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GOLD (lots nos. 1-61 are gold)

Gold coins of the Islamic Dynasties

1. **ABBASID:** temp. al-Mahdi, 775-785, AV dinar (4.06g), without mint name as always, year 159, nearly very fine \$100
2. temp. al-Rashid, 786-809, AV dinar (4.17g), no mint as always, 192, A-218.4, extremely fine \$240
3. al-Musta'sim, 1242-1258, AV dinar (5.72g), Madinat al-Salam 641, choice extremely fine, full bold strike \$500
4. **MURABITID:** Yusuf b. Tashufin, 1087-1106, AV dinar, Aghmat 488, choice extremely fine, superb strike \$1400
5. Ali b. Yusuf, 1106-1142, AV dinar (3.92g), Ishbiliya (Seville), 519, citing Yasir, Hazard #218, very fine \$1000
6. **TULUNID:** Harun b. Khumarawah, 896-905, AV dinar, Misr 291, extremely fine sold
7. **MAMLUK:** Hasan, 1st reign, 1347-1351, AV dinar (6.48g), al-Qahira (Cairo) 750, very fine \$225
8. **ABBASID Yemen:** al-Mu'tamid, 870-892, AV dinar (2.92g), San'a 275, A-1055, good extremely fine, R \$400
9. al-Muqtadir, 908-930, AV dinar (1.91g), the local standard used 304-343, San' 310, extremely fine, R \$300
10. **SULAYHID:** Queen 'Arwa, 1091-1137, AV 1/2 dinar (1.18g), Dhu Jibla 500, citing the caliph al-Amir, not yet listed in the Checklist, but will be 1078.2 (1078.1 is the common type citing al-Mustansir), extremely fine, RR (2 examples available) \$250
11. **ZURAY'ID:** Muhammad b. Saba', 1139-1155, AV dinar (2.12g), 'Adan 541, A-1080.1, extremely fine \$300

12. same ruler, AV dinar (2.35g & 2.28g), 'Adan 546, A-1080.1, extremely fine \$300
(2 examples available)
13. same ruler, AV dinar (2.34g), 'Adan 549, extremely fine \$300
14. **OTTOMAN:** Süleyman I, 1520-1566, AV sultani (3.43g), Kostantaniye 926, extremely fine, lovely style \$175
15. same ruler, AV sultani (3.45g), Misr 932, fine, R \$160
16. **Murad III,** 1574-1595, AV sultani (3.48g), Dimashq 982, extremely fine, S \$225
another, very fine, slightly crimped (no photo) \$100
17. same ruler, AV sultani (3.43g), Saqiz (=Chios), (982), extremely fine, slightly double-struck, R \$300
another (3.46g), very fine, sl. crimped (no photo) \$225
18. same ruler, AV sultani (3.43g), Trablus (Tripoli in Lebanon), 982, good very fine, R \$300
19. **TAMIMID (Saffarid rebel):** Tahir b. Muhammad, 964-970, AV fractional dinar (1.71g), Sijistan 355, A-1415, very fine, full strike, R \$150
20. **SAMANID:** Mansur I, 961-976, AV dinar (4.73g), A1464, good very fine \$180
21. **Nuh II,** 976-997, AV dinar (3.12g), Herat 374, A-1468, very fine, S \$150
22. **QARAKHANID:** Ibrahim b. Husayn, 1178-1203, AV dinar (2.99g), without name of mint but undoubtedly struck at Bukhara, 587, A-3405, very fine, RR, especially with clear date as on this example \$500
23. **GHAZNAVID:** 'Abd al-Rashid, 1049-1052, AV dinar (4.78g), Ghazna 443, A-1629, crude very fine, R \$225
24. **Farrukhzad,** 1053-1059, AV dinar (3.87g), Ghazna 448, A-1633, very fine, S \$180
25. **KHWARIZMISHAH:** Muhammad, 1199-1220, AV heavy dinar (7.91g), Khwarizm 599, A-1712, R with legible mint & date & unusually heavy, very fine \$300
26. **GHORID:** Mu'izz al-Din Muhammad b. Sam, alone, 1202-1206, AV dinar (6.25g), Herat, undated because the Qur'anic verse 9:33 is repeated in both obverse & reverse margins, A-1763, crude very fine, normal miserable strike for this series, R \$200
27. **GHORID of Bamiyan:** Ali b. Sam, 1206-1215, AV dinar (4.76g), no mint or date but style of Bamiyan, A-1806, crude very fine, R \$150
28. **Amir of NISHAPUR:** Ay-Aba, 1161-1172, AV dinar (3.74g), (Nishapur) 563, bold clear date, citing Taj al-Din Abu'l-Fath Il-Arslan as overlord, A-1707, RR with legible date, very fine \$400
29. **QUTLUGHKHANID:** Qutluq Khatun, Queen, 1257-1282, as vassal of the Ilkhan Abaqa, AV heavy dinar (9.85g), Kirman 677, A-1935, extremely fine but typical shallow strike for so heavy a coin, RR \$2500
Perhaps the largest gold struck struck by an Islamic queen.
30. **SAFAVID:** Muhammad, 1578-1588, AV mithqal (4.59g), Qazwin 989, nearly very fine \$150
31. **AFSHARID:** Nadir Shah, 1735-1747, AV mohur (11.00g), Mashhad, undated, A-2739, good very fine \$320
32. same ruler, AV ashrafi (3.40g), Tabriz 1151, K378, nearly extremely fine, R \$250
33. **Ibrahim,** after enthronement, 1748-1749, AV 1/4 mohur (2.76g), Tabriz 1161, not in KM, A-A2764, slightly crude strike but otherwise extremely fine, RRR \$900
34. **QAJAR:** Fath 'Ali Shah, 1797-1834, AV toman (4.61g), Burujerd 1236, fine epigraphy & style, K753, choice extremely fine, R \$300
35. same ruler, AV toman (4.58g), Khuy 1239, K753, unlisted date for mint, good very fine, slightly crimped, R \$235
36. same ruler, AV toman (4.86g), Tehran 1227, K749, unlisted date for mint, choice uncirculated, lovely strike, RR in this quality \$300

Modern & Miscellaneous Gold

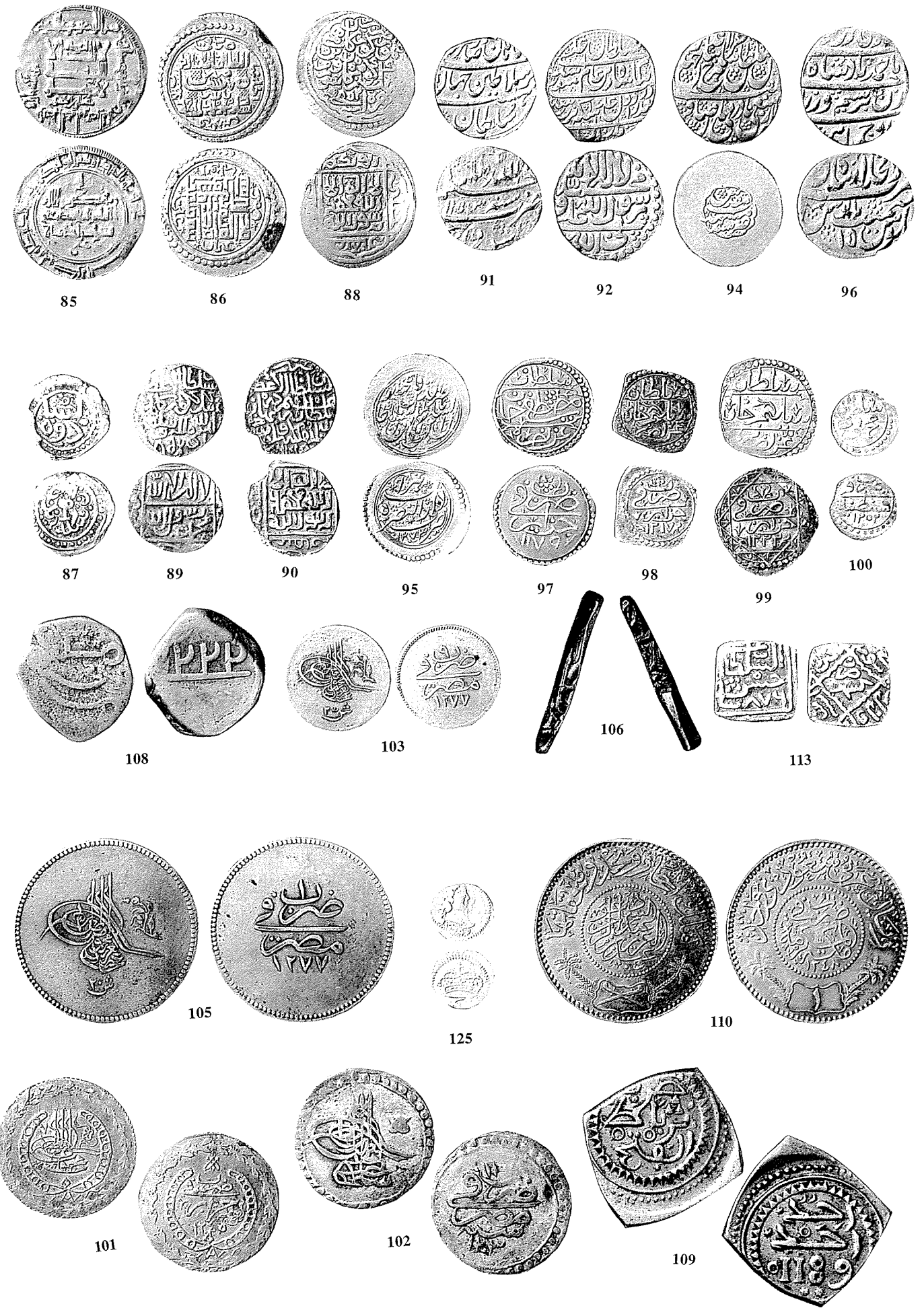


37. **ALGERIA:** K63.2, AV 1/4 sultani in name of Mahmud II (0.79g), 1240, extremely fine, two holes, **RR** \$220
38. **IRAN:** K1133, AV pahlavi, military cap type, SH 1310, lovely uncirculated, **RR** \$1350
39. K1264, AV azadi, Khomeini bust type, SH1374, bu \$150
40. **TURKEY:** K839, AV 500 piastres, 1927, first issue of the republic, xf-au \$440
41. K856, AV 250 piastres, 1923, year 20, bust of Inonu, xf-au \$180
42. K879, AV 500 piastres, 1943, monnaie de luxe, 1210 struck, extremely fine \$450
43. **YEMEN:** Y-G16.3, AV 1/2 riyal, 1377, choice extremely fine but trace of mount on edge, **RR** (no photo, sorry) \$700
- Gold Coins of India**
44. **YADAVA of Devagiri: Ramachandra**, 1270-1311, AV padmatanka (3.79g), Mitchiner 644, extremely fine (three examples available) \$140
45. **CHALUKYA of Badami: temp. Mangalesa**, 597-610, AV pagoda (3.65g), late degenerate style, otherwise as Mitchiner 1998:255-256, very fine \$175
I disagree with Mitchiner's dates & regard these coins as 14th-16th century.
46. **DELHI Sultanate: Khusraw Shah**, 1320, AV tanka (10.97g), AV tanka, Delhi 720, Rajgor #1064, choice vf with full clear date, **RRR** \$2000
47. **Muhammad III**, 1325-1351, AV dinar (12.76g), Sultanpur 728, R1209, very fine, **R** \$500
48. **Firuz Shah Zafar**, 1389, AV tanka (10.97g), no mint or date (as is normal for all tankas of this period), vf-xf, **RRR** \$1500
49. **Abu Bakr**, 1389-1390, AV tanka (10.79g), no mint or date, R1370, very fine, **RRR** \$1500
50. **Mahmud II**, 1393-1413, AV tanka (10.86g), no mint or date, R1445, very fine, **RRR** \$1250
51. **AHMADNAGAR: Burhan II**, 1591-1595, AV pagoda (average weight 3.38g), Burhanabad, stylized date probably intended as 1001, still unlisted in Rajgor but will be in new edition, due late 2000, extremely fine, **R** (eight specimens available) \$440
52. **BENGAL Sultanate: Ghiyath al-Din Muhammad**, 1532-1538, AV tanka (10.65g), without mint or date, unpublished type, crude extremely fine with some minor stain, **RRR** \$1850
Rajgor lists only one gold coin of this ruler (#570), described as unique.
53. **GUJARAT Sultanate: Muzaffar Shah II**, 1511-1526, AV tanka (11.48g), NM 930, R2282, superb extremely fine, **R** (another available, same grade & price, 11.51g) \$650
54. **Mahmud II**, 1537-1554, AV tanka (12.00g), R2375, no mint name, year 955, choice extremely fine, **R** \$750
55. **JAUNPUR Sultanate: Mahmud**, 1440-1456, AV tanka (11.88g), R2724, no mint or date as always for this type, good very fine, **RR** \$900
56. **MALWA Sultanate: Ghiyath Shah**, 1468-1500, AV square tanka (10.70g), no mint, 894, R3124, near very fine, **S** \$380
57. **MUGHAL Empire: Aurangzeb**, 1658-1707, AV mohur (11.02g), Kabul 1104, year 36, K315.26, extremely fine, **S** \$450
58. *same ruler*, AV mohur (10.93g), Multan 1082, year 14, K315.36, good very fine \$270
59. **Alamgir II**, 1754-1759, AV mohur (10.83g), Shahjahanabad 1168, year 2, K464.1, last Mughal issue with the kalima, very fine, **RRR** \$1500
60. **JAIPUR:** K200, AV mohur of Man Singh + George VI (10.89g), year 27 (=1948), extremely fine, **R** \$350
61. *same type* but year 28 (=1949) (10.85g), good very fine, **RR**, the last hammered gold coin struck anywhere in the world \$500
- ANCIENT NEAR EAST**
62. **INDO-GREEK: Eukratides I**, ca. BC170-145, AR tetradrachm (16.98g), helmeted bust r./dioscuri r., Boppearachi type 6F, superb extremely fine, fine style with superb portrait, scarce this nice \$1250
63. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires II**, ca. BC149-135, AR tetradrachm (16.35g), head r./Apollo std., Alram #431, very fine, attractive portrait, **RRR** \$4000
64. **SASANIAN: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.35g), turreted crown type (Göbl 14), superb extremely fine, on broad flan with full even margins around, **RRR**, especially in this quality \$2500
65. **Varahran II**, 276-293, AR drachm (3.72g), three busts, reverse type 1a (right attendant has spiked crown), Göbl 58, extremely fine, superb reverse, **RR** \$675

66. *same ruler*, AR drachm (4.21g), as last but reverse type 2a (right attendant has plain crown), Göbl 64, good extremely fine and a lovely example of this popular type \$550
67. **Narseh**, 293-303, AR drachm (4.06g), second bust, Göbl 76, superb extremely fine and finest style for this type \$650

ISLAMIC DYNASTIES

68. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khuraw** type, *bism Allah* in margin, AR drachm (4.05g), mint BYW (unlocated), year 35, A-4, choice extremely fine, **RRR** mint \$450
69. **Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan**, 665-674, AR drachm (4.06g), YZ (Yazd), year 53, with countermark #11, extremely fine \$150
70. **ABBASID: al-Saffah**, 749-754, AR dirham (2.82g), Ardashir Khurra 135, good very fine, **RR** \$175
71. **al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.91g), Arran 185, citing governor Asad b. Yazid, A-219.7, vf-xf, **R** \$150
72. **al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.78g), Isbahan 203, citing the Shiite Imam al-Rida as heir, good very fine, **R** and a very popular type \$900
73. **MUWAHHIDUN: 'Ab d al-Mu'min**, 1130-1163, AR square 1/2 dirham (0.77g), no mint or date, A-481, Hazard #1068, crude extremely fine, **R** \$100
74. **MAMLUK: Ali II**, 1376-1381, AR dirham (2.20g), Malatya, undated, very fine, mint boldly clear, **RR** \$150
75. **RASULID: al-Mansur 'Umar I**, 1229-1249, AR dirham (2.09g), al-Dumluwa 634, A-1100, good very fine+, **R** \$200
76. **al-Muzaffar Yusuf**, 1249-1295, AR dirham (1.90g), 'Adan 652, choice extremely fine, finest style \$200
77. *same ruler*, AR dirham (1.92g), Hisn Ta'izz 663, extremely fine, good style and strike \$135
78. **TAHIRID: Talha**, 822-828, AE fals, Sijistan 209, citing 'Abd Allah al-Talahi, A-A1395, very fine, **RR** \$175
79. **SAFFARID: Ya'qub b. al-Layth**, 861-879, AR dirham (2.97g), Fars 265, A-1401.2, very fine, **R** \$120
80. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, as governor in Ghazna, ca. 970s-early 980s, AE fals, Ghazna 368, type not yet in *Checklist*, very fine, **RR** \$100
81. **Mahmud**, as king, 998-1030, AR dirham (2.77g), Mahmudpur (=Lahore) 419, bilingual Arabic & Sanskrit, A-1610, good very fine, both dates bold, **R** \$175
82. **Tughril**, rebel, 1052-1053, AR dirham (3.36g), (Ghazna), no date, vf, slightly shallow strike but as nice as seen, **RR** \$275
83. **QARAKHANID: Ahmad b. 'Ali**, ca. 994-1016, AR dirham (3.49g), Quz Urdu 400, A-3304, choice extremely fine, **R** \$175
84. **Muhammad b. 'Ali**, ca. 1003-1024, AR dirham (3.21g), Taraz 404, hexagonal obverse margin, A-3307, very fine but some minor stain, **RR** \$130
85. **'Ali b. al-Hasan**, as Great Khan, 1032-1036, AR dirham (3.25g), Khutulukh Urdu 423 423, extremely fine, **RR** \$225
86. **ILKHAN: Abu Sa'id**, 1316-1335, AR 6 dirhams (8.51g), Bazar, khani 33, type H, superb extremely fine \$140
87. **Shahs of BADAKHSHAN: Dawlatshah**, fl. 1291-1294, AR 1/2 dirham, Badakhshan ND, to be listed as A-2013A in 3rd edition of *Checklist*, very fine, **RRR** \$215
88. **TIMURID: Ulugh Beg I**, 1447-1449, AR tanka (5.50g), Herat 852, Turkish obverse, A-2413.2, good very fine, **R** \$125
89. *same ruler*, AR tanka (5.04g), Sari 852, A-2413.1, Arabic obverse, good very fine, **RR** \$125
90. **Sultan Ibrahim**, 1457, AR tanka (4.99g), Herat 861, A-2424, good very fine, **RRR** \$225
91. **AFSHARID: Nadir Shah**, 1735-1747, AR rupi (11.38g), Peshawar 1153, extremely fine, slightly shallow, **R** \$125
92. **'Adil Shah**, 1747-1748, AR rupi (11.59g), Mazandaran ND, type B, K406, extremely fine but slightly crude, **RR** \$125
93. **Ibrahim**, before julus, 1748, AR rupi (11.56g), Kirman 1162, K408, very fine, slightly weak, **RRR** \$150
94. **Shahrukh Shah**, 3rd reign, 1755-1796, AR rupi (11.50g), Mashhad 1186, date on reverse, K447, lovely vf-xf, weak spot at unit of date (still legible), **RR** \$125
95. **QAJAR: Nasir al-Din Shah**, 1848-1896, AR qiran (5.29g), Herat 1273, as K824 but with oblique reeded edge, probably a presentation strike, extremely fine, **RR** \$125
96. **DURRANI: Ahmad Shah**, 1747-1772, AR rupee (11.36g), Shahjahanabad, year 15, good very fine \$250
- MODERN & MISCELLANEOUS**
97. **ALGIERS:** K97, 1/4 budju (3.36g), 1179 (unlisted date), good very fine, **RR** \$160
- another, nearly very fine (3.30g) (no photo) \$125





- 98. K40, 1/8 budju (1.64g), 1217, unlisted date, choice very fine on squarish flan, **RR** \$185
 - 99. K48, 1/4 budju (3.36g), 1222, octogram type, lovely extremely fine, **RR** \$250
 - 100. K76, BI kharub of Constantine mint (0.63g), 1252, very fine, **R** \$150
 - 101. K79, budju (10.10g), toughra type, 1245, crude vf, **RR** \$250
 - 102. **EGYPT**: K148, BI 20 para (6.37g), 1203, year 13, struck under French occupation, very fine, **RR** \$1000
 - 103. K252, 2-1/2 piastres (3.30g), 1277, year 9, very fine, **R** \$220
 - 104. K254, 5 piastres (6.88g), 1277, year 3, very fine, two scratches on obverse, **R** \$250
 - 105. K260, 20 piastres (27.87g), 1277, year 1, good very fine \$1000
 - 106. **AL-HASA (Saudi Arabia)**: BI larin or tawilah (average weight 3.24g), unread inscription which seems to include the word *sultān*, good very fine, **R** \$250
See H. Wood, The Gampola Larin Hoard, pp.16-17. Wood regards these as common, but these are the first I have seen in many years.
Seven specimens available.
 - 107. **IRAN**: K-Pn31, AR 5000 dinars, 1319, pattern for regular issue dated 1324 (KM981), Choice proof, except for some hairline scratches, **RRR** \$1750
 - 108. **MECCA (Wahhabi)**: K2, mahmudi (18.75g), 1222, fine obverse, very fine reverse, **RR** \$1450
 - 109. **MOROCCO**: AR mitqal (28.34g), Rabat al-Fath 1189, Eustache #2088, bold very fine, **R** \$400
 - 110. **SAUDI ARABIA**: K12, riyal, 1348, uncirculated \$175
- COINAGE OF INDIA**
- 111. **DELHI Sultanate**: Sikandar III, 1554, AR rupee (11.34g), Lahore 962, Rajgor 1871, good very fine, **RRR** \$1750
 - 112. **Muhammad Adil**, 1552-1554, AR rupee (11.49g), Narnol 961, R1839, extremely fine \$125
 - 113. **KASHMIR Sultanate**: Hasan, 1469-1481, AR sansu (6.02g), Kashmir 876, R2823, very fine, **R** \$200
 - 114. **MUGHAL Empire**: Jahangir, 1605-1628, AR jahangiri (13.38g), Tatta 1019, year 5, K152, good very fine \$125
 - 115. **Shah Jahan I**, 1628-1658, AR rupee (11.33g), Pattan Deo 1047, year 10, K235, good very fine \$260
 - 116. **Muazzam Shah** (pre-julus name of Shah Alam I), 1707, AR rupee (11.21g), Tatta 1119, year one, K345.1, very fine, **RR** \$250
 - 117. **Shah Jahan II**, 1719, AR rupee (11.07g), Tatta, year one, K415.25, fine, **RR** \$175
 - 118. **Alamgir II**, 1754-1759, AR rupee (11.36g), Najibabad 1170, year 4, nearly very fine, **RR** \$175
 - 119. **BUNDI**: Y14a, nazarana rupee (10.69g), VS1969, extremely fine, **R** \$200
 - 120. Y14b, nazarana rupee (10.70g), VS1970, unlisted date, choice extremely fine, **RR** \$285
 - 121. Y18a.1, square nazarana rupee (10.16g), VS1975, fine but evenly worn, **R** \$100
 - 122. **CHAKAN (Maratha)**: K—, rupee (11.13g), undated, Wiggins type 1, nearly extremely fine, **R** \$100
 - 123. **JAIPUR**: Y-A16, nazarana paisa of Man Singh and Edward VII (average 6.49g), 1936, year 15, extremely fine, **RR** (three examples available) \$375
 - 124. **MYSORE**: K127a, double rupee (22.72g), Patan mint, 1219, year 9, plain backgrounds, lovely extremely fine, **RR** \$825
 - 125. **GOA (Portuguese)**: K119, tanga (1.17g), 1749, crude extremely fine, **RR** (sorry, poor photo) \$285
 - 126. K191, rupia (10.79g), 1782, superb vf, **S** \$180
 - 127. K237, pardao (5.36g), 1825, very fine \$125
 - 128. K279, rupia (11.00g), 1861, nearly uncirculated \$200
 - 129. **BOMBAY (British)**: K189, double pice (10.22g), 1784, unlisted date, fine, crude strike, **RR** \$100

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Show Schedule: Next show is Long Beach CA, 7-10 February (though I probably will leave on the 9th). I will be associated with Bill Warden of Hippocampus in the ancient section. Then comes Chicago International, at the Ramada O'Hare in Rosemont IL, 7-9 April 2000. Then, who knows.

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COMMENTARY (29 December 1999) — After more than eighteen years, Doug has retired. He has moved back to Pennsylvania, just a few miles from where he grew up, where he has set up a business in genealogical research, and has already had some encouraging success. His new postal address is Dr. N.D. Nicol, P.O. Box 1855, Shavertown PA 18708-0855, and his email address is <ndnicol@epix.net>. His successor, Alexander Akin, is probably familiar to many of you, for he has done occasional work for me over the past several years and had probably answered the phone for many of you.

Doug is continuing to complete his corpus of Fatimid coins, which should be ready for the printers by the end of 2000. He will also come to Oxford in the spring of 2001 to compile the Oxford sylloge volume on the dynasties of Egypt & Syria (Tulunid, Ikshidid, Fatimid, Ayyubid, Mamluk and some minor ones).

I hope to have ordering information for the first volume of the Oxford sylloge by the time I return from Oxford on 21 January, and will put that information in list 158 (non-photo). That volume will include Arabia and East Africa. The Arabian coins are mainly Yemeni but also include some remarkable pieces from the Hejaz and Oman. The East African collection is the finest selection of this coinage ever published, largely as a result of the efforts of Helen Brown, former assistant keeper for Islamic coins, who took a special interest in the coinage of East Africa.

From approximately 7-10 November I was not receiving incoming faxes, because I stupidly put the paper in the machine upside down. If anyone tried to send me a fax in those days and received no reply, now you know what happened.

I plan to have two back-to-back non-photo lists in February and March, then another photo list in late March or April. I will spend most of the spring at Oxford, compiling a third volume of the sylloge publication, covering the coins of the Maghreb and al-Andalus.

