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**PRICE LIST N° 129 - SEPTEMBER 1996**

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**ABBREVIATIONS:**

en=edge nick, mt=mount, wk=weak, sl=slight(ly), cl=cleaned, lt=light, nr=near(ly), ND=no date, NM=no mint, dof=date off flan, cr=crude, ctr=center, str=strike, hbl=has been looped, oc=off center, fc=flan crack, ds=doublestruck, tm=test mark(s).

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**GOLD**

(lots nos. 1-65 are gold)

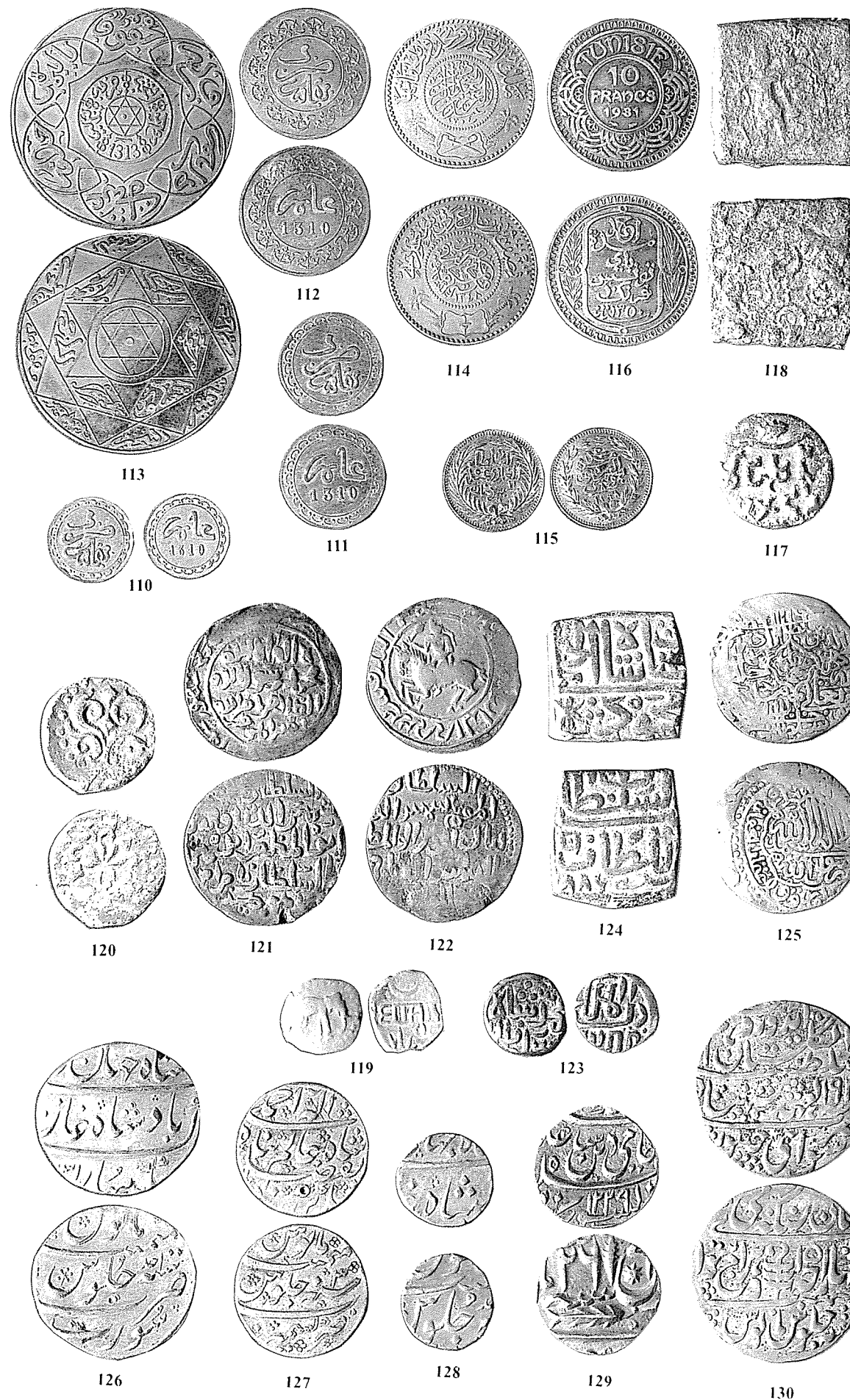
**Ancient**

1. **SASANIAN: Varahran II**, 276-293, AV dinar (7.37g), single bust r. with orb & fillet, reverse attended fire altar, triplet of dots on altar shaft, diadem left and tamga right of flames, Göbl #48, choice extremely fine with no weakness, finest style, RRR \$8500
2. **Hormizd II**, 303-309, AV dinar (7.07g), normal type (bust r./attended fire altar, no special symbols or mintmarks, as G81 but much better style, extremely fine, RRR \$6200
3. **KUSHAN: Kanishka I**, ca. 143-168, AV dinar (7.97g), Miiro reverse, Göbl #56.6 (same dies), choice extremely fine \$900
4. **Huvishka**, ca. 168-195, AV 1/4 dinar (1.95g), Miro reverse (sic), G161 (same reverse die), full bold strike with full obverse legend visible, choice extremely fine, RR \$1000
5. *same ruler*, AV 1/4 dinar (1.94g), Farro reverse (deity of Glory), G162 (same dies), full even strike, choice extremely fine, RR \$1250
6. *same ruler*, AV dinar (7.89g), half-length bust of king l./Mao standing, G180.2 (same dies), nearly extremely fine \$600
7. **AKSUM: Ebana**, c. ±570, AV tremissis (1.50g), circled bust obv & rev, Hahn #34, Munro-Hay #95, choice vf-xf, R \$850

**Gold coins of the Islamic Dynasties**

8. **UMAYYAD: temp. 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AV dinar (4.29g), without mint name, 86, nearly ex. fine \$275
9. *temp. al-Walid I*, 705-715, AV nisf (1/2 dinar, 2.13g), without mint name, 92, nearly extremely fine, R \$950
10. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.05g), no mint name as always, 153, very fine \$150

11. **al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.24g), no mint (Egyptian issue), 175, citing governor Musa (b. 'Isa), ex. fine \$450
12. **UMAYYAD of Spain: Hisham II**, 1st reign, 976-1009, AV dinar (3.90g), al-Andalus 391, citing prefect Muhammad, Miles #320i, A353, extremely fine, S \$1850
13. **ABBADID of Seville: al-Mu'tadid**, 1042-1069, AV dinar (2.94g), al-Andalus 437, Miles MT-548, A401, very fine, somewhat crude strike, R \$900
14. *same ruler*, AV dinar (3.13g), al-Andalus 450, citing heir Muhammad (=al-Mu'tamid), cf. Miles MT-549, A401, good very fine, R \$1600
15. **al-Mu'tamid**, 1069-1091, AV dinar (3.71g), Ishbiliya 480, cf. Miles MT-584, A403, very fine, sl. crimped, RR \$1650
16. **MURABITUN: 'Ali b. Yusuf**, 1106-1142, AV dinar (3.53g), Ishbiliya 520, citing prefect Yasir, Hazard #219, A466, lovely extremely fine, R \$1500
17. *same ruler*, AV dinar (4.15g), al-Mariya (Almeria) 534, H371, A466, vf-xf \$650
18. **MUWAHHIDUN: Abu Muhammad 'Abd al-Mu'min**, 1130-1163, AV 1/2 dinar (2.27g), Sabta (Ceuta), undated as always, H453, very fine \$300
19. **Abu Ya'qub Yusuf**, 1163-1184, AV 1/2 dinar (2.31g), no mint or date (common type), choice extremely fine \$325
20. **HAFSID: Abu'l-Faris 'Abd al-'Aziz II**, 1394-1434, AV 1/2 dinar (2.38g), no mint or date, H623, good very fine, full strike, nice for this reign \$300
21. **IKHSHIDID: Abu'l-Qasim**, 946-961, AV dinar (3.78g), Filastin 335, A676, "extremely fine", no wear but usual very crude strike \$450
22. **FATIMID: al-'Aziz**, 976-997, AV dinar (4.17g), Fas 382, one of only three known Fatimid dinars of this mint (all bear the same date), extremely fine but rather crude strike, unpublished, RRR and of great historical importance \$6000
23. **al-Mustansir**, 1036-1094, AV dinar (3.79g), Sur (=Tyre), 484, extremely fine, R \$550
24. **al-Hafiz**, 1131-1149, AV dinar (4.65g), al-Iskandariya 535, vf-xf, small scratch on obverse, R \$650
25. **MAMLUK: Faraj**, 1399-1412, AV dinar (6.70g), al-Qahira (Cairo) 806, nearly extremely fine \$450
26. **SULAYHID: al-Mukarram Ahmad**, 1081-1091, AV dinar (2.39g), 'Adan 480, good vf-xf, R \$350
27. *same ruler & type* (2.40g), 'Adan 481, crude ex. fine, R \$350
28. **SAMANID: Nuh I**, 943-954, AV dinar (3.92g), Bukhara 336, initial jim above obverse, choice extremely fine, RR \$700
29. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 998-1030, AV dinar (2.68g), Herat 408, A1604, extremely fine, full strike, outstanding example of this common type \$250
30. **Mas'ud I**, 1030-1041, AV dinar (3.92g), Nishapur 428, extremely fine, bold strike, unusually nice for ruler \$250
31. *same ruler*, AV dinar (3.04g), al-Rayy 424, struck during Mas'ud's western campaigns, very fine, S \$350
32. **ILKHAN: Abaqa**, 1265-1282, AV dinar (4.30g), Tabriz 677, bilingual in Mongolian & Arabic, A2126, choice extremely fine, R \$450
33. *same ruler*, AV dinar (5.52g), type of Yazd (but mint name off flan), undated, good very fine, S \$250
34. **Baydu**, 1295, AV dinar (4.11g), type of Tabriz 694 but mint & date not clear on this specimen, extremely fine \$275
35. **SHAYBANID: 'Abd al-Mu'min**, 1598, AV 1/4 ashrafi or 1/4 mithqal (0.83g), no mint or date (as always), A2996, extremely fine, RRR \$400
36. **HOTAKI (Afghans in Iran): Azad Khan**, 1750-1756, AV mohur (10.98g), Isfahan 1168, K483, superb strike, finest style, virtually uncirculated, R \$1100
37. **ZAND: Karim Khan**, 1753-1779, AV 1/4 mohur (2.77g), Khuy 1189, unlisted mint for type, K530, extremely fine, R \$250
38. **Abu'l-Fath Khan**, 1779, AV 1/4 mohur (2.68g), Yazd 1193, K543, Rabino #479, good very fine, RRR \$650
39. **QAJAR: Fath 'Ali Shah**, 1797-1834, AV toman (4.62g), Khuy 1238, K753, very fine, S \$200



- 40. **DURRANI: Ahmad Shah**, 1747-1772, AV mohur (11.03g), Mashhad, undated, K639, extremely fine, cheap \$325
- 41. *same ruler*, AV mohur (10.83g), Shahjahanabad (117)4, year 14, K765, extremely fine, **R** \$1000
- 42. **Taimur Shah**, 1772-1793, AV mohur (10.98g), Peshawar 1204, year (1)8, K706, extremely fine, **RR** \$925

**Modern & Miscellaneous Gold**

- 43. **EGYPT: K234.1**, AV 50 piastres of Abdulmecid (4.24g), 1255, year 1, extremely fine, **RR** \$600
- 44. **HEJAZ: K31**, AV dinar hashimi, 1334, year 8, unc \$735
- 45. **IRAN: Y—**, AV 1/2 toman (1.68g), transitional type, obv of Nasir al-Din Shah, reverse of Tehran 1295, virtually unc, unpublished & **RRR** \$900
- 46. **Y—**, AV 1/4 toman (but with weight of 1/5 toman, 0.62g), obv of Muzaffar al-Din muled with 1295 reverse inscribed *rub 'e toman* ("quarter toman"), xf-au, unpub. & **RRR** \$700
- 47. **Y18**, AV toman (2.88g), 1303, uncirculated, **S** \$150
- 48. **Y19**, AV 2 tomans (5.75g), 1299, au \$250
- 49. **TURKEY: K823**, AV 500 piastres (35.92g), 1336, year 1, nearly uncirculated, light trace of mount, **R** \$750

**Gold Coins of India**

- 50. **DELHI Sultanate: Muhammad Shah III**, 1325-1351, AV dinar (12.83g), Delhi 727, Rajgor #1211 (unlisted date, but so what), very fine, attractive \$400
- 51. **KULBARGA: Ahmad Shah II**, 1436-1458, AV tanka (10.98g), Muhammadabad (mint barely shows), date off flan, R2608, fine, **R**, cheap for dynasty \$400
- 52. **MALWA: Hoshang Shah**, 1406-1435, AV tanka (10.82g), no mint name as usual, dated 838, bold & clear, gd. fine, **R** \$750
- 53. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AV mohur (10.85g), Agra 981, K108.1, vf-xf \$400
- 54. **Shah Jahan I**, 1628-1658, AV mohur (10.93g), Agra 1038, year one, K254.1, superb uncirculated, finest style, finest example of this reign I have ever handled, **R** \$1500
- 55. *same ruler*, AV mohur (10.93g), Lahore 1046, year 9, K260.11, superb uncirculated, fabulous strike with full margins around, finest style for type, **R** \$1000
- 56. **Aurangzeb**, 1658-1707, AV mohur (11.06g), Allahabad 1114, year 46, K3125.9, choice au \$350
- 57. **Jahandar**, 1712-1713, AV mohur (10.93g), Akbarabad 112(4), year one, K368.1, extremely fine \$450
- 58. **Muhammad Shah**, 1719-1748, AV mohur (10.97g), Khujista Bunyad 113(4), year 3, K438.13, choice au, **S** \$325
- 59. **Alamgir II**, 1754-1759, AV mohur (10.88g), Shahjahanabad, year 2, K465.1, nearly extremely fine \$320
- 60. **AWADH: K322.1**, AV ashrafi of Muhammad Ali (10.71g), 1253, year one, choice extremely fine, struck on unusually broad flan, **R** in this quality \$600
- 61. **JAIPUR: Y-A15**, AV mohur of Man Singh & George V (10.88g), year 3, extremely fine \$400
- 62. **JODHPUR: K130**, AV mohur (10.99g), Umaid Singh + George V, undated, with initial *sri*, uncirc. \$450
- 63. **KISHANGARH: Y-D3**, AV mohur (10.99g), in name of Queen Victoria, undated, uncirculated, **RR** \$825
- 64. **NAJIBABAD (Awadh): K120**, AV mohur (10.79g), year 18, nearly uncirculated \$525
- 65. **RAJKOT: Y1**, AV mohur (7.99g), 1945, a fantasy issue, though now generally accepted in the market, bu \$475

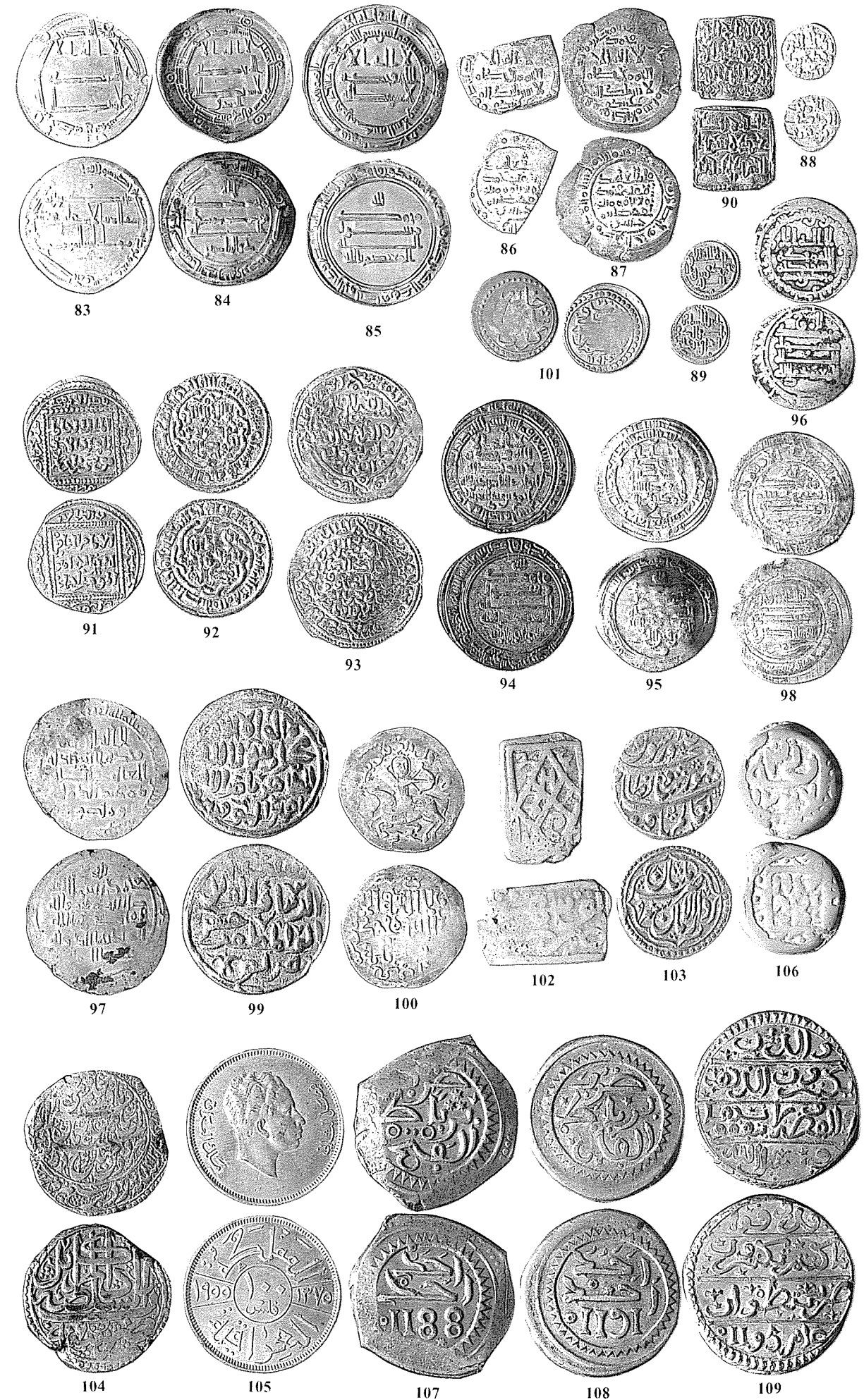
**ANCIENT NEAR EAST**

- 66. **MACEDONIA: Alexander III the Great**, BC336-323, AR tetradrachm (16.82g), usual types, mint of Ake-Ptolemais (Palestine), year 11 (=BC305/304), Price #3302, nearly extremely fine/good very fine \$550
- 67. *same ruler & type*, AR tetradrachm (17.07g), mint of Babylon, Price #3751, extremely fine \$425
- 68. **SASANIAN: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR 1/2 drachm (2.03g), Parthian style portrait, fire-altar reverse, Paruck #19, unlisted by Göbl (cf. drachm G6), superb very fine, nice even strike with no weakness, well-centered, **RRR** \$2500
- 69. *same ruler*, AR drachm (3.82g), Parthian style, as G6 but pellet instead of star on bust, superb very fine, even strike with no weakness and no defects, **R** \$1350
- 70. *same ruler*, AR drachm (3.69g), type as last but with star on bust, G6, two pellets behind head, good vf-xf, superb portrait, **RR** \$1500

- 71. *same ruler*, BI tetradrachm (13.66g), Parthian type, presumably from Susa mint, G7, superb extremely fine, just about a perfect coin with no defects \$1000
- 72. *same ruler*, AR drachm (4.41g), turreted crown bust, usual fire altar reverse, G14, dots flanking the crown, no mint-marks on reverse, choice very fine, **RR** \$1500
- 73. *same ruler*, AR drachm (4.22g), bust with hairball tied above the crown, G16, choice vf-xf, **RRR** \$1750
- 74. **Shahpur I**, 241-272, AR drachm (4.23g), usual type, G23, struck on neat narrow flan, extremely fine \$140
- 75. **Hormizd I**, 272-273, AR drachm (4.03g), type G36 (no swords & no symbols), good very fine, **RRR** and the scarcest of all the Sasanian kings \$4200
- 76. **Varahran I**, 273-276, AR drachm (4.53g), usual type with diadem on altar shaft and pellet left of flames, G41, superb extremely fine, fabulous strike without a trace of weakness on either side, **RRR** in this quality \$1500
- 77. **Narseh**, 293-303, AR drachm (3.51g), G74, triplet of dots above crown on left side, extremely fine, minor porosity, extremely rare first crown type, **RRR** \$1050

**ISLAMIC DYNASTIES**

- 78. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan**, 665-674, AR drachm (4.01g), KWAT (unlocated mint), year 52, Walker #66, extremely fine, **R** \$325
- 79. **'Abd Allah b. Khazim**, 682-692, AR drachm (3.31g), BBA (the court mint of the provincial governor), 67, with crescent above shoulder, as W159 with *bism Allah* omitted from die, with cmk #21, extremely fine, **RRR** \$600
- 80. **UMAYYAD: Post-reform anonymous** AR dirham (2.88g), Ramhurmuz 93, extremely fine \$225
- 81. *similar* (2.72g), Sijistan 91, very fine \$350
- 82. **AE fals** (5.41g), al-Madina Ma'dan Amir al-Mu'minin, said to be al-Madina in Arabia but this is disputable, undated (ca. AH 110s), fine, **R** \$225
- 83. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.82g), Balkh 189, citing 'Ali b. 'Isa in central area of reverse, vf. **RRR** \$750
- 84. **al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.92g), Herat 200, extremely fine, **RR** \$400
- 85. **al-Mu'tasim**, 833-842, AR dirham (2.99g), Madinat al-Salam 223, ch. ex. fine, nice example of common type \$125
- 86. **HAMMUDID of Oued-Laou: Hasan**, fl. 1050, BI half dirham (1.44g), Wadi Lau 441, struck on irregular flan (as are all known half dirhams), good very fine, **RR** \$150
- 87. *same ruler*, BI dirham (2.33g), Wadi Lau 441, ex. fine \$100
- 88. **MURABITUN: Abu Bakr**, 1056-1087, AR qirat (0.81g), without mint or date, Hazard #888, f-vf, full even strike \$150
- 89. **Ishaq**, 1145-1146, AR qirat (0.93g), no mint or date, H1040, choice extremely fine \$100
- 90. **MUWAHHIDUN: Abu Haf's 'Umar**, 1248-1266, AR square dirham (1.51g), mint name given as *al-hadra al-mu' miniya al-murtadiya* after this ruler's title of al-Murtada, lovely extremely fine \$150
- 91. **AYYUBID: al-Ashraf Musa**, 1210-1220, AR dirham (2.94g), Harran 617, citing Nasir al-Din Muhammad (al-Kamil) in top segment of obverse margin, variant of Balog #857, choice extremely fine, **RR** \$250
- 92. **AYYUBID of Yemen: al-Nasir Ayyub**, 1202-1214, AR dirham (1.97g), Ta'izz 610, B951, choice ex. fine \$100
- 93. **RASULID: al-Mansur 'Umar**, 1229-1250, AR dirham (1.91g), Zabid 635, type A, nearly extremely fine \$160
- 94. **DULAFID: Ahmad b. 'Abd al-'Aziz**, 879-893, AR dirham (3.28g), Isbahan 271, A1398, good vf+, **R** so nice \$250
- 95. **SAFFARID: Muhammad b. 'Amr**, 886-888, AR dirham (3.09g), Fars 273, citing his father 'Amr, very fine \$150
- 96. **BANIJURID: Muhammad b. Ahmad**, 874-899, AR dirham (3.62g), Andaraba 277, nice very fine, **R** so nice \$100
- 97. **MARWANID: Mumahhid al-Dawla**, 997-1011, AR dirham (4.84g), al-Jazira 392, very fine, **R** \$150
- 98. **Amir of BUST: Jatakin**, fl. ca. 948-950s, AE fals (3.57g), Bust 337, crude very fine, corrosion spot, **RR** \$125
- 99. **QARLUQID: Hasan Qarluq**, 1226-1249, AR tanka (10.34g), no mint, (62)3, citing caliph Zahir, vf, **RR** \$400
- 100. **GREAT MONGOLS: Turakina**, 1241-1246, AR dirham (2.84g), no mint, middle day of Sha'ban 642 (*muntasif*), hare below mounted archer galloping l., A1976, choice vf, lovely \$225





- 101. **GIRAY KHANS (Krim): Shahin Giray, 1777-1783, AE manghir (1.57g), K—, dated 1194, unlisted in KM and Retowski with actual year instead of regnal year, fine, weak centers, RRR** \$400
- 102. **Iranian Civic Copper: Anonymous, AE falus (9.43g), Abushahr 1234, bale mark, K3, crude very fine, R** \$100
- 103. **DURRANI: Taimur Shah, as nizam, 1757-1772, AR rupee (11.48g), K"652a", Multan, year 9, reverse in quatrefoil, superb au, RR** \$175
- 104. **Shah Zaman, 1793-1801, AR double rupee (22.90g), Kabul 1213, year 6, K444, good very fine** \$285
- MODERN & MISCELLANEOUS**
- 105. **IRAQ: K118, 100 fils, 1955/1375, extremely fine, normal circulation strike, much rarer than the proof, RRR** \$450
- 106. **LENGEH: K—, AE falus (10.71g), 1247, balemark design, struck on heavy flan, very fine, R** \$125
- 107. **MOROCCO: E2078, AR square mitqal (28.56g), Rabat 1188, good very fine, R** \$325
- 108. **E2118, AR round mitqal (27.67g), Rabat 1191, choice very fine, will-centered, R** \$400
- 109. **E194, AR mitqal (28.44g), Tetouan 1195, virtually uncirculated with minor weakness, RR** \$650
- 110. **Y-C1, 1/2 mazuna, Fès 1310, extremely fine, RR** \$500
- 111. **Y-B1, 1 mazuna, Fès 1310, xf, lightly cleaned, RR** \$375
- 112. **Y1, 2-1/2 mazunas, Fès 1310, extremely fine, small corrosion spot, RR** \$400
- Eustache has shown that the denominations of these three coins are probably 1/16, 1/8, and 1/4 mazuna.*
- 113. **Y13, 10 dirhams, Berlin 1313, vf-xf** \$240
- 114. **SAUDI ARABIA: K11, 1/2 riyal, 1348, extremely fine** \$225
- 115. **TUNIS: K181, AR 8 kharub, 1298, uncirculated, R** \$400
- 116. **K255, 10 francs, 1931/1359, extremely fine, R** \$200
- COINAGE OF INDIA**
- 117. **CENTRAL INDIA: Mahashmati, fl. 2nd-1st C. BC, AE karshapana (7.76g), symbols + Brahmi inscription, uniface, good very fine, RR** \$225
- 118. **UJAAYINI: Anon. AE double karshapana (18.41g), standing figure + tree/standing figure, fine, rev. encr.** \$100
- 119. **ANCIENT INDIA: Jayashrya, ca. 1st-2nd C. AD, AE 1/4 karshapana (2.18g), elephant/Brahmi inscr., vf, R** \$150
- 120. **GUPTA Contemporary: Pagoto Padmonabhena, 4th or 5th C. AD, PB karshapana (9.71g), floral design/hemp leaf } inscription in Brahmi, crude fine, RR** \$175
- 121. **DELHI Sultanate: Iltutmish, 1218-1235, AR tanka (10.77g), with caliph Zahir, no mint, [62]4, R816, vf, RRR** \$565
- 122. **same ruler, AR tanka (10.80g), no mint, dated Vikrama [12]77, R846, Wright 49J, horseman obverse, very fine, some weakness on one side, bold date** \$450
- 123. **MALWA: Muhammad I, 1435-1436, AE 1/2 tanka (4.46g), Shadiabad ND, R3012, rare ruler** \$150
- 124. **Ghiyas Shah, 1469-1500, AE 2 tanka (17.89g), no mint, 886, R3100, nearly extremely fine** \$150
- 125. **MUGHAL: Babur, 1525-1530, AR shahrukhi (4.23), Badakhshan ND, muhammad babur in central cartouche, crude very fine, RR** \$400
- 126. **Shah Jahan II, 1719, AR rupee (11.33g), Surat 1131, year one, K415.24, choice very fine+** \$125
- 127. **Ahmad Shah, 1748-1754, AR rupee (11.26g), Kashmir (116)4, year 3, very rare type with Allah Ahmad atop obverse, choice very fine, RRR** \$550
- 128. **Shah Jahan III, 1759-1760, AR 1/2 rupee (5.75g), Surat, year one, K470.3, vf-xf, R** \$180
- 129. **AWADH: Brijis Qadr, 1857-1858, AR rupee (11.16g), 1229, year 26 (frozen), K386, nearly xf** \$100
- 130. **JAIPUR: Y-A16, nazarana paisa in names of Man Singh and Edward VIII (6.49g), 1936, year 15, ex. fine, RR** \$450

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**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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- Y6. later Ilkhans of Iran.
- Y7. 18th century Tunis.
- Y8. Common Mughal rupees.
- Y9. Jaipur state.
- Y10. Sasanian silver.

**Discount Schedule:** Remaining coins from pricelists 126-128 now available at 10% discount, except bullion-related items. Serious counteroffers for old stock may be considered.

**Show Schedule:** Due to other obligations here at home, I was unable to attend Long Beach this weekend, so my apologies to those who expected to find me there. My next show will be Coinex in London, 11 & 12 October (I will be there on the 11th, perhaps also on the 12th). This will be followed by the San Francisco International on 7-9 November (see the commentary below). Then the New York International, at the World Trade Center, 6-9 December. I may attend FUN in Orlando in January.

**Invoice number:** Please be sure to mention the invoice number with all returns and payments, to assure proper credit and facilitate matters for us. Nobody enjoys paperwork.

**Please see list 128 for latest book offerings**

**COMMENTARY** (22 September 1996) — In just ten days, I shall be leaving for Oxford, where I will spend the rest of the year, returning to California on Christmas Day. I have been awarded the Samir Shamma Fellowship in Islamic Numismatics for the autumn term. During my stay at Oxford, I will be living at St. Cross College, and will be giving three lectures in Islamic numismatics, as follows:

- Friday, 1 November: Metrological problems in late Timurid and related coinages.
- Friday, 8 November: Devaluation in 14th and 15th century Iran.
- Friday, 15 November: The coinage of 18th century Iran.

All three lectures will take place in Lecture Room 1 of the Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane, Oxford, at 2:00 PM.

The first of the three lectures will consist of a synopsis of the research project I have chosen for the fellowship. I began working on the subject back in the mid-1980s, and actually put together a presentation, which I delivered at the Middle East Studies Association in Baltimore a few years back. Since then, I have found a great deal of additional information, from both newly discovered coins and further readings of literary texts. My plan is to publish my results toward the end of 1997.

During the autumn, Doug Nicol will take charge of the business, and will be assisted by Alexander Akin, a very competent young man who has just completed his BA in anthropology at UC Riverside. Doug & Alexander will substitute for me at the San Francisco International, and Doug and I will be together at New York. It will seem odd coming into New York for a few days from the opposite direction. My stay in New York will extend from the evening of the 4th to the 9th of December; I purchased my ticket yesterday, as there was a special deal on United, the airline I usually use to load up on frequent flyer miles.

From 16 November to 9 December, Doug will also be away, and Alexander will be "holding down the fort."

This list should be out in approximately two weeks. As with the last photo list, we have a new photo lab and printer, with results that I consider a vast improvement over the previous printer. This autumn, Doug will get out two more non-photo lists, for October and November. We will skip December, and resume a regular list schedule in January.

In order to have most of my office with me in Oxford, I have just bought a PowerBook 190, which was offered at an incredible sale price last week (and sold out in just a couple of days). I'll be able to maintain correspondence from Oxford, without even having to revert to the old-fashioned method of pen or typewriter. My address in Oxford will be as follows (effective 4 October 1996): Stephen Album, Shamma Fellow, St. Cross College, Oxford OX1 3LX, England, UK, and my telephone number 01865-27-84-59 (private line). If you need to leave me a message before my arrival, the general number of the college (business hours only) is 01865-27-84-90.

The weather here has been turning, and the first weak weather front of the impending rainy season has already passed through. We still have hot days, up to 30° Celsius or more, but nights are very chilly, as low as 4° or 5°, with lots of dew and morning moisture. A very pleasant time of year.

