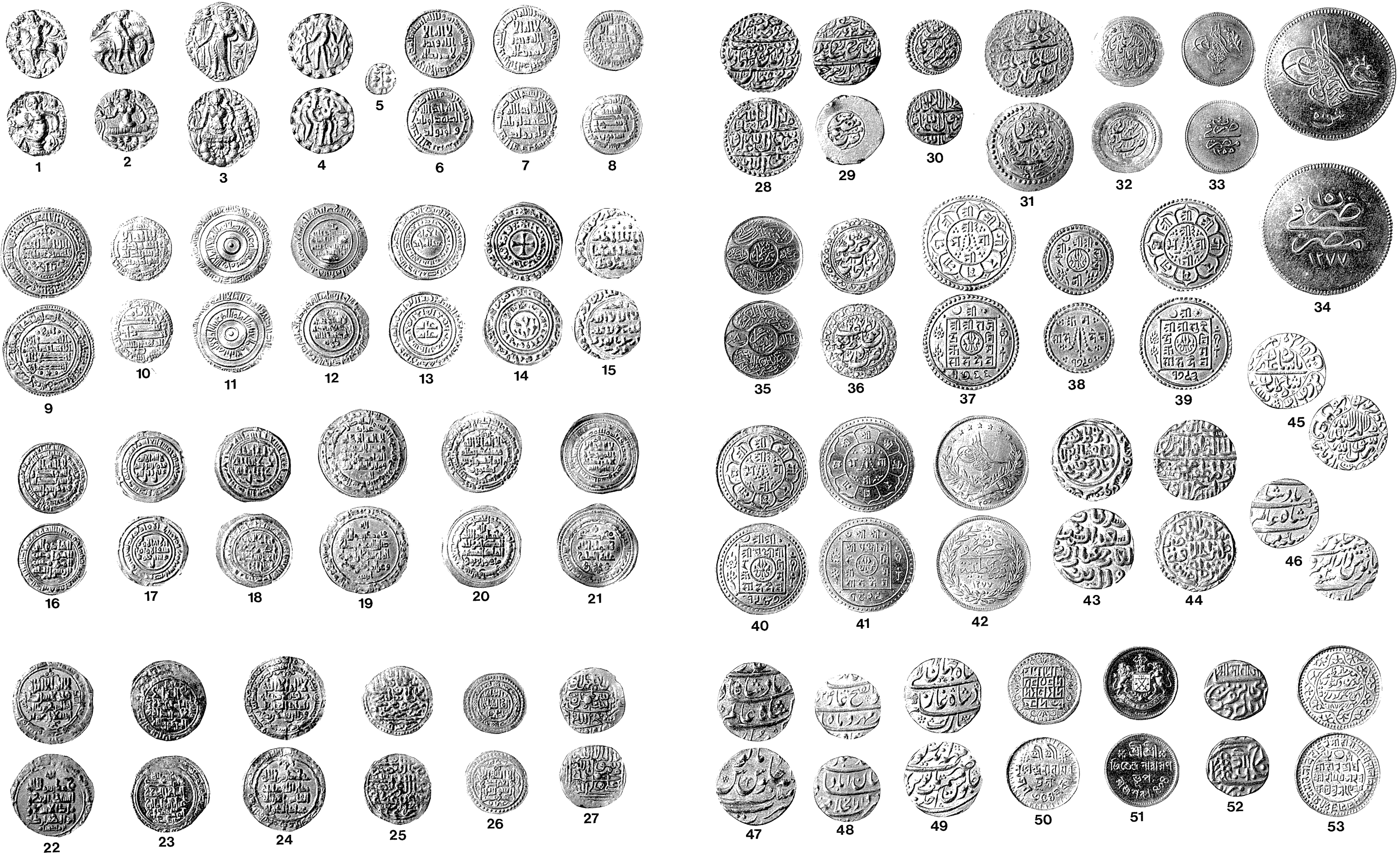
Discount Schedule: Remaining coins from lists 98-99 are now available at 10% discount, except on bullion-related items. Serious counteroffers for old stock may be considered.

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COMMENTARY (10 September 1993) — It seems hard to believe that I have published 100 lists since becoming a full-time coin dealer back in 1976. My first intention had been to deal coins for a couple of years in order to earn enough spare cash to resume my doctoral studies at Berkeley, but the tail soon wagged the dog and I became a confirmed dealer. After several attempts to resume work on my dissertation, I more or less gave up that endeavor. More recently, I thought I might start anew on a more viable topic, but in recent months I have reached the conclusion that despite the glory it might bring, the dissertation is just too much work and not the best use of my time. So I guess I shall forgo ever seeking the letters Dr. before my name.

My current plans call for continuing the pricelists at the rate of about ten per year. I will probably shorten the non-photo lists to six instead of eight pages, for the larger offering does not seem to generate greater sales. I have no intention of altering the current format, as I have by now streamlined the production and can produce ten lists per year without undue strain. Perhaps some day I will reach list #200!

Last week I purchased a new computer, the Macintosh Centris 650, with 8 meg of RAM and a 230M hard disk. It is many times faster and more powerful than my old SE, which seemed itself a marvel of technology when I purchased it back in early 1989. The lists are produced with Microsoft Word, which is undoubtedly the most popular word processor for the Mac. I am hoping to have the ability soon to include Arabic text and full diacriticals, but that is still some time in the future. I shall be looking enthusiastically at the software that will be displayed at the Middle East Studies Association conference in North Carolina in November.



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