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GOLD

(lots nos. 1-66 are gold)

Ancient

1. **KUSHAN: Kanishka I**, ca. 143-168, AV dinar (8.0g), Lrooaspo reverse (the deity Lrooaspo, Lohrasp in modern Persian, is shown standing next to his horse, holding up a wreath of victory), Göbl #57.1, good vf, RRR \$2400
2. **Huvishka**, ca. 168-200, AV dinar (7.8g), Mioro (Mithra, the Sun deity) on reverse, Göbl #174.1 (same dies), f-vf, nice inexpensive example of this ruler \$425
3. **Vasishka**, ca. 250-270, AV dinar (7.8g), Siva & Nandi reverse, Brahmi symbol *ru* right of ruler on obverse, G631, choice very fine \$300
4. **Shaka**, ca. 330-350, AV dinar (7.8g), Sayatha type with Ardoksho reverse, Mitchiner 3573, crude extremely fine \$250
5. **Kidara**, ca. 360-380, AV dinar (7.9g), usual types with Ardoksho reverse, stylized as usual, as Mitchiner 3618/20 but with peculiar symbol left of Ardoksho's feet, vf-xf \$250
6. *same ruler*, similar but without the special symbol, 7.8g, Mitchiner 3618/20, vf, reverse doublestruck \$220
7. **GUPTA: Prakasaditya**, ca. 510-525, AV dinar (9.2g), lion-slayer type, obverse shows the ruler on horseback spearing a lion through its mouth, reverse has Lakshmi seated on lotus, Altekar, plate 15, nos. 14-15, extremely fine, finest style, one of the most attractive Gupta coins, RR \$2750

Islamic dynasties



8. **UMAYYAD: temp. 'Umar**, 717-720, AV dinar (4.31g), Ifriqiya 101, Walker —, narrow flan type, unpublished, uncirculated, beautiful strike, RR \$8000

From a hoard of about 50-60 pieces dated 101-104. There were two types struck in 101, the earlier on a narrow flan

similar to the last Arab-Byzantine flans, the later on a broader flan, as in years 102 and later.

9. **temp. Yazid II**, 720-724, AV dinar (4.29g), Ifriqiya 102, Walker * (on page 99), similar to the previous coin but struck on a broader flan, superb uncirculated without any weakness whatsoever, RR \$8300
10. **temp. Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.3g), no mint name (struck at Damascus), 111, Walker 231, choice xf-au \$400
11. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.3g), no mint name but struck at Misr (Fustat in Egypt), 187, citing the governor Khalid, Miles (1948), #105, vf+, R \$220
12. **al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.2g), no mint but struck at Misr, *al-Maghrib* on obverse, 205, citing governor Muhammad b. al-Sari (205-206 only), BMC-256, vf, R \$450
13. **al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.1g), Madinat al-Salam 309, vf-xf \$300
14. *same ruler*, AV dinar on Yemeni standard (2.0g), San'a 304, very rare date, probalby unpublished, choice extremely fine \$650
15. *same ruler*, AV dinar on Yemeni standard (2.0g), San'a 318, scarce date, not listed by Bikhazi, choice xf-au \$450
16. **al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AV heavy dinar (6.3g), Madinat al-Salam 640, A275, vf \$400
17. **MURABITID: Abu Bakr**, 1056-1087, AV dinar (4.2g), Sijilmasa 456, Hazard #32, nearly extremely fine \$825
18. **'Ali b. Yusuf**, 1106-1142, AV dinar (4.1g), Aghmat 502, Hazard #154, extremely fine, R \$1200
19. *same ruler*, AV dinar (4.1g), Sijilmasa 506, unpublished year, extremely fine, RR \$1250
20. **MUWAHHID: Abu Yusuf Ya'qub**, 1184-1199, AV dinar (4.6g), without mint or date as usual, Hazard #501, choice nearly uncirculated, finest style & calligraphy \$1000
21. **MERINID: Abu'l-Hasan 'Ali**, 1331-1351, AV dinar (4.5g), Sijilmasa ND, Hazard #764, nearly extremely fine \$650
22. **FATIMID: al-Mustansir**, 1036-1094, AV dinar (4.3g), Trablus (Tripoli in Lebanon), 453, type W1, vf-xf \$500
23. **MAMLUK: al-Mansur Muhammad**, 1361-1363, AV dinar (5.7g), al-Qahira 76x, type of Balog #375-7, very fine, S \$300
24. **SULAYHID: al-Mukarram Ahmad**, 1081-1091, AV dinar (2.3g), 'Adan 482, A1076, extremely fine, R \$375
25. **SAMANID: Nuh II**, 976-997, AV dinar (5.8g-sic), Nishapur 369, citing the Simjurid governor Nasir al-Dawla Muhammad, A1468, very fine, S \$250
26. **Mansur II**, 997-999, AV dinar, Herat 388, A1472, the only available coin that is in the sole name of Mansur II, crude very fine with some weakness, two specimens available \$250
27. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 998-1030, AV dinar (3.6g), Ghazna 417, good very fine \$175
28. *same ruler*, AV dinar (4.0g), Herat 395, good very fine+ \$185
29. **Mas'ud I**, 1030-1041, AV dinar (3.7g), Nishapur 427, muled with reverse die of the Samanid Nuh I who ruled nearly a century earlier (!), from 943-954, most remarkable, though several similar mulings have been published by Lowick, good very fine, small hole \$500
30. **Farrukhzad**, 1053-1059, AV dinar (4.5g), somewhat pale gold as always for this type, Ghazna 442 (struck with old obverse die, as Farrukhzad only ascended the throne in 444), fine, RR \$300
31. **GREAT SELJUQ: Alp Arslan**, 1063-1072, AV dinar (4.1g), Marw 459, pale gold, A1670, good vf, R \$250
32. *same ruler*, AV dinar (4.7g), Marw 460, pale gold, A1670, nearly very fine, R \$225
33. **Arslan Arghu**, 1093-1097, AV dinar (4.5g), Nishapur 486, with title *Mu'izz al-Islam* and no overlord, A1680, choice very fine+, R \$350
34. **OTTOMAN: Süleyman I**, 1520-1566, AV sultani, Sidrekipi (Siderokastron in Greece), 926, vf-xf \$140
35. **Selim II**, 1566-1574, AV sultani, Halab 974, extremely fine \$145
36. **Murad III**, 1574-1595, AV sultani, Cezayir 982 (Algiers), choice nearly uncirculated, bold strike \$325



37. **KHWARIZMSHAH: Mangubirni**, 1220-1231, AV dinar (2.8g), mint off flan or without mint name (style of province of Davar), 619, A1742, extremely rare with date, type not seen before for this ruler, very fine, **RR** \$1250
38. **GREAT MONGOLS: Anonyous**, time of Chingiz Khan (1206-1227), citing only the caliph al-Nasir with the title *al-Imam al-A'zam*, AV dinar (3.0g), without mint or date, very crude very fine, **RR** \$450
39. **ILKHAN: Abaqa**, 1265-1282, AV dinar (4.7g), (Tabriz), date off flan or undated, bold uncirculated, lovely \$325
40. **SAFAVID: Tahmasp II**, 1722-1732, AV ashrafi (3.4g), Isfahan 1142, KM306, struck upon the Safavid reconquest of Isfahan from the Afghans, choice xf, **S** \$375
41. **QAJAR: Muhammad Shah**, 1834-1848, AV toman (3.8g), Isfahan 1251, reverse has mint & date in fancy square, vf \$150
42. **Nasir al-Din Shah**, 1848-1896, AV medallion 8 tomans (27.8g), royal inscription in wreath on obverse, lion & sun in wreath on reverse, dated 1209 in error for 1290, good vf, with original loop attachment for wearing, **RRR** \$1650
43. **DURRANI: Ahmad Shah**, 1747-1772, AV ashrafi (about 3.4g), Mashhad 1168, year 8, KM-"A639" (to be listed in future KM catalog under this number), new discovery, several specimens available, virtually uncirculated with only minimal traces of weakness, about 20 known in all \$400
44. **same ruler**, AV mohur, Shahjahanabad 1173, year 14, KM765, choice extremely fine, **RR** \$2000
45. **Taimur Shah**, 1772-1793, AV mohur, Kabul 1187, year one, K435, unlisted date (but no longer rare), choice au, from a recent hoard \$450
46. **Shah Zaman**, 1793-1801, AV mohur, Herat 1214, dated on both sides, K389, lovely xf \$700
- Modern & Miscellaneous**
47. **BUKHARA: Y3**, AV tilla, 1319, choice xf \$155
48. **EGYPT: K63**, AV jedid ashrafi, 1106 (Mustafa II), vf, light traces of mounting, **RR** \$250
49. **TURKEY: K218**, AV 1/2 sultani of Mahmud I (yarim altin), 1143, mintmark , xf, slightly weak, **RR** \$300
50. **K242**, AV 5 sultani (16.6g), same sultan, 1143, mintmark , vf-xf, hole repaired (type almost always comes holed or with hole repaired, as recipients of these pieces were expected to mount them on their clothing), **R** \$1250
- Gold Coins of India**
51. **DELHI Sultanate: Mubarakshah**, 1312-1320, AV square tanka, Qila Qutbabad 719, R1047, strong very fine, **RR** \$1300
52. **JAUNPUR: Husain Shah**, 1458-1476, AV tanka (11.8g), without mint name as always, 875 (unit questionable), toughra type, Rajgor #2740, nearly extremely fine, **R** \$1200
53. **MUGHAL: Shah Jahan I**, 1628-1658, AV mohur, Ahmadabad 1039, year 2, month of Azar, K255.1, superb extremely fine, full flan strike, **R** \$640
54. **same ruler**, AV mohur, Akbarabad 1051, year 15, K258.1, virtually uncirculated, bold strike, lovely, **S** \$900
55. **Aurangzeb**, 1658-1707, AV mohur, Bijapur, year 45, K315.15, choice uncirculated \$500
56. **Azam Shah**, 1707, AV mohur, Khujista Bunyad, year one (*ahad*), K334.5, extremely fine, **RRR**, first gold coin of this ruler I have handled \$5000
57. **Shah Alam I**, 1707-1712, AV mohur, Allahabad 1122, year 4, K354.x, mint unlisted for type, uncirculated, **R** \$540
58. **Farrukhsiyar**, 1713-1719, AV mohur, Islamabad, year 7, K390.16, unlisted year (so what!), au, slightly uneven flan \$350
59. **Muhammad Shah**, 1719-1748, AV mohur, Lahore, 1156, year 26, K438.15, choice vf-xf \$375
60. **ARCOT (French):** In name of **Muhammad Shah**, AV mohur, 115x, year 20, type of rupee K5 but with Persian letter H in place of crescent, will be listed as K-5A, extremely fine, **RR** \$1000
61. **JANJIRA: K—**, AV mohur (11.2g), 1283, in name of Shah Ibrahim Khan, extremely fine, priced reduced to below my cost, one of 5 pieces known. **RRR** \$1750
62. **TRAVANCORE: K-M9**, AV tulabharam 1/4 pagoda, undated but struck 1870-1931, unc, crude strike \$110
63. **K-M10**, AV 1/2 pagoda ND, unc. \$165
64. **K-M11**, AV pagoda ND, unc \$265
65. **K-M12**, AV 2 pagodas ND, choice unc \$425
66. **INDIA: Temple token**, AV square mohur (12.13g), type of Akbar with pseudo date 891, f-vf, cheap \$170

67. **INDO-SKYTHIAN: Spalarysis**, ca. BC50, AR tetradrachm (9.8g), mounted ruler/Zeus standing l., wielding thunderbolt, Mitchiner #2171/72, choice extremely fine, from recent hoard and no longer especially rare \$400
68. **SOUTHEAST ARABIA: Abi'el** derived series, Alexander types with horse protome on outstretched right arm, Potts Class S5 (nos. 2:295-6), AR drachm (good silver, 3.79g), fine, obverse struck from worn-out die (as usual for the type), **RR** \$225
69. **similar**, later series, anchor mark before torso, Class XLIV, obv die as #2:326, rev die as #2:319, BI drachm (4.12g), very fine, bold strike, slightly porous, **R** \$300
70. **SASANIAN: Ardasher I**, 224-241, BI tetradrachm (13.0g), usual types, Göbl #7, lovely extremely fine, superb portrait, as nice as this type can be found \$600
71. **same ruler**, AR drachm (4.3g), normal types, G9, superb extremely fine, lovely portrait \$325
72. **Shahpur I**, 241-272, AR drachm (4.2g), without earflap, flowing hair, Göbl 30, good vf+, **RR** \$540
73. **same ruler**, AR drachm (4.4g), without earflap, hair tied in ball behind head, Göbl 32, very fine, **RR** \$350
74. **Varahran II**, 276-293, AR drachm (4.0g), single portrait, mintmarks: dot left & right of flames, diadem on altar shaft, Göbl #50, superb extremely fine, outstanding \$800
75. **Narseh**, 293-303, AR drachm (4.0g), second portrait (according to Göbl's chronology), mintmarks: diadem left and taurine right of flames, Göbl #76, nearly extremely fine, lovely portrait, attractive toning \$340
76. **Vishtahm**, ca. 591-597, AR drachm (4.2g), APR mint (believed to be Abarshahr in Khorasan), year 4, ex-Foroughi collection, Göbl #205/6, extremely fine, **RR** \$700
77. **Kavad II**, 628, AR drachm (4.1g), AYRAN mint (generally believed to be Susa, but still unconfirmed), year 2, Göbl #223/24, extremely fine \$540

ISLAMIC DYNASTIES

78. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing caliph** series, AE fals (2.7g), Iliya Filastin (Jerusalem), undated as always, Walker #ANS.5, bold strike, virtually extremely fine, nice chocolate brown patina \$400
79. **same series**, AE fals (2.7g), Yubna Filastin, undated, Walker #83, fine, very rare Palestinian mint, **RR** \$150
80. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 674-683, AR drachm, GD (Jayy), AH62, Walker #104, superb xf \$150
81. **Talha b. 'Abd Allah**, 683-685, AR drachm (4.0g), SK (Sijistan), year 64, Gaube #79 (this specimen!), extremely fine but light trace of mount, **R** \$350
82. **al-Muhallab b. Abi Sufra**, 694-698, AR drachm (4.0g), DA (Darabjird) 76, Gaube #23, extremely fine, **R** \$225
83. **al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, 694-713, AR drachm (4.0g), YZ (generally believed to refer to the city of Yazd), year 81AH, Gaube #50, very fine, **R** \$275
84. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous** AR dirham (2.0g), Arminiya 95, Walker #264a, very fine, **S** \$165
85. AR dirham (3.0g), Ifriqiya 112, W284a, lovely extremely fine. **S** \$400
86. AR dirham (2.9g), Balkh 115, W307, extremely fine \$250
87. AR dirham (2.8g), Balkh 122, W—, with triplet of dots above *sharik* in obverse field, choice vf, **RR** \$750
88. AR dirham (2.7g), Sarakhs 93, W—, very fine, **R** \$350
89. AR dirham (2.8g), al-Sus 90, W436, nearly extremely fine \$200
90. AR dirham (2.7g), Qumis 91, W—, good vf, **R** \$500
91. AR dirham (2.9g), Wasit 84, W522, nearly ex. fine, **S** \$425
92. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AR dirham (2.9g), Arminiya 145, extremely fine \$200
93. **al-Hadi**, 785-786, AR dirham (3.0g), Kirman 169, choice very fine+, **R** \$250
94. **al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.9g), al-Rayy 179, with *fi wilayat Muhammad bin Yahya* in reverse field, avf, **R** \$265
95. **al-Mu'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.9g), Marw 216, vf-xf \$175
96. **al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AR dirham (3.0g), Surra man Ra'a 233, special medallion issue on neat narrow flan, extremely fine, apparently unpublished and possibly the earliest year for this type of presentation coin, **RR** \$1250
97. **al-Mu'tazz**, 866-870, AR dirham (2.9g), Fars 254, xf, **R** \$175
98. **al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AR dirham (2.2g), Mah al-Kufa 295, good very fine, scarce mint \$225
99. **same ruler**, AR dirham (3.1g), al-Qasr al-Fakhir 295, extremely fine, very rare mint, **RR** \$600





100. **al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (2.5g), Fars 297, vf \$150
101. *same ruler*, AR dirham, medallion style (3.1g), Madinat al-Salam 305, date not listed by Ilich, ex-Sotheby's, October 1994, lot #241, extremely fine, RRR \$1400
102. **SWABIAN of Sicily: Henry VI**, 1194-1197, AE 1/4 tercenario (1.2g), ND, Latin & Arabic legends, Spahr #2, Biaggi #1780, choice vf+, R \$180
103. **RASULID: Isma'il I**, 1376-1400, AR dirham (1.6g), Zabid 779, type A, choice vf+ \$140
104. **SAFFARID: Tahir b. Muhammad**, 901-908, AR dirham (2.9g), Shiraz 288, A1404, choice extremely fine, R \$200
105. **BUWAYHID: Imad al-Dawla**, 934-949, AR dirham (3.0g), Shiraz 322, A1538, earliest year of Buwayhid coinage, choice extremely fine \$100
106. **SAMANID: Isma'il**, 892-907, AR dirham (3.2g), Andaraba 290, crude extremely fine, R \$100
107. **Nasr II**, 914-943, AE fals (3.0g), Barab (also known as Farab or Faryab), date believed to be 308 but always somewhat blundered (perhaps intended for 332 or 338, which would be more consistent with the style), citing 'Ali, very fine, porous surfaces, RR \$135
108. *same ruler*, AR dirham (3.1g), Farwan 320, choice extremely fine, S \$120
109. **BAVANDID: Rustam b. Sharwin**, ca. 964-980, AR dirham (4.1g), Firim 355, A1524, crude very fine, RR \$300
110. **QARAKHANID: Nasr b. 'Ali**, ca. 998-1011, AR dirham (3.0g), Uzskand 394, good very fine, lovely style, delicate calligraphy, R \$250
111. **'Ali b. al-Hasan**, fl. 1024-1034, AR dirham, Khutlukh Urdu (sic) 425, choice extremely fine (3 specimens available) \$200
112. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 998-1030, AR bilingual dirham (Sanskrit & Arabic) (3.3g), Mahmudpur (=Lahore) 419, A1660, extremely fine, lovely example of this popular type \$250
113. **ARTUKID of Mardin: Alpi**, 1152-1176, AE dirham (11.6g), no mint or date, caliph Mustanjid, facing bust/two facing heads, SS-30.1, superb vf \$175
114. **ZANGID of Sinjar: Muhammad**, 1197-1219, AE dirham (14.6g), Sinjar 606, two-headed eagle, BMC-634, very fine \$150
115. **Fath al-Din 'Umar**, 1219-1220, AE dirham (10.4g), Sinjar (61)6, bare head r. in circle, A1881, still not properly published in the literature, good very fine, superb portrait, one of the rarest of the Turkoman bronze coins, RRR \$750
116. **DANISHMANDID: Nasir al-Din Muhammad**, 1162-1170 & 1175-1178, AE dirham (13.2g), [Malatya] 558, scene depicting female figure crowning the ruler (from Byzantine prototype), Whelan 16:5, A1241, choice vf-xf, RR \$750
117. **Yaghi-Basan**, 1142-1164, AE dirham (9.3g), no mint or date, head right, A1245, Whelan 17:11, f-vf, R \$125
118. **GREAT MONGOLS: temp. Chingiz Khan**, 1206-1227, AR dirham (3.1g), Kurraman ND, Hannon #1224.3 (only publication of this rare type), vf, traces of mount, RRR \$800
119. **GOLDEN HORDE: Timur Khwaja Khan**, 761, AR dirham (1.5g), Gulistan (762), A2036, very crude vf, RR \$125
120. **Mir Pulad Khan**, 1363, AR dirham (1.3g), Saray al-Jadida 764, A2043, very fine, RR \$160
121. **SALGHURID: Abish bint Sa'd**, Queen, 1265-1285, AR dirham (2.3g), citing the Ilkhan Ahmad (1282-84), mint & date off flan, very fine, RR \$200
122. **SAFAVID: Isma'il III**, 1750-1756, AR rupi (11.4g), Mazandaran 1167, K461, extremely fine, superb style \$125
123. **AFSHARID: Nadir Shah**, 1735-1747, AR rupee (11.2g), Shahjahanabad 1152, Lahore #42, nearly vf \$150
- MODERN & MISCELLANEOUS**
124. **ALGERIA: K77**, 1/6 budju, 1245, toughra type, choice unc., from an Uruguayan collection, superb \$175
125. **K83**, budju (piastre), Constantine mint, 1251, unlisted date, only fine, but very clear date, RRR \$500
126. **IRAN: Y11**, 1000 dinars, 1294, unlisted date, perhaps pattern for type (regular coinage began 1296), nearly unc, RR \$350
127. **K-"Pn3a"**, AE pattern for 1/4 kran of 1281, unpublished pattern, nearly unc, RRR and believed unique \$550
128. **MECCA: Wahhabi** period, K3, AE mahmudi, 1223, bird left, very fine, off center, RRR \$1150
129. **TUNIS: K120**, 4 piastres, 1272, vf-xf, nice strike, R \$425
- COINAGE OF INDIA**
130. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AE nisfi or 1/2 dam, Sultanpur, Aban, year off, K23.x, unlisted mint for type, bold vf, RR \$150

131. **Jahangir**, 1605-1628, AR jahangiri (heavy rupee), Tatta 1016, year 3, K152.7, choice vf-xf \$185
132. **Aurangzeb**, 1658-1707, AR 1/2 rupee, Khambayat 1104, year 3x, K294.4, extremely fine, RR \$150
133. **Shah Jahan III**, 1759-1760, AR rupee, Shahjahanabad 1173, year one, K475.3, choice vf-xf, R \$225
134. **Muhammad Akbar II**, 1806-1837, AR nazarana rupee, Shahjahanabad 1251, year 31, K779, superb xf-au, R \$475
135. **DHARWAD (Maratha): W-T1** (=Mughal KM460.36), rupee in name of Alamgir II, Nasirabad, year 7, au, showing full mint name (not to be confused with Miraj issue), R \$200
136. **ARCOT (French): K16**, AR nazarana rupee, 1198, year 32 (sic), au, nicely toned \$550
137. **BOMBAY (British): K470.3** (Mughal), AR 1/2 rupee in name of Shah Jahan III (1759-60), Surat style, vf-xf, RR \$250

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COMMENTARY (14 February 1995) — The biggest news here is that I will soon be moving house. I'll be staying in Santa Rosa, at a much nicer place with twice the area I have now. I will keep the same PO box, even though the trip to the post office will be much longer, so we may collect our mail only three times weekly instead of daily. I hope to retain the same phone and fax numbers at the new location.

For years I've been considering the more, now that I and the business have outgrown my present premises, but inertia and indecision have ruled the day. Procrastination is the most comfortable of activities. Or, as the Persian poet Obeid's Zakani wrote in his treatise on humorous advice, "Never do tomorrow's work today."

It looks as though the actual move into the new house will take place in early April, after I return from a short trip to England. During the time of the move, I will shut down the business for two or three weeks, hoping to be back in the swing of things by the end of April, in time for the NY coin fair in early May. This is a tentative schedule, more later.

