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GOLD (lots nos. 1-55 are gold)

Ancient

- KUSHAN: Huvishka**, ca. 165-198, AV dinar (7.94g), nimbate bust of king/Pharro stdg., holding fire. Göbl #202.7 (same dies), superb extremely fine, **R** \$1500
- Shaka**, ca. 330-350, AV dinar (7.82g), Ardoksho reverse. G579.4 (same obverse die), choice unc, some mushiness on reverse (normal for this type) \$500
- GUPTA: Samudragupta**, ca. 335-380, AV dinar (7.65g), standard type, Mitchiner #4773 ff., unc, nice strike \$400
- Kumaragupta I**, ca. 414-455, AV dinar (8.08g), horseman type, without peacock, M4840, choice vf+ \$600
- Skandagupta**, ca. 455-480, AV dinar (9.07g), archer type, M4865, extremely fine \$450

Gold coins of the Islamic Dynasties

- UMAYYAD: temp. Marwan**, 744-750, AV dinar (4.26g), without mint name as always, 128, choice xf \$1150
- ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.20g), no mint as always, 151, extremely fine \$275
- al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AV dinar (4.23g), no mint as always, 165, choice extremely fine \$250
- al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AV dinar (4.22g), Misr 263, extremely fine, **S** \$260
- UMAYYAD of SPAIN: Hisham II**, 1st reign, 976-1009, AV dinar (3.97g), Sijilmasa 383, as Miles #298 but name of vizier 'Amir differently divided (partly above & partly below reverse area), very fine, usual crude strike, **RR** with legible date \$1600

- HAMMUDID of Malaga: al-Qasim**, 1018-1023, AV dinar (3.79g), Sabta (Ceuta) 411, very fine, **R** \$1400
- MURABITID (Almoravid): 'Ali b. Yusuf**, 1106-1142, AV dinar (4.17g), Sijilmasa 533, Hazard #369, vf, **R** \$750
- MUWAHHIDUN (Almohads): Abu Ya'qub Yusuf I**, 1163-1184, AV 1/2 dinar (2.31g), without mint or date, H495, A483, choice extremely fine \$300
- FATIMID: al-'Aziz**, 953-975, AV dinar (4.19g), Misr 383, type A1, choice extremely fine \$240
- al-Mustansir**, 1036-1094, AV dinar (3.90g), Misr 440, type I1, superb minty au, common but very choice **SOLD**
- same ruler*, AV dinar (3.19g), blundered mint & date, variant of type H1, possibly Crusader imitation, obv margin should have mint & date but seems bungled, unpublished \$250
- CRUSADER: Kingdom of Jerusalem: Anonymous AV bezant** (3.30g), 'Akka (Acre) 12xx, type Malloy 6 with cross in center and Christian legends around, good vf, **RR** \$1650
- SALERNO: temp. Gisulfo I and II**, ca. 974-978, AV tari (0.93g), Arabic inscriptions with some stylized Latin in outer margins, Bellizia #21, very fine, **R** \$575
- AYYUBID: al-'Adil Abu Bakr II**, 635-637, AV dinar (4.66g), al-Qahira 635, Balog #504, good very fine \$300
- MAMLUK: al-Zahir Baybars I**, 658-676, AV dinar (6.64g), (al-Qahira), no date, type of Balog #36 of 661, lion below obverse field, vf-xf \$225
- Barquq**, 784-801, AV dinar (7.25g), Halab 798, Balog #577, vf-xf \$375
- SAMANID: Nasr II**, 914-943, AV dinar (4.22g), Nishapur 322, caliph al-Qahir, A1449, unread diecutter's signature (*al-harith?*) in obverse margin, superb extremely fine \$240
- Nuh I**, AV dinar (4.31g), Nishapur 336, A1454, same signature as last, uncirculated, superb strike \$300
- Nuh II**, 976-997, AV dinar (3.95g), Herat 373, A1468, lovely extremely fine \$275
- BUWAYHID: Abu Kalinjar**, 1024-1048, AV dinar (3.39g), Suq al-Ahwaz 421, unpublished, extremely fine, **RR** as are all dinars of this reign \$1000
- GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 998-1030, AV dinar (4.03g), Ghazna 416, A1607, crude extremely fine \$185
- ILKHAN: Abaqa**, 1265-1282, AV dinar (8.28g), Isfahan, date off flan, unpublished mint for ruler in gold, extremely fine, crude strike as normal for reign, **RR** \$1000
- same ruler*, AV dinar (4.42g), Tabriz ND, lustrous xf \$275
- same ruler*, AV dinar (6.85g), (Yazd, by die link with other known specimens) 679, final digit of date very clear, nearly extremely fine, **R** \$400
- Uljaytu**, 1304-1316, AV dinar (4.25g), Baghdad 710, type B, superb vf-xf, **R** \$550
- ZAND: Karim Khan**, 1753-1779, AV 1/2 mohur (5.44g), Rasht 1191, K526, very fine \$145
- same ruler*, AV 1/4 mohur (2.71g), Rekab 1178, K530, extremely fine \$200
- QAJAR: Muhammad Hasan Khan**, 1750-1759, AV mohur (10.97g), Isfahan 1169, K506, Rabino #504 (same obverse die), superb extremely fine \$1000
- DURRANI: Ahmad Shah**, 1747-1772, AV ashrafai (3.48g), Mashhad 1168, year 8, K-"A639", superb nearly unc \$500
- same ruler*, AV mohur (10.90g), Shahjahanabad (117)4, year 14, K765, very fine, **R** \$800
- Taimur Shah**, 1772-1793, AV mohur (10.94g), Kabul 1188, year 3, K435, choice extremely fine, from recent hoard, formerly much more expensive \$375
- BARAKZAI: Sher Ali**, 1863-1879, AV 1/2 rupee (sic) (7.08g, weight of double ashrafai), Kabul 1295, K524, good very fine, **RR** \$1000

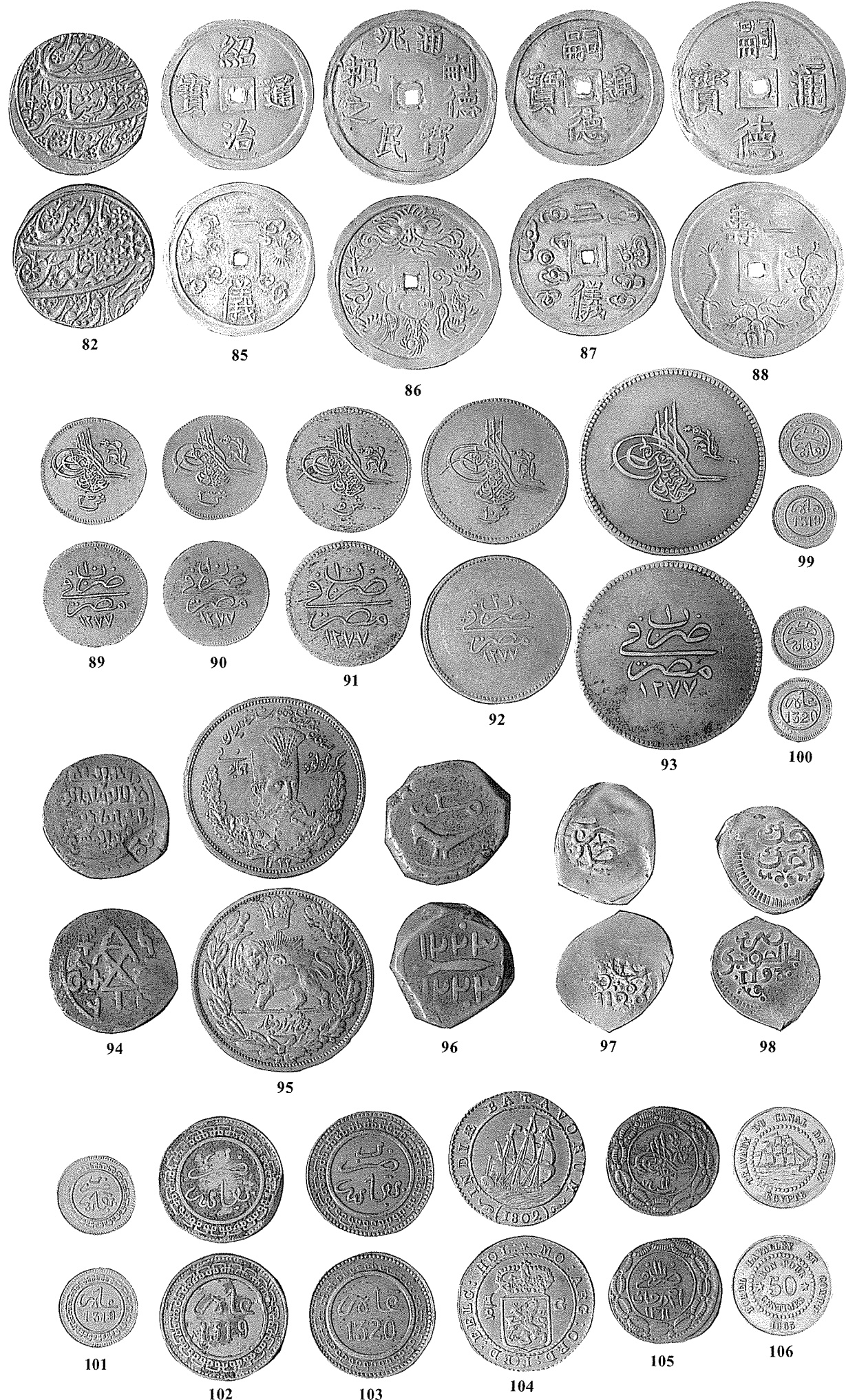
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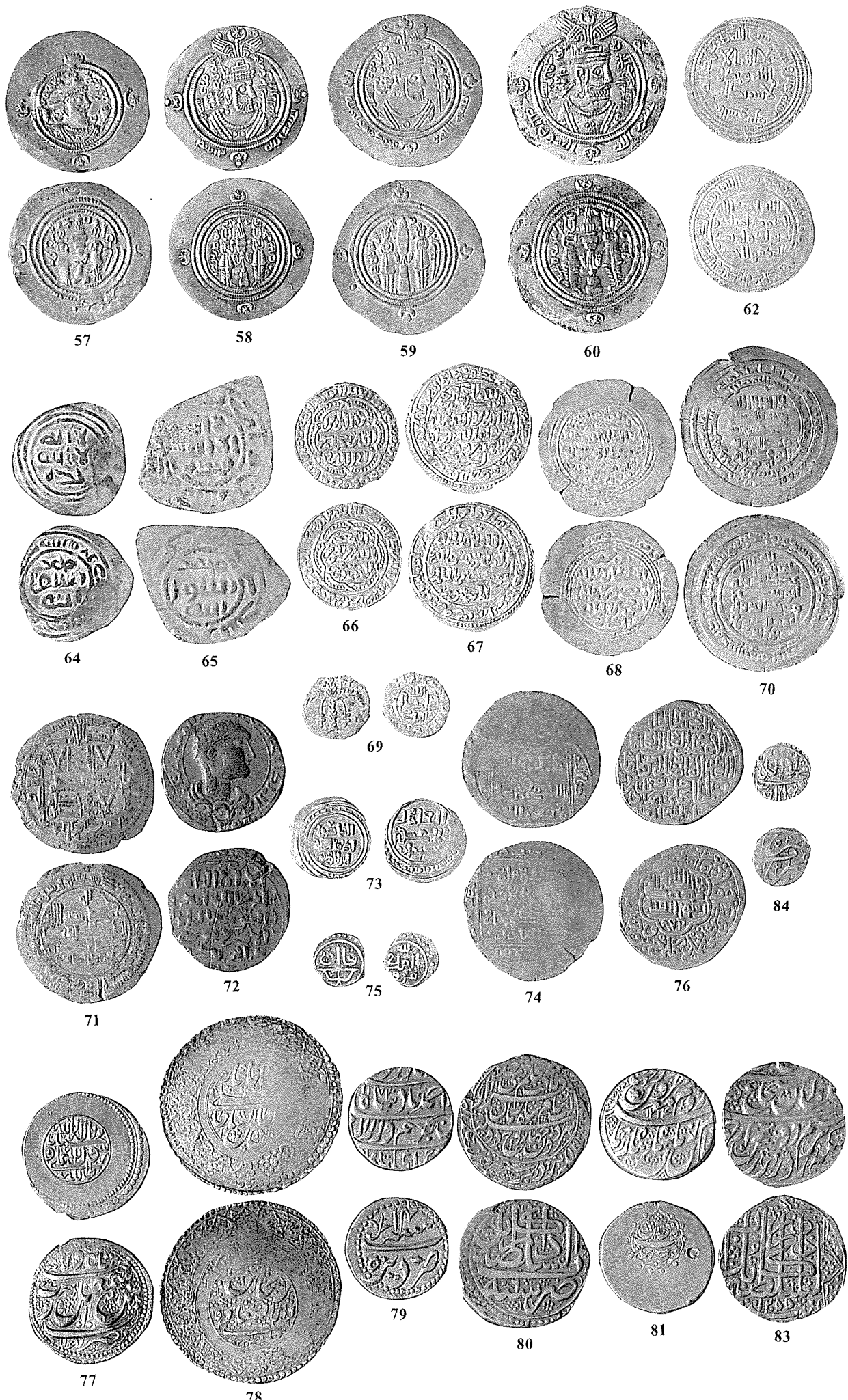
- ANNAM: Thieu Tri**, 1841-1847, AV tien (3.78g), clouds above ocean on reverse, Schroeder #432, nearly extremely fine, **RR** \$1500



39. **IRAN:** Y38, AV 5000 dinars, 1314, extremely fine, S \$275
40. **TURKEY:** K660, AV 1/2 zeri mahbub (0.79g), 1255, year 6, extremely fine, RR \$225
- Gold Coins of India**
41. **DELHI: Firuz III,** 1351-1388, AV tanka (10.98g), no mint or date, with caliph al-Mu'tasim and title *sayf amir al-mu'minin* ("sword of the commander of the believers"), Rajgor #1282, extremely fine, slightly crudely struck, R \$675
42. **MUGHAL: Shah Jahan I,** 1628-1658, AV mohur (10.92g), Akbarabad 1064, year 28, K258.2, uncirculated \$500
43. **JODHPUR:** K81, AV mohur (10.95g), Victoria + Jaswant Singh, VS1942, year 22, choice extremely fine, R \$550
44. **KISHANGARH:** Y-D3, AV mohur (10.99g), Victoria + Madan Singh, undated, choice uncirculated, R \$800
45. **MEWAR:** Y12, AV mohur (10.93g), swarupshahi type, undated, choice uncirculated \$450
46. **PATIALA: Bhupindar Singh,** Y16, AV 2/3 mohur (7.4g), VS (19)58, extremely fine \$475
47. **TRAVANCORE:** K-M11, AV pagoda (2.54g), ND, struck 1870-1931, choice uncirculated, R \$300
48. K-M12, AV 2 pagodas (5.12g), ND (1870-1931), uncirculated, R \$500
49. **MADRAS:** K358.1, AV 2 pagodas (5.94g), undated (1808-15), 18 stars & large letters variety, top of pagoda between G and O, Pridmore #146, nearly uncirculated \$460
50. K358.2, AV 2 pagodas (5.94g), ND (1808-15), 18 stars and small letters, top of pagoda between O and D, P146, au \$460
51. K420, AV 1/2 mohur (5.81g), undated (struck 1819), good extremely fine, R \$550
52. K421, AV mohur (11.66g), undated (1819), virtually unc \$550
53. K422, AV 5 rupees (3.89g), undated (1820), choice unc \$250
54. **EAST INDIA COMPANY (general issues):** K451.2, AV mohur (11.67g), 1835, Calcutta mint, choice nearly unc, R \$750
55. K461.3, AV mohur (11.68g), 1841, Madras mint, unc \$600
- ANCIENT NEAR EAST**
56. **MACEDON: Alexander III,** BC336-323, AR tetradrachm (17.09g), head of Herakles/Zeus std., Babylon mint, Price #3742, extremely fine \$425
57. **SASANIAN: Khusrav II,** 591-628, AR drachm (4.14g), MY (Mishan), year one, first bust, without wings in crown, crude extremely fine \$175
- ISLAMIC DYNASTIES**
58. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr,** 680-692, AR drachm (4.03g), ART (Ardashir Khurra), AH67, patronymic type, Walker #B.4, extremely fine \$225
59. **Khalid b. 'Abd Allah,** ca. 692-694, AR drachm (3.23g), BYSh (Bishapur) 73, Walker #213, long obverse marginal inscriptions, extremely fine, R \$200
60. **'Abd Allah b. Umayya,** in Sistan 694-697, AR drachm (3.75g), SK (Sijistan) 75, Gaube #22, extremely fine, very minor corrosion, RR \$650
61. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Egyptian series: Anonymous** AE 12 nummi (8.63g), mint name MACR (Misr), undated (ca. 700), crude very fine, RRR \$365
62. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous** AR dirham (2.86g), al-Sus 95, Walker #438, good very fine, RR \$800
63. **Marwan II + 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan,** AE fals (4.67g), Atrib ND, extremely rare Egyptian mint, W-ANS.37, very good, RRR \$300
64. **Anonymous** AE fals (3.33g), Ghazza ND, unpublished type (margin *duriba hadha al-fals fi ghazza*, cf. W-P.124 of Iliya for a similar type), the rarest of the Palestinian mints, very fine with small flat area, RRRR \$1500
65. **Anonymous** AE fals (4.46g), Ludd ND, Walker #924, very fine, large irregular flan, R \$330
66. **RASULID: al-Mansur 'Umar I,** 1229-1249, AR dirham (1.64g), al-Dumluwa 641, good vf \$100
67. **al-Muzaffar Yusuf,** 1249-1295, AR dirham (1.92g), Zabid 651, superb extremely fine, finest style \$250
68. **al-Mansur Ayyub,** 1322, AR dirham (1.72g), mint off flan, 7xx, A-1106, crude very fine, RR \$200
- Additional Yemeni silver at end of list.*
69. **NORMAN of Sicily: William II,** 1166-1189, AR 1/3 apuliense (0.62g), (Palermo?), undated, palm tree/Arabic inscription, Spahr #112, nearly vf, RR \$300

70. **BUWAYHID: Mu'ayyid al-Dawla,** 967-983, AR dirham (4.22g), Isbahan 360, as A1554 but with broad outer margins (presentation style), choice vf, full broad flan \$350
71. **QARAKHANID: Chaghritekin,** fl. ca. 1017, with 'Imad al-Dawla, AR heavy dirham (7.63g), Yarkand 408, rare Xinjiang mint, RRR \$750
72. **ZANGID of Sinjar: al-Amjad 'Umar,** 1219-1220, AE dirham (11.05g), draped bust r., Sinjar 617, SS-84.2, nearly extremely fine but slightly crude strike, RRR \$825
73. **GREAT MONGOLS: Chingiz Khan,** 1206-1227, AR dirham (3.21g), Ghazna type but without mint or date (as always), A1967, very fine \$380
74. *same ruler,* BI dirham (2.58g), Marw (618), A—, new discovery, very fine, partly flat, overall nice, RRR \$400
75. **Anonymous,** probably 1260s-1270s, AR 1/4 dirham (0.61g), *qa'an* above bow & arrow/*lillah al-mulk marw*, Marw ND, appears unpublished, very fine, RR \$375
76. **QARA QOYUNLU: Hasan 'Ali,** 1467-1468, AR 2 tankas (10.11g), [Tabriz—mint never found on coin] 872, A2496, good very fine, R \$140
77. **SAFAVID: Isma'il III,** 1750-1756, AR rupi (11.34g), Rasht 1167, K461, superb nearly unc, lovely strike \$165
78. **QAJAR: Fath 'Ali Shah,** 1797-1834, AR 2 riyals (18.39g), Zanjan 1234, crown-size, oblique reeded edge, very fine, appears unpublished \$1500
79. **DURRANI: Ahmad Shah,** 1747-1772, AR rupee (11.51g), Dera 1173, year 14, K313, extremely fine *SOLD (\$175)*
80. **Shah Zaman,** 1793-1801, AR 2 rupees (23.21g), Kabul 1213, year 6, K444, superb very fine, R \$375
81. *same ruler,* AR rupee (11.40g), Mashhad 1214, K-E640, very fine, reverse slightly doublestruck, RR \$150
82. **Mahmud Shah,** 1st reign, 1801-1803, AR 2 rupees (22.99g), Bahawalpur 1217, year one, K244, superb xf, well-centered and boldly struck, RR \$1000
83. **Shah Shuja',** 3rd reign, 1839-1842, AR rupee (reduced standard, 9.40g), Kabul 1255, long inscriptions, K483, superb vf-xf, very broad flan, R \$250
84. **SADOZAI: Yar Muhammad Khan,** 1842-1851, AR 1/6 rupee (1.90g), Herat 1259, K404, nearly xf, nice strike \$200
- MODERN & MISCELLANEOUS**
85. **ANNAM: Thieu Tri,** 1841-1847, AR 2 tien (7.14g), sun in clouds, Schroeder #251, choice extremely fine, R \$240
86. **Tu Duc,** 1848-1883, AR 1/4 liang (9.45g), dragon, Sch. 350.2, xf, minor weakness of strike, R \$320
87. *same ruler,* AR 2 tien (7.49g), sun in clouds, Sch. 355, choice extremely fine, R \$300
88. *same ruler,* AR 3 tien (11.21g), three trees, Sch. 407A, lovely toned extremely fine, RR \$450
89. **EGYPT: K252a,** AR 2-1/2 piastres (3.46g), 1277, year 10, extremely fine, R \$475
90. another, as last, choice extremely fine, R \$525
91. K254a, AR 5 piastres (6.83g), 1277, year 10, ex. fine, R \$500
92. K256, AR 10 piastres (13.97g), 1277, year 2, nice vf, R \$575
93. K260, AR 20 piastres (27.75g), 1277, year 1, good vf, R \$1200
94. **GEORGIA: Queen Tamar,** 1184-1213, AE fals (6.58g), Kapanadze #64, very fine \$180
95. **IRAN: Y-A40,** 5000 dinars, 1322, royal birthday commemorative, extremely fine, R \$750
96. **MECCA: K3,** AE mahmudi (20.64g), 1223, bird/fish, superb very fine, as nice as can be expected, RR \$2500
97. **MOROCCO: Muhammad III,** 1757-1790, AR dirham (2.92g), Fadala 1186, Eustache #298, very crude vf, extremely rare mint \$100
98. *same ruler,* AR dirham (2.77g), al-Suwayra 1193, E239, vf *An important group of early 20th century patterns:* \$100
99. **Pattern** AE 1/2 muzuna (1.13g), Fès 1319, Eustache #1431, uncirculated, RRR \$1500
100. **Pattern** AE 1/2 muzuna (1.06g), Fès 1320, E1435, nearly uncirculated, RRR \$1250
101. **Pattern** AE muzuna (2.16g), Fès 1319, as Y14 but thicker, E1430, virtually uncirculated, RRR \$1250
102. **Pattern** AE 5 muzunas (8.50g), Fès 1319, as Y16 but thicker, E1429, very fine, damaged, RRR \$600
103. **Pattern** AE 5 muzunas (9.68g), Fès 1320, as Y16 but thicker, E1433, extremely fine, RRR \$1500
104. **NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES: K82,** AR 1/2 ship gulden, 1802, vf-xf \$230





- 105. **SUDAN:** K5.1, BI 5 piastres (4.49g), 1311, year 11, vf-xf \$125
- 106. **SUEZ CANAL:** Boral Lavalley & C^o, brass 50 centimes, 1865, good vf \$150
- 107. **TIBET:** Y-A18.1, AR srang (19.92g), year 15-53, choice extremely fine, R \$480
- 108. **TUNIS:** K64, 8 kharub (7.27g), 1192, nearly xf, small weak area on reverse \$200
- 109. **K82**, piastre (15.41g), 1230, extremely fine, S \$175

COINAGE OF INDIA

- 110. **AUDUMBARA:** Mahadeva, fl. BC150/130, AR drachm (2.20g), elephant l./bull r., Mitchiner #4436, good vf \$360
 - 111. **MUGHAL:** Humayun, 1530-1556, as vassal of the Safavid Tahmasp I, AR 1/2 tanka (2.25g), Qandahar, ND, appears to be unpublished denomination, vf, RR \$600
 - 112. *same ruler*, also with Tahmasp I, AR tanka (4.63g), Qandahar ND, good vf, RR \$575
 - 113. **Akbar**, 1556-1605, AR rupee (11.46g), Ahmadabad, month of Khurdad year 47, K94.2, choice extremely fine \$175
 - 114. **Jahangir**, 1605-1628, AR jahangiri (13.65g), Ahmadabad 1016, year 2, choice extremely fine \$170
 - 115. **Murad Bakhsh**, 1658, AE 1/2 dam (10.55g), Surat, year one, unlisted denomination (K-"268"), crude vf, RR \$140
 - 116. *same ruler*, AE dam (20.56g), Surat, year one, gd. fine, RR \$150
The dam and half dam seem about equally rare
 - 117. **Muhammad Shah**, 1719-1748, AR rupee (11.62g), Murshidabad 1131, year one, K-A436.3, with titles *abu'l-fath nasir al-din*, very fine, RR \$300
 - 118. **ELICHPUR (Hyder.):** AR rupee (11.55g), in name of Shah Alam II, year 9 (retrograde), unlisted type, xf-au, RR \$250
 - 119. **GWALIOR:** K168, 1/4 anna, VS1946, good vf \$300
 - 120. **JALADHARI** (mint for Dhar state): K—, paisa (13.00g), undated, lion and lotus, full mint name shows, avf, RR \$300
 - 121. **JHANSI (Mar.):** K139, rupee in name of SA2 (11.30g), 1174, year one, choice extremely fine, RR \$250
 - 122. **JIND:** K-M1, nazarana rupee, VS1993, extremely fine \$250
 - 123. **KHANPUR (Bahawalpur):** Y—, square rupee (8.76g), 1280, as Y-5.2 but nazarana strike, ex. fine, RRR \$600
 - 124. **MEJIDPUR:** K—, paisa (14.06g), year 12, unpublished mint, clear on coin, very fine, RRR \$350
another (no photo, 12.97g), vf, corr. spots \$150
 - 125. **RANGPUR (Assam):** K74, rupee (11.31g), SE1649, year 14, Persian inscription, choice vf+, RR \$440
 - 126. **TRIPURA:** K335, rupee (10.33g), with Queen Banumati, TE1279 (=1869), prooflike au, RR \$300
- A group of better Yemeni coins (not photographed):*
- 127. **AYYUBID of the Yemen:** al-Mu'izz Isma'il, 1197-1202, AR dirham (2.12g), Ta'izz 594, A1092, Balog #931, superb extremely fine, R \$150
 - 128. **al-Nasir Ayyub**, 1202-1214, AR dirham (2.17g), 'Adan 609, A1094, B—, choice unc, tiny edge flaw, RR \$225
 - 129. *same ruler*, AR dirham (2.18g), Ta'izz 608, A1094, B949, superb nearly unc \$160
 - 130. **al-Mas'ud Yusuf**, 1214-1228, AR dirham (2.11g), San'a 618, A1096, B—, nearly vf, R \$120
 - 131. **al-Kamil Muhammad** (of Egypt), in Yemen 1228-1229, AR dirham (2.05g), 'Adan, date off flan, A1099.1, crude very fine, RR \$150
 - 132. **al-'Adil Abu Bakr**, 1229-1233, AR dirham (1.97g), Zabid 631, A1098, good vf, RR \$250
 - 133. **RASULID:** al-Muzaffar Yusuf, 1249-1295, AR dirham (1.86g), al-Jahili 660, A1102, Peus 341:1325, very rare mint, superb xf, RRR \$1200
 - 134. **al-Mujahid 'Ali**, 1322-1363, AR dirham (1.68g), al-Mahjam 762, lion in center, A1108, extremely fine \$100
 - 135. **al-Afdal al-'Abbas**, 1363-1376, AR dirham (1.90g), al-Mahjam 768, type A (inscriptions only), A1109, vf-xf \$115
 - 136. *same ruler*, AR dirham (1.82g), al-Mahjam 775, type B (lion on reverse), A1109, vf-xf \$100
 - 137. **HUSAYNID Sharifs:** Nur al-Din Muhammad b. Mika'il, 1362-1364, AR dirham (1.87g), al-Mahjam (764, by type), A1113, avf, dark, RR \$120

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Discount Schedule: Remaining coins from pricelists 130-132 are now available at 10% discount, except bullion-related items. Serious counter-offers for old stock will be considered.

Show Schedule: I will be at Long Beach for the first two days of the show (20-21 February). Then comes the San Francisco International, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, 27-29 March, followed shortly by the Chicago International, 4-6 April, at the Sheraton Chicago.

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 132 for latest book offerings

COMMENTARY (13 February 1997) — I can hardly believe that it has been nearly five months since I last typed a photo list. One result has been that I have an unusually large number of rarities to offer this time.

Now that I have been home from England for more than seven weeks, I am right back into the old routine. Sales have been good, and I am now quite confident that business will continue to do well in the next couple of years—beyond that, nobody can predict.

Both while in Oxford and subsequently, I have been updating the *Checklist*, in preparation for a new edition sometime later this year. I have thus far made hundreds of emendations, additions, explanatory notes, etc. With very few exceptions, the original catalog numbers have been maintained. New entries have a letter before or after the number (e.g., A1231, B1231, or 1231A, 1231B), or a point number (1231.1, 1231.2); the point numbers are used where an existing type is broken down into subtypes.

Several new features are being added as well. For most dynasties, I am adding a short explanatory note giving the most common mints for that dynasty (or for certain types within the dynasty), as well as an indication of the condition and quality of strike that the collection is likely to find. For the Umayyad dirhams, I have given an indication of the rarity of each mint. For the Abbasid dirhams and dinars, I have broken down each entry into various types, as defined by the names and titles found on the coins. The bibliographical references have also been somewhat expanded.

In a few cases, I have had to completely rewrite certain sections. Foremost amongst these are the later Aq Qoyunlu, the first 80 years or so of the Safavids, and much of the later Zand and early Qajar coinage. These emendations have been largely the fruit of my Oxford research, during which I was able to uncover much new data about these areas, enough to make clear that what I had written in the first edition was just plain wrong.

There are still a few months before I go to press, and I would be interested in hearing from all of you with further comments, suggestions, additions, or corrections. The format will be precisely the same as the first edition, but the number of pages has already increased from 68 to 104+. The new edition, like the first, will be text only, so that I can keep the price low. At some point, hopefully in 1997 or early 1998, I will start gathering together photos of about 1000 mostly common types, with the intention of issuing a photo supplement. This will enable those on a limited budget to acquire the text cheaply. Otherwise, the price for both parts as a single volume would be several times as high.

I have recently been contemplating the possibility of establishing a Web Page. Right now, inertia and the fact that I am an internet "dummy" are keeping me from moving forward. I would be interested in hearing from my customers about their possible interest in e-shopping for coins. I guess my first step should be to buy an "internet for dummies" type of book, and try to make some sense of it. In general I am rather slow to adopt new technology; after all, I still much prefer my trusty old Gillette safety razor to these no-longer-so-newfangled electric shavers. As for the internet, have any you had especially good or bad experiences buying coin electronically? If so, I would be interested in hearing your experiences.

