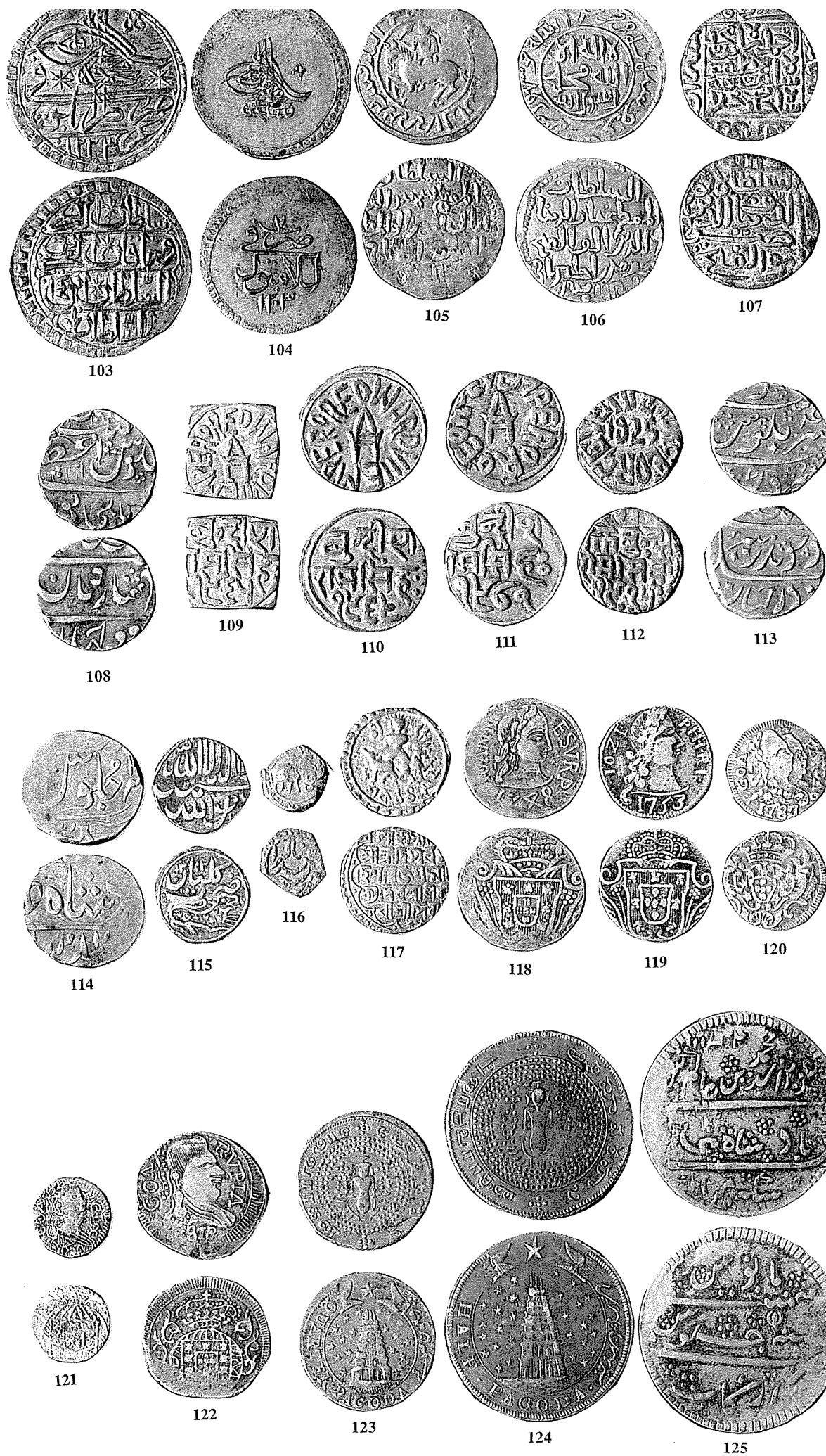


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
**Ancient**

- SASANIAN: Shahpur II**, 309-379, AV dinar (7.03g), Marw mint (written to right of altar), as Göbl 1289-1290 but group of five pellets in front of chin on obverse, avf, **RRR** \$2300
- Peroz**, 457-484, AV dinar (4.14g), WH mint (Weh-Ardashir in Iraq), undated, Göbl 72 (different dies), extremely fine, some minor weakness of strike, much lustre, **RR**, especially in this quality \$2500

**Gold coins of the Islamic Dynasties**

- UMAYYAD: temp. Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.24g), without mint name, 118, extremely fine \$350
- AGHLABID: Muhammad I**, 840-856, AV dinar (4.25g), without mint name as always, 232, Ush #45, A-443, good very fine \$350
- MERINID: Abu Sa'id 'Uthman II**, 1310-1331, AV dinar (4.64g), Fès ND, A-527, good very fine \$270
- HAFSID: Abu Zakariya Yahya I**, 1230-1249, AV 1/4 dinar (1.12g), without mint or date, A—, Hazard #552, without the name of 'Abd al-Mu'min, superb extremely fine, **RRR** \$650
- TULUNID: Khumaraway**, 884-896, AV dinar (3.02g), al-Rafaqa 276, A-664, Grabar #33, good vf, **R** \$400
- FATIMID: al-Fa'iz**, 1154-1160, AV dinar (4.26g), Misr 553, A-741, good very fine, **RR** \$1000
- BURID: Abaq**, 1140-1154, AV dinar (4.32g), Dimashq 536, citing the Great Seljuq overlords Mas'ud and Sinjar, pale

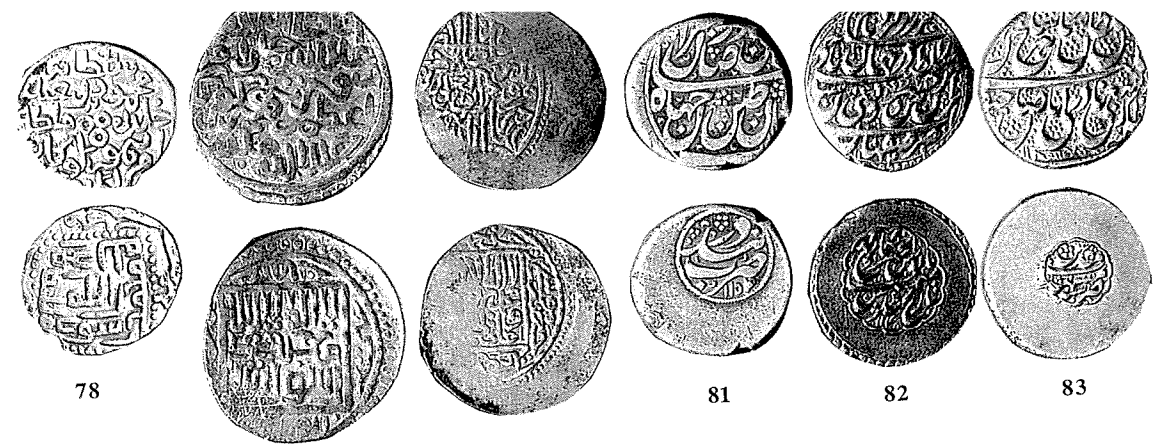
- gold as always, A-A784, very fine, **RRR**, especially with legible date \$2750
  - GHAZNAVID: Farrukhzad**, 1053-1059, AV dinar (4.89g), pale gold as always), Ghazna 449, bold clear date, A-1633, crude very fine, **R** \$200
  - GHORID of Bamiyan: Muhammad**, 1163-1192, AV dinar (4.43g, fine gold), no mint or date, A—, find gold dinars seem to be unpublished for this ruler, crude very fine, **RR** \$750
  - OTTOMAN: Süleyman I**, 1520-1566, AV sultani (3.52g), Misr 932, scarce type with actual date instead of accession date, nearly fine, clear date, **R** \$175
  - Osman II**, 1618-1622, AV sultani (3.49t), Kostantaniye 1027, A-1358, very fine, small flat area near edge, **R** \$250
  - ILKHAN: Abu Sa'id**, 1316-1335, AV heavy dinar (9.52g!), Sultaniya 718, type B, A-2194, very fine, **R** \$450
  - same ruler**, AV heavy dinar (8.81g), Tabriz 719, type C, A-2198, inscribed *sorkh-e tabriz* ("red gold" beneath reverse as affirmation of the high degree of purity of the gold, extremely fine, some slight weakness, **RR** and important \$650
  - ZAND: Karim Khan**, 1753-1779, AV 1/4 mohur (2.71g), Rekab ("stirrup", the court mint), 1178, K530, ex. fine \$200
  - same ruler**, AV 1/4 mohur (2.74g), Yazd 1187, K525, best style for gold of this reign, ornate pattern, lovely very fine but very slightly crimped, **R** \$200
  - ZAND rebel: Taqi Khan Bafqi**, 1785-1787, AV 1/4 mohur (2.70g), Yazd ND, K567, A-A826, without evocation, vf \$200
  - DURRANI: Mahmud Shah**, 1801-1829, AV mohur (10.91g), Herat 1218, not in KM, good very fine, **RR** \$850
  - Shuja' al-Mulk Shah**, 2nd reign, 1803-1809, AV mohur (11.09g), Bahawalpur, year one, K255, uncirculated, **R** \$1000
- Modern & Miscellaneous Gold**
- AFGHANISTAN: K925**, AV 20 afghani, 1350, with the toughra of Nadir Shah, uncirculated, **S** \$225
  - ALGIERS: K34**, AV sultani of Abdulhamid II (3.28g), 1193, very fine, but holed and with some flat spots, **RR** \$275
  - BUKHARA: C61**, AV tilla of Haidar Tora (4.51g), 1219 on obverse, 1218 on reverse, extremely fine \$225
  - K65, AV tilla of 'Abd al-Ahad (4.53g), dated 1307 on obverse & reverse, unlisted date, crude ex. fine, **R?** \$150
  - EGYPT: K191**, AV 1/4 mahbub (0.36g) of Mahmud II, 1223, year 19, extremely fine, **S** \$65
  - K234.2, AV 50 piastres of Abdulmajid, 1255, year 9, unlisted year (but probably not especially rare), vf, small flaw, **R** \$125
  - IRAN: K—**, AV 1/2 toman (1.68g) of Nasir al-Din Shah, transitional type between hammered and machine-struck coinage, Tehran mint, 1295, unpublished & **RRR** \$1000
  - K927, AV 5000 dinars of Nasir al-Din Shah, 1307, very fine, **RR** date \$100
  - K1021, AV 5000 dinars of Muhammad Ali, 1324, unc, **R** \$225
  - KHOQAND: K—**, AV tilla in the name of Muhammad Malla Khan (1275-1278) but dated 1289, either in error or as some sort of posthumous issue, extremely fine, **RR** \$300
  - NEPAL: Prithvi Vira Vikrama**, 1881-1911, AV 4 mohars, SE1829, K679, brilliant uncirculated, **S** \$700
  - TURKEY: K758**, AV 500 piastres in the name of Muhammad V, 1327, year 2, uncirculated, never mounted \$750
- Gold Coins of India**
- KADAMBA of Goa: Sivacitta**, 1147/8-1181, AV pagoda (4.39g), Mitchiner 1998:238, crude extremely fine, **S** \$350
  - KADAMBA of Hangal: Toyimadeva**, 1048-1075, AV pagoda (4.24g), with symbol  $\text{卐}$  in a circle, lion with head reverted, M1998:225-227, crude strike, "extremely fine" but as struck with no wear or damage, **R** \$400
  - PARAMARA of Malwa: Udayaditya**, ca. 1070-1086, AV dinar (4.04g), Lakshmi type, Deyell #164, very fine, **RR** \$300
  - Naravarman**, ca. 1094-1133, AV dinar (4.05g), Lakshmi type, Deyell #165, choice extremely fine, **RR** \$400

37. **BHUJABALA type of Madai:** Gajga series, 11-13C, AV dinar (3.64g), punchmarked types, MNC-687, very fine \$115
38. **DELHI Sultanate: Balhan**, 1266-1287, AV tanka (10.98g), Delhi 675, Rajgor #942, choice extremely fine \$425
39. **Firuz Shah II**, 1290-1296, AV tanka (10.96g), Delhi 691, R976, superb extremely fine \$500
40. **Muhammad II**, 1296-1316, AV tanka (11.01g), Dar al-Islam 711, R998, choice extremely fine \$450
41. *same ruler*, AV tanka (10.90g), Qila Deogir 715, R1000, scarce mint for reign, good very fine, **R** \$500
42. **Muhammad III**, 1325-1351, AV tanka in name of his deceased father (11.09g), Qutbabad 726, R1197, vf-xf, **R** \$550
43. *same ruler*, AV tanka (11.04g), Dar al-Islam 734, R1205, *fi ahd* type, choice very fine, **S** \$450
44. *same ruler*, AV dinar (12.83g), Delhi 726, *ashhad* type, first Indian coin with full shahada, R1206, superb epigraphy, lovely extremely fine \$600
45. **Sher Shah**, 1538-1545, AV tanka (10.63g), Gwalior 951, unpublished but same type as silver rupee R1659, good fine, **RRR** (as is all gold of this reign) \$2000
46. **GUJARAT: Muzaffar Shah II**, 1511-1526, AV tanka (11.39g), without mint name, 920, R2282, superb extremely fine, **R** \$625
47. *another, as last*, same quality (11.43g) \$625
48. *same ruler*, AV tanka (11.46g), without mint name, 929, R2282, good extremely fine, **R** \$650
49. **Mahmud Shah III**, 1537-1554, AV tanka (11.99g), without mint name, 948, R2375 (unlisted date), choice extremely fine, presumably **R** \$650
50. *same ruler*, AV tanka (11.96g), no mint or date, R2375, extremely fine \$450
51. **Muzaffar Shah III**, 1st reign, 1561-1573, AV tanka (12.03g), without mint name, 979, unlisted date, R2449, choice extremely fine, **RR** \$800
52. **KULBARGA: Ahmad Shah II**, 1436-1458, AV tanka (11.14g), without mint name, 855, R2608, choice extremely fine, struck on broad flan, superb, **RR** \$900
53. *same ruler*, AV tanka (11.12g), as last but without date, R2608, extremely fine \$600
54. **MALWA: Mahmud Shah I**, 1436-1469, AV tanka (11.07g), Shadiabad, date obscure, perhaps 870, R3064, choice extremely fine \$475
55. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AV mohur (10.76g), Delhi 976, K105.2, very fine, **R** \$400
56. *same ruler*, AV mohur (10.84g), Ahmadabad 987, last year of round series, K108.2, good very fine \$425
57. *same ruler*, AV heavy mohur (11.50g), [Malwa region], 981, K-110A.1, probably a local or regional coinage for the Malwa area, nearly very fine, **RR** \$750
58. **Jahangir**, 1605-1628, AV heavy mohur (13.19g), Agra 1019, year 5, K187.1, not the greatest condition, only vf on obverse, fine on reverse, **RRR** \$1600
59. **Aurangzeb**, 1658-1707, AV mohur (11.03g), Akbarnagar, year 48, K315.51, rare mint for type, very fine, **RR** \$600
60. *same ruler*, AV mohur (11.07g), Patna 1090, year 22 (unlisted combination), K315.40, choice extremely fine, **R** \$500
61. **Shah Alam I**, 1707-1712, AV mohur (10.90g), Akbarabad, year 5, K356.2, nearly xf on obverse, choice xf reverse \$325
62. *same ruler*, AV mohur (10.92g), Burhanpur, year 2, K356.3, nearly extremely fine \$340
63. **Farrukhsiyar**, 1713-1719, AV mohur (10.92g), Akbarabad, year one, K390.3, extremely fine \$350
- ANCIENT NEAR EAST**
64. **SABAEAN: Athena/owl** series, AR drachm (5.24g), symbols on cheek , 3rd-2nd C BC, Sear 6112, SNG-ANS 1455-56, good very fine \$125
65. **HIMYARITE:** AR unit (5.42g), 1st C. BC, head r. in wreath/owl, Sear #6125, extremely fine, obverse slightly doubled, reverse superb, **R** \$400
- ISLAMIC DYNASTIES**
66. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Anonymous**, AE 1/2 fals (3.31g), Baysan (Skythopolis) ND, emperor and empress enthroned type, as W-Bel.2, but K instead of M, fine, **RR** \$300
67. —, AE fals (3.93g), Tabariya ND, three standing figures, SNAT 281, Walker #43, good fine, excellent strike, **S** \$100
68. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous** AR dirham (2.15g), Balkh 122, fine, **R** \$200

69. —, AE fals (3.76g), Saffuriya ND, SNAT 278, Walker #P.135, very fine, **RR** \$375
70. **SELJUQ of Rum: Qilij Arslan IV**, 1st reign, 1248-1249, AR dirham (2.84g), Sivas 646, horseman obv, A-1226, vf \$300
71. **SAMANID: Nuh I**, 943-954, AE fals (2.62g), Farghana 332, citing Malik in obverse margin, A-1457, good very fine, **R** \$200
72. **GHAZNAVID: Mansur b. Balkatakin**, fl. 969, AE fals (3.39g), Ghazan 358, final digit weak but known from other examples, A-1596, good f-vf, **RRR** \$175
73. **BATINID (Assassin): Muhammad III**, 1221-1254, AR fractional dirham (1.87g), NM ND, A-1921A, very fine, one of the few affordable coins of the Assassins, **RR** \$750
74. **QUTLUGHKHANID: Padishah Khatun**, 1294-1295, AR dirham (2.44g), Kirman ND, A-1937, nearly fine, **RR** \$125
75. **GREAT MONGOLS: temp. Ögedei**, 1227-1242, AE dirham (5.13g), Samarqand ND, inscribed "he who does not accept [this coin] is a sinner", A-B1979, good fine, **RR** \$250
76. *temp. Turakina*, 1242-1246, AR dirham (2.68g), archer type, Ganja 642, A-1976, nearly very fine, **R** \$225
77. **ILKHAN: Uljaytu**, 1304-1316, AR 6 dirhams (silver dinar, 11.73g), Nishapur 714, variant of type C with extra marginal legends, A-2187A, very fine, **RR** \$200
78. **TIMURID: Timur**, 1370-1405, with Mahmud, AR 1/2 tanka (3.10g), type of Herat, undated, as A-2386 but the half (unpublished), choice extremely fine, **RRR** \$175
79. —, citing Suyurghatmish as nominal overlord, AR tanka or dinar (6.78g), no mint or date, style probably of Sabzawar mint, choice very fine, **RRR** \$140
80. **Faridun Husayn**, 1506, AR tanka (4.70g), no mint or date, A-2442, crude very fine, **RRR** \$200
81. **AFSHARID: Nadir Shah**, 1735-1747, AR rupi (11.47g), Darband 1154, K385, lovely very fine, **RR** \$230
82. *same ruler*, AR abbasi (5.38g), Isfahan 1149, *julus* type, K369, choice extremely fine \$100
83. **Shahrugh**, 3rd reign, 1155-1196, AR rupi (11.51g), Mashhad 1187, K447, superb extremely fine, **R** \$120
84. **QAJAR: Nasir al-Din Shah**, 1848-1896, AR qiran (4.81g), Rasht 1292, toughra type, very fine, **R** \$75

**MODERN & MISCELLANEOUS**

85. **ALGIERS: K27**, 1/4 budju (3.34g) in the name of Mustafa III, 1173, date to upper left of mint name, nearly extremely fine but some minor weakness, **RR** \$300
86. K35, AR 1/8 budju (1.58g) in name of Abdulhamid I, 1189, unlisted date, good very fine, **RR** \$150
87. K45, AR 1/2 budju (6.39g) in name of Selim III, 1219, scarce denomination, good very fine, **RR** \$235
88. K54, AR 1/4 budju (2.52g) in name of Mustafa IV, 1223, very fine, **RRR** \$450
89. K-A61, AR 1/8 budju (1.64g) in name of Mahmud II, octagram reverse (as in previous reigns, 1221-1223), 1224, unlisted date, very fine, minor weakness, **RRR** \$450
90. K—, AR 1/2 budju (3.77g) in name of Mahmud II, Constantine mint, 1246, unpublished denomination, very fine but weak centers, as is typical of Constantine coins of this period, **RRR** \$1060
91. **EGYPT: K245**, AE 20 para in name of Abdulaziz, 1277, year 7, nearly unc, lovely light chocolate toning, **R** \$250
92. K254a, AR 5 piastres of Abdulaziz, 1277, year 12, choice very fine or better, **RR** date \$750
93. **Suez Canal token**, Borel Lavalley & Co., brass 20 centimes, 1865, good very fine, **R** \$165
94. **KEDAH: K8**, AR real in the name of Sultan Muhammad (3.10g), 1154, good fine, **RR** \$180
95. **MALACCA (Portuguese): Felipe III**, 1621-1640, AR zerafim dobrado (=4 tanga, 12.69g), (1)63x, as S-Sim F3.08A, very fine, **RRR** \$1250
96. *same ruler*, AR zerafim dobrado (13.09g) but struck on a thick flan from double tanga dies, undated, unlisted by Singh, good very fine, **RRR** \$1100
97. **MALUKA: K7**, AE duit (1.46g), 1228, crude very fine but actually with virtually no wear, **R** \$120
98. K13, AE duit (1.77g), 1227, crude vf, **R** \$120
99. **MOROCCO: Y-B1**, AE mazuna, Fès 1310, vf-xf, **RR** \$400
100. Y1, AE 2-1/2 mazuna, Fès 1310, good vf-xf, **RR** \$425
101. **SUDAN: K13**, 10 piastres of the Khalifa, 1310, year 8, very fine but some weakness near one edge, **RR** \$500
102. **TRIPOLI: K134**, 10 para in name of Mahmud II (2.63g), 1223, year 10, unlisted, xf-au but very crude strike, **RR** \$200







- 103. K186.1, BI 40 para (12.65g), 1223, year 14, superb strike, extremely fine, full original silvering, **RRR** \$1000
- 104. **TURKEY:** K495, AR 20 para of Selim III, 1203, year 7, choice extremely fine, **R** \$180
- COINAGE OF INDIA**
- 105. **DELHI Sultanate:** **Iltutmish**, 1211-1235, AR tanka (10.81g), without name of mint, VS [12]77, horseman type, Rajgor #846, very fine, some weakness on one side, **S** \$450
- 106. **BENGAL:** **Iwaz Khilji**, 1212-1227, AR tanka (10.78g), without mint name, month of Ramadan 617, good very fine, exceptionally fine strike, very attractive, **RR** \$950
- 107. **GUJARAT:** **Ahmad Shah I**, 1410-1442, AR tanka to Delhi standard (11.04g), pedigree type, no mint, 840, unpublished year, extremely fine, **RRR** \$800
- 108. **BANKAPUR (Maratha):** AR rupee (11.27g) in name of Muhammad Shah (1719-1748), year 6, not in KM but Wiggins type 1 (page 47), extremely fine, **R** \$175
- 109. **BUNDI:** Y14a, AR square nazarana rupee in name of Edward VII (10.59g), VS1965, good very fine, **RR** \$135
- 110. Y14b, AR round nazarana rupee of Edward VII (10.71g), VS1969, superb strike, extremely fine, **RR** \$250
- 111. Y-"A18", unlisted type, AR round nazarana rupee of George V (10.64g), VS1971, extremely fine, **RRR** \$350
- 112. Y20, nazarana rupee (10.66g), dated AD1925 and incorrectly VS1915 (which was year of first Victoria coinage), extremely fine, **R** \$225
- 113. **DICHOLI (Maratha):** K—, rupee in name of Aurangzeb (11.50g), during early Maratha period, year 4x, bold mint name, extremely fine, **RR** \$150
- 114. **JAMBUSAR (Baroda):** C5, rupee (11.62g) in name of Shah Alam II, year 2x, **RRR** mint \$200
- 115. **KALAYANI:** K5, rupee (11.13g), lion below mint name, 1212, good very fine, **RR** \$200
- 116. **MYSORE:** K—, AE 1/4 paisa (2.28g), Haidarnagar mint, undated, probably unpublished, fine, **RRR** \$200
- 117. **TRIPURA:** K67, rupee of Vijaya Manikya (1532-1564) (10.57g), bath in Lakhmia River, dated Saka Era 1482, very fine, **RR** \$650
- 118. **GOA (Portuguese):** K112, AR rupia (11.73g) of John V, 1748, good very fine, lovely portrait, **R** \$225
- 119. K132, AR rupia (11.75g) of Joseph I, 1753, nice very fine, full even strike, **R** \$300
- 120. K195, AR pardao (5.27g) of Maria I + Pedro III, 1787, very fine, good strike, **R** \$180
- 121. K236, AR 1/2 xerafim (2.70g) of John VI, 1823, good vf \$150
- 122. K239, AR rupia (10.84g) of John VI, 1818, very fine, **S** \$150
- 123. **MADRAS (British):** K343, 1/4 pagoda (10.60g), undated (struck 1807), nine stars each side, rare early type, good very fine, **R** \$175
- 124. K344, 1/2 pagoda (21.10g), undated (1807), 14 stars on each side, good very fine, first type, **RR** \$600
- 125. K404.2, double rupee (23.88g), in name of Alamgir II, 1172, san 6 (frozen date), traces of undertype showing (Spanish-American bust dollar), very fine, **S** \$300

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**Patience, please.** While I am away in Oxford, Doug may hold orders for these lots until my periodic visits here, or will wait for instructions from me. Some orders will thus be delayed several weeks.

**Discount Schedule:** Remaining coins from pricelists 151-153 are now available at 10% discount, except bullion-related items. Serious counter-offers for old stock will be considered.

**Show Schedule:** No changes since list #153. I will be in Oxford for the entire month of June, then back in California for the first two weeks of July. I'll attend the ANA convention in Rosemont IL, 12-14 August, and will attend the Krause Publications shindig in Iola after the convention. Then permanently back in Santa Rosa on 6 October.

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**COMMENTARY** (1 June 1999) — Since there is room for some hot air I shall add my two cents' worth, as one would have said back in the days when two cents could actually buy something.

I am leaving later this afternoon to return to Oxford for my penultimate stretch of time there. The first volume of the sylloge is just about finished. All that remains is to prepare the TIFFs and send them to the printer. We are looking to mid-June for the "handover" of the TIFFs. The second volume is essentially written, but still in need of refinement, proofreading and the like. Moreover, we have yet to get the coins photographed, but that is scheduled for the week of 8 June.

The Oxford sylloge photography is being done digitally, using a new digital camera feeding into a Macintosh G3 laptop, backed up by Jazz drives, each of which can hold the images of about 800-1000 coins (compressed files). The photographers, Jan Starnes and David Darrens of Leighton Buzzard, England, are enthusiastic about this new technology, and they have persuaded me that it is indeed the way of the future. Jan and David are also preparing auction catalogues for Italo Vecchi (London), and have done some work for the Barber Institute in Birmingham. I expect that virtually the entire auction catalog scene will do digital within the next few years.

Unfortunately, top-quality digital photography is still expensive, at least the initial investment, over \$10,000, not including the computer and the Jazz drives and discs. Those prices are already 1/3 of what it cost just three years ago, and will be coming down. When it reaches \$5000 or less, I might just spring for my own system.

But first I must work on getting my website up and running, planned for the end of this year, a millenium gift to myself. First I need to upgrade all my hardware. I'm already finding that much downloadable software will not run on my now rather ancient 68040 chip based Centris 650. I expect to buy the G3 after my return in October, then add a scanner and whatever other peripherals are needed. For the short-term I do not plan to put my regular pricelists on the site, but will reserve it for special offers, especially items I have in quantity.

The weather here in Santa Rosa is miserable for late May and June. They say it is La Niña, which cools the eastern and central Pacific, causing drier winters in California with more frost than usual (over 60 nights of frost this year in Santa Rosa!), and cool summers that continue to feel like early spring. Right now it is cold, thoroughly overcast and drizzling lightly. So I'll be warming up in England. The "Icy" signs are still up on the passes over the nearby hills (elevation no more than 1500 feet). I guess even Moscow is warmer now!



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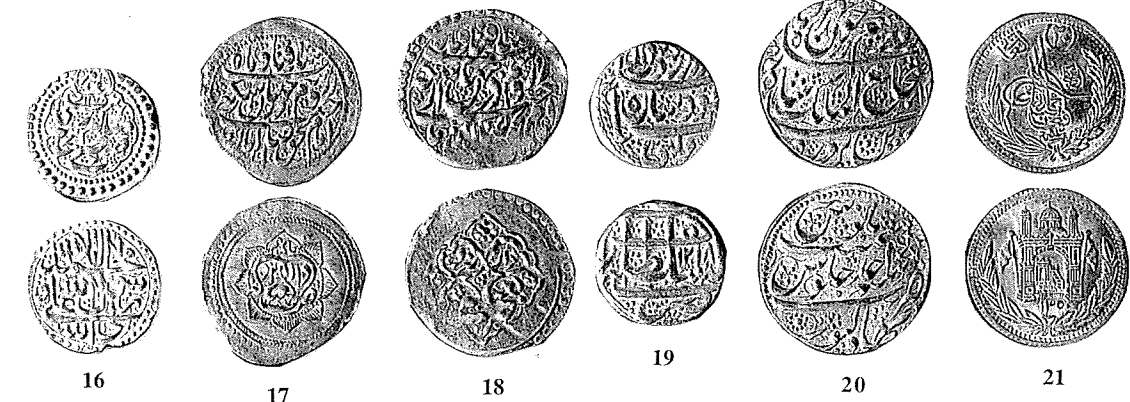
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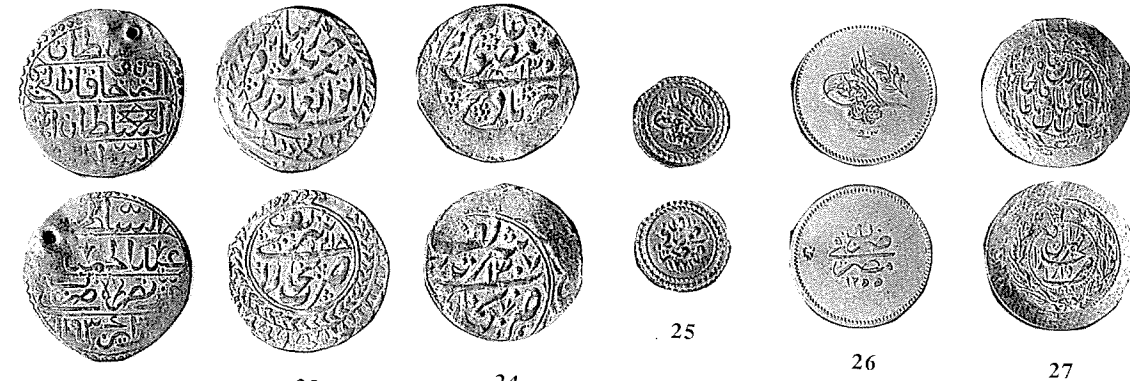
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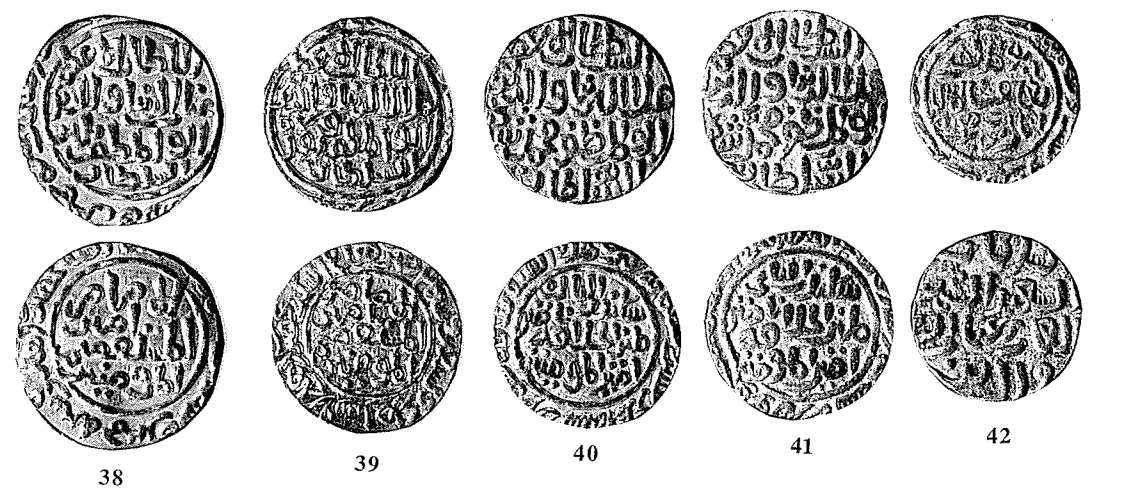
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