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36211. **AXUM: Ebana**, ca. 450, AV unit (1.59g), ND, M&J-73, this example bares a blundered inscription but has been die-linked to issues with legible name of Ebana; small edge nick, vf-ef, R \$800



82200. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Phocas**, 602-610, AV solidus (4.48g), S-620, struck 607-609, d N FOCAS PERP AV, crowned facing bust, holding globus cruciger / VICTORIA AVGU, angel standing facing, holding long P-headed cross & globus cruciger; E/CONOB in exergue, minor weakness of strike, au \$550



82201. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AV solidus (4.48g), S-731, d N HERAC LIVS P P AI Facing bust wearing crown / VICTORIA AVGUE, cross potent on four steps, bold strike, ef \$725



82202. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AV solidus (4.39g), S-761, Heraclius with Heraclius Constantine and Heraclonas, each holding globus cruciger / VICTORIA AVSU, cross potent on 3 steps; monogram to left, CONOB in exergue, ef \$600
The obverse design, three standing figures, became the model for the first reform gold dinars introduced circa AH72 at Damascus under the Umayyad caliph 'Abd al-Malik.



82204. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constans II**, 641-668, AV solidus (4.39g), S-959, with Constantine IV, DN CONSTANTINUS E CONSTANTI, crowned busts facing, Constans with long beard; cross in field / VICTORIA AVGU; CONOB in exergue, ef-au \$500



82203. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constans II**, 641-668, AV semissis (2.19g), S-983, diademed, draped, & cuirassed bust right / cross potent on globe, minor weakness of strike, ef \$350



82221. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Michael VII Doukas**, 1071-1078, scyphate AV histamenon (4.41g), S-1868, IC XC, facing bust of Christ / +MIX AHL RACIL O D, crowned facing bust, holding labarum and globus cruciger, scyphate, full bold strike, ef \$450



79020. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Nicephorus III Botaniates**, 1078-1081, EL histamenon nomisma (4.45g), Constantinople mint, S-1881, Christ, nimbate, enthroned facing with raised hand & book of Gospels, IC XC at sides / + NIKHØ DECR TW ROTANIAT, Nikophorus standing facing, crowned and wearing loros, holding labarum with X on shaft, and cross on globe, choice ef \$385

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80128. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AV dinar (4.27g), NM, AH94, A-127, without mint name as usual but almost certainly struck at Damascus, ef \$350



76807. **ABBASID: al-Saffah**, 749-754, AV dinar (4.23g), NM, AH136, A-210, without mint name, probably struck at either al-Kufa or al-Basra, full bold strike, choice au \$475

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80166. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.25g), NM, AH157, A-212, struck at Madinat al-Salam, bold strike, choice ef-au \$375
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77181. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AV dinar (4.24g), NM, AH160, A-214, superb strike, much original luster, virtually unc \$500
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66500. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.24g), NM (Egypt), AH182, A-218.11, citing Ja'far, lovely strike, choice ef \$400
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76903. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AV dinar (4.03g), Misr, AH233, A-229.1, lovely strike, choice vf \$275
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77146. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AV dinar (4.10g), Samarqand, AH272, A-239.5, citing al-Muwaffaq as heir, some die damage on reverse, vf, R \$550
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76915. **ABBASID: al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AV dinar (4.02g), Misr, AH292, A-243.1, choice lustrous unc \$650
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815439. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (3.89g), Tustar min al-Ahwaz, AH318, A-245, vf-ef \$325
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78119. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (3.99g), Madinat al-Salam, AH319, A-245.2, nice strike, choice ef, S \$380

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48453. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (3.60g), al-Karaj, AH318, A-245.2, very rare mint, some weakness in the centers as common for this mint, vf, RR \$825
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815446. **ABBASID: al-Nasir**, 1180-1225, AV dinar (7.16g), Madinat al-Salam, AH617, A-268, some weakness of strike as is normal on the dinars of al-Nasir, vf-ef \$400
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815448. **ABBASID: al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AV dinar (5.73g), Madinat al-Salam, AH(64)7, A-275, ef \$550
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76838. **ZIRID OF QAYRAWAN: al-Mu'izz b. Badis**, 1016-1062, AV dinar (3.96g), Qayrawan, AH444, A-458, nice even strike, very minimally bent, vf, R \$600
All coins struck in Qayrawan during the reign of al-Mu'izz b. Badis are anonymous, but are distinguished by the legend, wa man yatba'u ghayr al-Islam din^{ah} fa-lan yuqbalu minhu (Qur'an 3:47), "He who follows a religion other than Islam, it shall not be accepted from him."
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42249. **MUWAHHID: Abu Hafs 'Umar**, 1248-1266, AV dinar (4.59g), NM, ND, A-491, H-533, lovely style & calligraphy, superb ef-au \$1,000
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76997. **MUWAHHID: Abu Muhammad 'Abd al-Mu'min**, 1130-1163, AV ½ dinar (2.26g), NM, ND, A-478, Arabic S below obverse and reverse fields, choice vf \$300



48424. **IKHSHIDID: Abu'l-Qasim**, 946-961, AV dinar (4.44g), Filastin, AH335, A-676, date recut from "301", apparently engraver's error, vf, **S** \$490



78094. **FATIMID: al-'Aziz**, 975-996, AV dinar (4.13g), Misr, AH386, A-703, final date digit apparently reengraved, over undetermined digit, last year of issue, choice vf, **R** \$350



815454. **FATIMID: al-Hakim**, 996-1021, AV dinar (4.16g), Misr, AH394, A-709, vf \$325



76934. **FATIMID: al-Mustansir**, 1036-1094, AV dinar (4.03g), Sabra, AH439, A-719.1, H-1, rare mint now in Tunisia, superb strike, ef, **RR** \$1,000



74834. **CRUSADERS of TRIPOLI: al-Mustansir**, 1036-1094, AV dinar (3.52g), NM, ND, A-720B, Ma-8, Latin B above obverse, T above reverse, cross in reverse center, lovely strike, small flan crack, nice ef, **R** \$1,350



77526. **KINGDOM OF JERUSALEM: Anonymous**, ca. 1187-1260, AV dinar (3.78g), "Misr", ND, Ma-721, based on Fatimid dinar of al-Âmir, without any central symbols, bold strike, well centered, choice vf-ef \$475



48419. **ABBASID OF YEMEN: al-Mu'tadid**, 892-902, AV dinar (2.87g), San'a, AH283, A-1056, vf, **S** \$375



78160. **ABBASID OF YEMEN: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AV dinar (2.91g), San'a, AH261, A-1055, citing only the caliph, bold strike, very lightly crinkled, vf-ef, **R** \$500



53141. **SULAYHID: al-Mukarram Ahmad b. 'Ali**, 1081-1091, AV dinar (2.39g), 'Adan, AH475, A-1076, nice vf \$450



48435. **ZURAY'ID: Muhammad b. Saba'**, 1139-1155, AV dinar (2.38g), 'Adan, AH541, A-1080.1, lovely strike, ef, **R** \$560



79559. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Mehmet II**, 1451-1481, AV sultani (3.53g), Kostantiniye, AH883, A-1306, pleasing vf-ef \$3,350



77150. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Süleyman I**, 1520-1566, AV sultani (3.46g), Kostantiniye, AH926, A-1317, full bold strike, as nice as these come, choice ef \$300



76947. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Süleyman I**, 1520-1566, AV sultani (3.49g), Misr, AH926, A-1317, full even strike, nice vf \$185



76651. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Selim II**, 1566-1574, AV sultani (3.50g), Misr, AH974, A-1324, minor weakness, ef \$180



80170. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Selim II**, 1566-1574, AV sultani (3.46g), Kostantiniye, AH974, A-1324, excellent strike, choice vf-ef \$200



78099. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Murad III**, 1574-1595, AV sultani (3.48g), Kostantiniye, AH982, A-1332, nice strike, choice vf \$230



812442. **OTTOMAN EGYPT: AV zeri mahbub** (2.59g), Misr, AH1168, KM-97, au \$450



82553. **OTTOMAN EGYPT: AV 100 qirsh**, Misr, AH1255 year 4, KM-235.1, one year type, NGC graded au55 \$2,000



77553. **OTTOMAN TURKEY: AV ashrafi** (3.47g), Kostantiniye, AH1106, KM-128, toughra above mint & date, some weakness in center, ef, S \$335



815784. **OTTOMAN TURKEY: AV ¼ altin**, Kostantiniye, AH1222 year 1, KM-543.1, au \$250



82556. **OTTOMAN TURKEY: AV 500 kurush**, AH1277 year 7, KM-698, 1.0638 oz. AGW, NGC graded EF-45 \$1,500



76340. **OTTOMAN TURKEY: AV 500 kurush**, Kostantiniye, AH1277 year 13, KM-698, 1.0638 oz. AGW, very faint trace of mount on edge, vf-ef \$1,200



77180. **BUWAYHID: 'Imad al-Din Abu Kalinjar**, 1024-1048, AV dinar (3.89g), Suq al-Ahwaz, AH421, A-A1584, choice ef \$380



51592. **BUWAYHID: Khusrafiruz**, 1048-1055, AV dinar (4.08g), al-Ahwaz, AH445, A-B1585, nice strike, minor weakness in the centers, ruler's name given as *shahanshah al-rahim abu nasr*, nearly ef, R \$475



52964. **GHAZNAVID: Sebuktekin**, 977-997, AV dinar (3.67g), Herat, AH387, A-1596, citing Samanid Nuh II, ef, R \$280



77203. **GHAZNAVID: Ibrahim**, 1059-1099, AV dinar (3.65g), debased gold, Ghazna, AH480, A-1637, choice ef \$180
This is one of the nicest examples from the hoard of debased dinars of Ibrahim, dated AH480-484, though most of the pieces had the date off flan. The hoard has been periodically marketed over the past ten years, and may have contained as many as 1,000 pieces.



80719. **GREAT SELJUQ: Alp Arslan**, 1058-1063, AV dinar (3.46g), al-Rayy, AH455, A-1670, first year of reign, with titles *al-sultan al-mu'azzam shahanshah malik al-islam*, ef, R \$450



80718. **GREAT SELJUQ: Malikshah I**, 1072-1092, AV dinar (3.52g), Madinat al-Salam, AH485, A-1674, last year of reign, citing Dhakhr al-Din Abu'l-Abbas, nice vf, R \$300



48515. **GREAT SELJUQ: Arslan Arghu**, 1093-1097, AV dinar (4.15g), Nishapur, AH486, A-1680, good strike, very minor weakness, ef, **R** \$235



45368. **LU'LU'ID: Badr al-Din Lu'lu'**, 1233-1258, AV dinar (5.89g), al-Mawsil, AH650, A-1871.9, citing the Ayyubid al-Nasir Yusuf as overlord, ef \$325



47263. **QUTLUGHKHANID: Qutlugh Turkan**, queen, 1257-1282, AV dinar (7.31g) (Kirman), AH(677), A-1935, as vassal under the Ilkhan Abaqa, some weakness of strike, vf, **RR** \$650



47992. **QALHATI AMIRS: Turanshah III**, 1512-1521, AV ½ dinar (1.16g), Jarun, AH922, A-1943var, clear mint & date, unpublished, ef, **RR** \$650



42063. **ILKHAN Baydu**, 1295, AV dinar (4.11g), MM, DM, A-2164, ruled for just six months, ef \$300



63798. **TIMURID: Sulayman Mirza**, 1529-1584, AV ¼ ashrafi (1.09g), [Badakhshan], ND, A-2464, fleur-de-lys in obverse center, ef \$175



80821. **TIMURID: Kamran Mirza**, 1530-1555, AV ¼ ashrafi (0.66g), [Badakhshan], ND, A-H2464, vf, **RRR** \$350



79232. **HOTAKI: Ashraf**, 1724-1729, AV ashrafi (3.48g), Isfahan, AH1137, A-2718, vf \$350



78133. **ZAND: Karim Khan**, 1753-1779, AV ¼ mohur (2.69g), Qazwin, ND, A-2791, most quarter mohurs of this mint are undated, vf \$275



79231. **QAJAR: Agha Muhammad Khan**, 1779-1797, AV ¼ toman (2.83g), Kashan, AH1205, A-2835, decent vf, **S** \$340



78062. **QAJAR: Fath 'Ali Shah**, 1797-1834, AV toman (4.59g), Khuy, AH1239, A-2865, with epithet *dar al-safā*, ef-au, **R** \$400



77370. **QAJAR: Fath 'Ali Shah**, 1797-1834, AV toman (4.51g), Tabriz, AH1232, A-2865A, presentation type with oblique reeded edge, probably ex-mount, vf-ef, **RR** \$475



77365. **QAJAR: Muhammad Shah**, 1837-1848, AV toman (3.40g), Tabriz, AH1255, A-2904, choice vf, **S** \$240



72371. **QAJAR: Nasir al-Din Shah**, 1848-1896, AV 2 tomans (6.90g), Mashhad, AH1281, A-2924, toughra within wreath, choice au, **R** \$2,500



72975. **MANGHIT OF BUKHARA: Haidar**, 1800-1826, AV tilla (4.44g), Bukhara, AH1231//1231, A-3030.1, KM-34, in names of his deceased father Mas'um & grandfather Danial, nice vf \$300



77354. **MANGHIT OF BUKHARA:** Haidar, 1800-1826, AV tilla (4.57g), Bukhara, AH1221/1222, A-3029.1, KM-30, teardrop border / octagon border, ef, R

\$425



815488. **DURRANI: Ahmad Shah,** 1747-1772, AV mohur (10.89g), Shahjahanabad (Delhi), AH(117)4 year 14, A-3090, KM-766, struck during the second brief Durrani occupation of Delhi, ef

\$900



815487. **DURRANI: Ahmad Shah,** 1747-1772, AV mohur (10.93g), Herat, ND, A-3090, KM-379, vf-ef, R

\$800

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810219. **AFGHANISTAN:** AV 2 amani, SH1301, KM-888, ef-au

\$375



82547. **AFGHANISTAN:** AV 8 grams, SH1339, KM-952, with original case of issue, full weight specimen, lustrous au

\$750



79315. **CHINA: CH'ING: Anonymous,** late 19th Century, AV tael (32.1g), two character in cartouche at center of rectangular ingot, light "fingerprint" design of concentric rings around, vf-ef, S, ex. B. Max Mehl, 1884-1957 with original envelope

\$2,100



44824. **IRAN:** AV ½ toman, Tehran, AH1313, KM-927, scarce date, crude ef

\$300



815625. **IRAN:** AV toman, AH1299, KM-933, au

\$225



815627. **IRAN:** AV 5000 dinars, AH1314, KM-987, lightly cleaned, ef

\$350



80912. **NEPAL:** AV mohar (5.54g), VS1991, KM-702, unc

\$325



50683. **KHWAREZM: Muhammad Amin Khan,** 1845-1855, AV ½ tilla, Khwarezm, AH1260, A-3082, Cr-65, ef

\$750

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78725. **KUSHAN: Huvishka,** ca. 155-187, AV ¼ stater (1.97g), G-41, king's bust left / Mithra, the sun deity, standing left, ef

\$800



63394. **KUSHAN: Huvishka,** 126-164 AD, AV stater (8.06g), Mitch-3196/7fl, Göbl-285, nimbate and crowned bust of the king left, flames rising from right shoulder, holding sceptre and spear / goddess Ardoksho standing left, holding cornucopia, tamgha to left, choice ef, R

\$1,250



78740. **KUSHAN: Huvishka,** ca. 155-187, AV stater (7.97g), G-286, Ardoksho standing right, same obverse die as Göbl-286.18, minor double-striking on reverse, lovely portrait, choice ef

\$1,450



816162. **KUSHAN: Vasu Deva I**, ca. 195-230, AV stater (8.10g), G-506, nimbate and crowned king standing left, making offerings to small altar left, with trident above, holding trident right and wearing a sword, cursive Greek script around / three-faced & four-armed Siva, standing before his bull, Nandi, holding garland and trident, bold ef \$1,150



78743. **KUSHAN: Vasu Deva I**, ca. 191-230+, AV ¼ stater (2.01g), G-518, Siva (oesho) standing left, left arm stretched out holding diadem, choice vf, **RR** \$850



80028. **KUSHAN: Kanishka II**, ca. 240-260, AV stater (7.80g), Mitch-3503, standard obverse, control marks *Ga / Gho / Hu*, Siva & bull reverse, broad flan, ef, **R** \$700



78768. **KUSHAN: Kanishka II**, ca. 226-240, AV stater (7.86g), Mitch-3503, "Ga" / "Gho" / "Hu" inscription, Siva & bull reverse, bold strike, hilarious face of the ruler, choice ef, **R** \$700



80029. **KUSHAN: Vasu Deva III**, ca. 240-270, AV stater (7.85g), Mitch-3505, standard obverse, control marks *JiRa / Gho / RaDa*, Siva & bull reverse, broad flan, ef, **S** \$650



78774. **KUSHAN: Vasu Deva II**, ca. 290-310, AV stater (7.81g), Mitch-3546, Ardoksho enthroned reverse, very bold strike, choice ef-au \$575



816167. **KUSHAN: Chhu**, ca. 260-300, AV stater (7.84g), Mitch-3554, king, nimbate and helmeted, standing facing, head left, sacrificing over altar to left and holding filleted standard; to left, filleted trident behind, *Ga* to right of altar, *Vi* between Vasishka's feet, and *Chhu* to right of sceptre in Brahmi / Ardoksho, nimbate, seated facing on throne, feet on mat, holding filleted investiture garland in extended right hand and cradling cornucopiae in left arm; above, tamgha to left, ef \$525



78701. **KUSHAN: Shaka**, ca. 325-345, AV stater (7.68g), Mitch-3579, standing king, *SiTaM* below arm / Ardoksho enthroned, nice obverse portrait, ef \$385



78776. **KUSHAN: Gadahara**, ca. 360-379, AV stater (7.80g), Mitch-3594/96, citing Kidara, founder of the Kidarites, Arkodsho reverse, superb strike, choice ef, **S** \$550



816152. **KIDARITE: Pratapaditya II**, ca. 5th century, AV stater (7.17g), Mitch-3644, debased-gold issue, highly stylized king standing left with trident / crude fire altar, somewhat scarcer ruler for this series, ef \$165



816148. **KIDARITE: Vighraha Deva**, ca. 5th century, AV stater (7.84g), Mitch-3650, debased-gold issue, highly stylized king standing left with trident / crude fire altar, particularly nice example, ef \$100


















59837. **GUPTA: Prakasaditya**, late 5th C, AV stater (9.18g), king on horseback slaying lion / Lakshmi seated on lotus, BMC-552f, narrow flan, bold strike, bold ef, **RR** \$4,000



64327. **GUPTA: Skandagupta**, ca. 455-480, AV stater (9.22g), Mitch-4865, archer type, king standing, holding bow, Garuda standard to left / Lakshmi seated on lotus, excellent strike, bold vf-ef, **R** \$600



61771. **CHALUKYAS of KALYANA: Jayasimha II Jagadekhamalla**, 1015-1042, AV pagoda (3.75g), Mitch, Karnataka Andhra 273 var, four punches, temple, Sri twice and legend, nice vf-ef \$400
There has been a recent hoard of similar coins, but this piece is of a different ruler, Jayasimha II, whose coins were not in the recent hoard.


76634. **BIJAPUR: Muhammad 'Adil Shah**, 1627-1656, AV pagoda (3.33g), NM, ND, G-BJ20, inscriptions form a Persian couplet, part on obverse, the rest on reverse, ef  \$400
80287. **BIJAPUR: Sikandar 'Adil Shah**, 1672-1688, AV fanam (0.35g), NM, ND, G-BJ41var, inscriptional variant, ef, **RR**  \$125
48951. **DELHI: Tughluq I**, 1320-1325, AV tanka (11.00g) (Mulk-i Tilang), AH725, G-D303, date somewhat weak but certain, mint confirmed by characteristic calligraphy used only at Mulk-i Tilang, bold vf-ef, **RR**  \$650
48953. **DELHI: Muhammad III**, 1325-1351, AV tanka (11.00g), Qutbabad, AH726, G-D321, in the name of his deceased father Tughluq, *al-sa'id al-shahid*, bold ef, **R**  \$650
54684. **DELHI: Muhammad III**, 1325-1351, AV dinar (12.80g), Delhi, AH727, G-D331, *al-wathiq* type, superb strike, ef, **R**  \$750
55609. **DELHI: Firuz Shah I**, 1351-1388, AV tanka (11.02g), NM, ND, G-D463, citing the Egyptian Abbasid caliph al-Mutased, good vf-ef  \$600
48927. **GUJARAT: Muzaffar II**, 1511-1525, AV tanka (11.44g), NM, AH924, G-G231, date below reverse, superb strike, choice ef-au, **R**  \$800
76616. **GUJARAT: Mahmud III**, 1537-1553, AV tanka (11.90g), Ahmadabad, AH952, G-G412, vf-ef  \$575
78379. **BAHMANID: Muhammad I**, 1359-1375, AV tanka (10.90g), Ahsanabad, AH770, G-BH26, date unlisted by Goron, decent strike, 1 testmark, vf, **RR**  \$1,25
Bahmanid (Gulkanda) gold tankas dated before the 840s have never been available in quantity. Most known pieces are of Ahmad Shah II and later.
76612. **BAHMANID: Ahmad Shah II**, 1435-1457, AV tanka (11.10g), Muhammadabad, AH(8)58, G-BH81, ef  \$600
48934. **MALWA: Hushang Shah**, 1405-1435, AV tanka (10.96g), NM, AH837, G-M1, *kalima* in reverse margin along with date (in numerals); two edge nicks, bold vf-ef, **R**  \$950
48940. **MALWA: Ghiyath Shah**, 1469-1500, AV tanka (10.83g), Shadiabad, AH(8)74, G-M60, date half off flan, bold vf, **R**  \$475
76625. **MALWA: Ghiyath Shah**, 1469-1500, AV square tanka (10.93g), NM, AH887, G-M67, nearly ef  \$575
80999. **MUGHAL: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AV mohur (10.72g) (Lahore), AH977, KM-106.4, broad strike, strong vf  \$725
62152. **MUGHAL: Akbar I**, 1556-1605, AV mohur (10.77g), Sitapur, Ilahi 47, Farwardin, KM-114.7, vf, **RRR**  \$3,600
This is the first of this mint in gold we have ever encountered. Silver rupees of Sitapur are scarce but not especially rare.



812305. **MUGHAL: Aurangzeb**, 1658-1707, AV mohur (10.92g), Khujista Bunyad, AH1110 year 42, KM-315.30, choice ef \$460



79110. **MUGHAL: Aurangzeb**, 1658-1707, AV mohur (10.95g), Shahjahanabad, AH1106 year 39, KM-315.42, ef \$450



815872. **MUGHAL: Muhammad Shah**, 1719-1748, AV mohur (10.82g), NM, AH116x/(11)72, KM-438/466, mule of two obverses: KM438 type of Muhammad Shah with KM466 of Alamgir II (Shahjahanabad), vf \$400
Probably struck by one of the princely states that were arising during the gradual collapse of the Mughal Empire.



814684. **MUGHAL: Muhammad Shah**, 1719-1748, AV pagoda (3.35g), Imtiyazgarh, ND, KM-E440.1, choice ef \$300



36698. **MUGHAL: Alamgir II**, 1754-1759, AV mohur (10.88g), Shahjahanabad, year 3, KM-465.1, ef \$425



79301. **MUGHAL: Shah Alam II**, 1759-1806, AV mohur (10.71g), Shahjahanabad, AH1208 year 35, KM-720, lustrous au \$1,250



79294. **MUGHAL: Akbar I**, 1556-1605, AV mohur (10.86g), Ahmadabad, AH984, KM-108.2, lovely bold strike, choice ef \$950



55572. **AWADH:** AV mohur (10.76g), Najibabad, year 25, KM-120, in the name of Shah Alam II, with katar just to the right of the regnal year, lovely ef-au \$540



52185. **BENGAL NAWABS:** AV mohur (11.05g) (Azimabad), year 3, KM-449.3, in the name of Ahmad Shah Bahadur, trident mintmark (KM 449.3, listed under Mughals), choice ef \$875



49016. **HYDERABAD:** AV mohur (11.10g), Farkhanda Bunyad Hyderabad, AH1313 year (2)9, Y-22, 1 t/m, ef-au, S \$500



80646. **JAIPUR:** AV mohur (11.16g), Sawai Jaipur, year 7, KM-13, in the name of the Mughal emperor Ahmad, 1748-1754, probably unofficial contemporary issue, due to calligraphic style, bold vf, R \$400



78673. **JAIPUR:** AV mohur (10.80g), Sawai Jaipur, AH125x year 30, KM-77, in name of Muhammad Akbar II, bold vf-ef \$400



55575. **JODHPUR:** AV ¼ mohur (2.8g), DM, KM-88var, in the names of Queen Victoria and Sardar Singh, Sa daroga mark, choice ef, R \$600



23382. **JODHPUR:** AV mohur (11.02g), VS(199)9 (=1942/43), KM-151.1, citing George VI & Umaid Singh, superb bold strike, au, R \$680



814720. **MYSORE:** AV pagoda (3.39g), ND (1761-82), KM-15, vf \$250



814722. **MYSORE:** AV pagoda (3.41g), Nagar, AH1198 year 2, KM-109, ef \$300



814726. **MYSORE:** AV pagoda (3.41g), Patan, AM1221 year 11, KM-129a, choice au \$325



79298. **PATIALA:** AV mohur (10.69g), ND, KM—, Karm Singh, sword symbol, choice ef \$1,000



79300. **PATIALA:** AV 1/3 mohur (3.71g), ND (VS1958), Y-15, Bhupinder Singh, with titles of Ahmad Shah Durrani, choice ef \$625



76331. **BOMBAY PRESIDENCY:** AV 1/15 mohur (0.81g), Surat, year 46, KM-213, Pridmore-252, in name of Shah Alam, struck 1800-15, privy mark 1, with emperors name and some of mint name visible, ef, S \$350



55535. **BOMBAY PRESIDENCY:** AV mohur (11.58g) (Surat), year 46 (sic), KM-214, in the name of Alamgir II, struck in Bombay 1800-32, crude ef, RR \$900

Ancient Coins



75662. **MACEDONIA: Philip III**, 323-317 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.12g), Babylon mint, Price-P181, M to left, below throne, choice ef \$550



82234. **MACEDONIA: Anonymous**, 158-149 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.2g), Amphipolis, S-1386, Macedonian shield, bust of Artemis Tauropolos right, bow & quiver at her shoulder / club within oak-wreath, thunderbolt to left, ef \$550



82238. **THRACE: Anonymous**, 416-357 BC, AR drachm (5.39g), Byzantion, S-1579, cow standing left, on dolphin, above / quadripartite incuse mill-sail pattern with granulated surface, small banker's mark at edge, vf \$170



82256. **ATTICA: Anonymous**, after 449 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.44g), Athens, S-2526, helmeted head of Athena right, in crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive leaves over visor & a spiral palmette on the bowl / owl standing right, head facing; olive sprig & crescent behind, interesting banker's mark on Athena's cheek, vf-ef \$365



82249. **BITHYNIA: Anonymous**, ca. 350-300 BC, AR hemidrachm (2.54g), Kios, BMC Pontus page 130, 3-14, laureate head of Apollo right / prow of galley left, ornamented with star; magistrate MILH-TOS, choice ef \$215



82241. **MYISIA: Anonymous**, late 4th century BC, AR hemidrachm (2.46g), Parion, S-3919, facing gorgon, tongue out / Aabove calf standing left, head turned, PI between legs, tunny below, ef \$400



82226. **SELEUKEIA: Demetrius I**, 162-150 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.8g), Antioch in Syria, SE161 (152/151 BC), SC-1641.6c, diademed head right within wreath / Tyche seated left, holding scepter & cornucopiae; winged Tritoness supporting throne, two monograms to outer left, date in exergue, choice ef-au \$400



82231. **SELEUKEIA: Seleukos I Nikator**, 312-281 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.07g), Babylon, Price-3704, SC-82.6, struck in the name of Alexander III of Macedon, struck ca. 311-300 BC, head of Herakles right, in lion's skin headdress / Zeus seated left, holding eagle in right hand, scepter in left; monogram in wreath in left field, H below throne, vf-ef \$450



82266. **BABYLONIA: Anonymous**, ca. 328-311 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.45g), S-6142v, Baal seated left, holding scepter / lion walking left, thunderbolt above, struck under the authority of the Alexandrine Empire, f \$315

Ancient Coins



78065. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Mithradates II**, BC123-88, AR drachm (4.08g), Shore-77 ff., bare-headed, long beard, nice strike, attractive vf-ef \$115



77031. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Orodes I**, BC90-77, AR drachm (4.07g), Shore-131ff, superb portrait, choice vf-ef \$150



78374. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Orodes II**, BC 57-38, AR drachm (4.01g), Mithradatkert, Shore-256, royal wart on forehead, star left & crescent right, 7-line reverse, choice vf-ef, **S** \$125



77413. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Vardanes I**, 40-45, AR tetradrachm (14.48g), Seleukia, SE-353, Shore-350/351, Tyche handing palm branch to king on throne, lovely vf-ef \$200



77064. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Mithradates IV**, fl. 140, AR drachm (3.78g), Ekbatana, Shore-425, name in Aramaic on reverse, nice vf, **S** \$125



79028. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Phraates IV**, c. 38-2 BC, AR tetradrachm (11.72g), Seleucia mint, Sell-50, bust left with pointed beard, royal wart on brow / king seated on throne, receiving a palm branch; Greek inscriptions, date between heads, Uperveretai (September) 286 S.E.(= 27/26 BC), month clear in exergue, attractive f-vf \$200
This example not from the recent hoard and this is the photo example from www.parthia.com.



79033. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Artabanos II**, AD 10-38, AR drachm (3.49g), Ecbatana mint, Sell-63.6, bust left with medium square beard, hair almost straight, earring visible / beardless archer, seated right on throne; monogram 26 below bow; stylized Greek inscription, choice ef \$115



79255. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 211-224, AR drachm (3.67g), G-1. Alram-659, head of Ardashir facing, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent / head of Papak left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent, lovely reverse! vf-ef, **RR** \$1,250



72329. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AE chalkos (1.75g), Parukh-27, lovely portrait of elegant style, coarsely made flan, choice vf \$240



78921. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.15g), NM, ND, G-10, standard type, perhaps the finest quality we have encountered, ef \$350



78681. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur I**, 241-272, AR drachm (4.40g), G-23, normal flan, lovely style, especially on reverse, ef \$165



78685. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd III**, 303-309, AR drachm (4.08g), G-85, right attendant wearing turreted crown without globe, very broad flan, from recent hoard, ef \$225



78693. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran IV**, 388-399, PB unit (3.11g), G—, standard type, bull right of bust, walking upward (cf. Paruck-294 for a similar coin with scorpion), possibly unpublished, vf, **RRR**

\$500



80026. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd I**, 399-420, AR drachm (4.10g), KR (=Kirman), G-146, strong ef, **RR**
Probably from the large hoard of Yazdigerd I that has been on the market over the past two years.

\$140



80021. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Peroz**, 457-484, AR ½ obol (0.25g), DA (Darabjird), ND, G-168, decent style for this type, which is usually somewhat crudely engraved, clear mint name abbreviation, nice vf, **RR**

\$375



75545. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusraw II**, 591-628, AR drachm (3.60g), ShY (Shiraz), year 37, G-209, c/s #11 (senmurg) and #58 (human head), attractive vf

\$175



78055. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Kavad II**, 628, AR drachm (4.14g), AHM (Hamadan), year 2, G-223, rare mint for this king, choice ef, **RR**

\$1,100



79938. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir II**, 628-630, AR drachm (4.12g), ART (Ardashir Khurra), year 2, G-226, second series, with wings, bold strike, ef

\$200



811698. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd III**, 632-651, AR drachm (4.06g), SK (Sijistan), year 5, vf

\$175



811699. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd III**, 632-651, AR drachm (4.07g), SK (Sijistan), year 11, G-234, vf+

\$175



79305. **AXUM: Gersem**, ca. 570 - 590, AE unit (1.61g), Munro-Hay type 148; Hahn 53, Ge'ez legend 'King Gersem', facing crowned bust holding two cross-scepters / Ge'ez legend 'He conquers through Christ' around cross with flared arms within a diamond of dots, lovely vf-ef, **S**,
ex. MünZentrum sale 72, 1991, lot 1167

\$350



79306. **AXUM: Hataz**, ca. 590 - 610, AE unit (0.66g), Munro-Hay type 141; Hahn 65, Ge'ez legend 'King Hataz', facing crowned bust, cross in left hand held before breast / Ahmaric legend 'Mercy to the people' around cross within central diamond, f, *ex. Sternberg list July, 2000, lot 944*

\$125



79307. **AXUM: Za-ya'Abiyo Ia Madhen Negus**, ca. 620 - 630, AR unit (1.28g), Munro-Hay type 126; Hahn 69, Ge'ez legend 'AGD King of Aksum', crowned and draped facing bust / Ge'ez legend 'The king who exalts the Saviour', gilded on base, beneath arch supported by two columns, very little of original gilding visible, lovely ef, *ex. Sternberg sale 17, 1986, lot 282*

\$1,050



78997. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Gordian III**, 238-244 AD, AR denarius (3.06g), RIC-127. S-8673, RSC-69, IMP GORDIANVS PIVS FEL AVG, Laureate & draped bust right / DIANA LVCIFERA, Diana standing right, holding long transverse torch, choice ef-au

\$150

Ancient Coins



80616. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Philip I**, 244-249 AD, AR antoninianus (4.05g), Rome, [248], RIC-24c, radiate bust right / SAECVLARES AVGG, low column inscribed COS III, lovely ef, **R** \$225



80615. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Philip I**, 244-249 AD, AR antoninianus (4.00g), Rome, RIC-58, radiate bust right / AETERNITUS AVGG, elephant rider, holding goar & wand, lovely ef, **R** \$225



82159. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Philip I**, 244-249 AD, AE sestertertius (17.95g), RIC-180a, Cohen-80, struck AD 247-248, IMP M IVL PHILIPPVS AVG, laureate, draped & cuirassed bust right / LIBERALITAS AVGG II S-C, Liberalitas standing left, holding abacus & cornucopiae, lovely obverse, reverse lightly tooled, vf \$115



81303. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Otacilia Severa**, 244-249, AE sestertertius (16.89g), RIC-209, Cohen-55, wife of Philip I, MARCIA OTACIL SEVERA AVG, diademed draped bust right / PVDICITIA AVG, Pudicitia seated left, hand raised to pull veil from face & holding scepter, SC in exergue, attractive portrait, lovely f \$125



79006. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Postumus**, 259-268 AD, AR antoninianus (3.62g), RIC-67, RSC-101, IMP C POSTVMVS P F AVG, radiate, draped & cuirassed bust right / HERC PACIFERO, Hercules standing right, holding olive branch & club, struck in good silver for issue, broad planchet, choice ef \$100



79003. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AR hexagram (5.84g), Constantinople mint, S-799, DO-65, Heraclius with short beard & beardless Heraclius Constantine to right, seated together on double throne, each holds globus cruciger in right hand, with cross between heads / cross potent on forked base above globe and three steps, Christogram in reverse field right, crude vf \$220



76994. **BUKHARKHODAT: Anonymous**, ca. 580s-700, | AR drachm (3.11g), [Bukhara], ND, A-M93, struck before Muslim conquest, lovely strike, ef \$130



75371. **SOGDIANA: "Khono"**, late 5th C, AR drachm (2.57g), Chaghanian region, Kuznetsov-13, c/s Baktrian "khono" on Peroz, Göbl-174, RYW (Riv-Ardashir), undated, and tamgha, nice vf, **R**, ex. *William F. Spengler* \$275



75387. **SOGDIANA: Sashro Xidev**, 6th/7th C, AR drachm (2.52g), Chaghanian region, Rtveldadze-45, Khusraw I type (trace of what must have been text, star & crescent right / star left, no text), c/s human head 3 times in obverse margin, no reverse countermark, nice vf, **R**, ex. *William F. Spengler, Harlan Berk sale #72* \$325



75410. **SOGDIANA: Anonymous**, late 7th C, AR drachm (2.45g), Chaghanian region, Rtveldadze-45, Khusraw I type, dot-in-crescent right of brow, no symbols on reverse, attendants touching the altar, c/s human head 3 times in obverse margin, nice strike, ef, **R**, ex. *William F. Spengler* \$300



75396. **SOGDIANA: Anonymous**, 7th C, AR drachm (2.73g), Chaghanian region, Rtveladze-45, Khusraw I type (no text, star & crescent right / star left, symbols left & right), c/s human head 3 times in obverse margin, c/s Kuzn-3 on reverse, choice vf, R, ex. *William F. Spengler*

\$260



80417. **HEPHTHALITE: Khingila**, ca. 430-490, AR drachm (3.71g), G-73, Mitch-1438, tall, deformed-skull type of bust right, wearing close fitting headdress with two diadem ends, fire altar before, tamgha behind; Brahmi legend *Shahi Mepame* / traces of fire altar with attendants, superb strike! choice ef

\$350



75303. **HEPHTHALITE: Mepame**, 5th century, AR drachm (3.75g), eastern region, G-74-var, tall bust right, tamgha #1 to right, name in Brahmi / remnants of Sasanian fire altar style, with crisscross flames, choice vf, RR

\$450.



75332. **HEPHTHALITE: Sri Vajara Vakhu Deva**, 7th C, AR drachm (3.12g), Kabul region, G-244, Mitch-1560, bust right, crowned like Khusraw II / standard Sasanian reverse, inscriptions in Pahlavi, Baktrian & Brahmi, c/s Göbl #103 & #104, tiny empty hole for the gold, good strike, nice vf, ex. *William F. Spengler*

\$110

Islamic Dynasties



61420. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AR drachm (4.05g), KRMAN (Kirman), AH66, A-16, pellet at 2h30 in reverse margin, triplet of pellets after mint name, ef, R \$275



61421. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 653-670, AR drachm (3.83g), DR (Rayy), YE26, A-4, with countermarks #14 and #21, lovely vf, R
Although Rayy (now a suburb of Tehran) was a common mint during the Sasanian period, it became a rare mint after Arab conquest until it re-emerged as a major mint under the Abbasids in AH145, at first name al-Rayy on the coins, changed in AH148 to al-Muhammadiya.

\$250



77153. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR dirham (3.85g), KRMAN-NAR (Narmashir), AH63, A-12, minor stain on reverse, ef, R

\$340



78170. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd Allah b. Khazim**, 682-692, AR drachm (3.97g), MRW (Marw), AH69, A-19, pellets flanking upper star-and-crescent in reverse margin, countermark #14 in obverse margin, nearly ef, R

\$225



77154. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan**, the Umayyad caliph, 685-705, AR dirham (3.76g), ART (Ardashir Khurra), AH73, A-32, inscribed DWWYSTWY in the third quadrant of the obverse margin, perhaps intended for the number 22, ef, RR

\$475



78054. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, AE pashiz (3.93g), DA (Darabjird), PYE47, A-45.1, profile bust / fire altar without attendants, full strike, clear date, Gyselen-10, f-vf, RR
PYE47 corresponds to YE67, and YE67 and YE68 are the least rare dates reported for this type. The interpretation of this year has been debated for years.

\$265

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69386. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khalid b. 'Abd Allah**, ca. 692-694, AR drachm (3.94g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH74, A-24, with *Muhammad rasul Allah* in ObQ3, bold strike, choice ef, **R** \$350



61417. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Ubayd Allah b. Abi Bakra**, fl. 698-699, AR drachm (4.05g), SK (Sijistan), AH79, A-37, lovely strike, ef, **R** \$275



77006. **EASTERN SISTAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 680s, AR drachm (3.94g), SK (Sijistan), blundered date, A-P75, ef, **S** \$125



74573. **EASTERN SISTAN: (Salih) 'Imâd**, ca. 780s, AR drachm, SK (Sijistan), ND, A-89C, struck in highly debased silver, as was typically of the later Eastern Sistan coinage, decent strike, f \$185



813538. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: AE fals**, Halab, ND, A-112, W—, without name of caliph, some weakness, vf, **R** \$165



68921. **UMAYYAD: AE fals** (3.59g), Ludd, ND (early 700s), A-181.1, W—, SNAT-204, mint name left of *wahdahu* in obverse field, crescent above reverse field, vf, **RR** \$225



77155. **UMAYYAD: AE fals** (2.77g), Wasit, AH116, A-205, lovely patina, nice strike, vf, **R** \$100



61423. **UMAYYAD: 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.84g), Sabur, AH81, A-126, "one" written as *wahad*, lovely strike, choice vf, **R** \$300



813620. **UMAYYAD: Sulayman**, 715-717, AR dirham, Wasit, AH98, A-131, choice au \$120



813633. **UMAYYAD: 'Umar**, 717-720, AR dirham, Wasit, AH101, A-133, choice ef-au, **RR** \$500



79454. **UMAYYAD: Marwan II**, 744-750, AR dirham, al-Jazira, AH129, A-142, vf \$115



80056. **ABBASID REVOLUTION: 'Imran b. Isma'il**, AE fals (3.43g), Sijistan, AH136, A-B209, inscribed *sittin bi-dirham*, "sixty to a dirham", nice f, **RR** \$200



78096. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AE fals (2.59g), Jabal al-Fidda, AH155, A-A326, mint name means "Silver Mountain", located near Herat, clear inscriptions, f, **RR** \$135



76811. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AR dirham (2.92g), Arminiya, AH145, A-213.1, nice vf, **S** \$170



813963. **ABBASID: al-Hadi**, 785-786, AR dirham, Madinat al-Salam, AH169, A-217, with *br* above and letter 'ayn below reverse center, cleaned, ef \$120



72814. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (3.34g), Samarqand, AH193, A-219.2a, citing Hamawayh, au \$110



76830. **ABBASID: al-Amin**, 809-813, AR dirham (2.91g), Balkh, AH194, A-221.4, citing al-Fadl, choice ef \$110



814089. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham, Isbahan, AH208, A-223.5, pellet below reverse center, ef, **R** \$145



74609. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (2.72g), al-Ahwaz, AH270, A-240.6, citing al-Muwaffiq and Dhu'l-Wizaratayn (=Sa'id b. Makhlad), nice vf, **R** \$150



816846. **ABBASID: al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AR dirham, Tustar min al-Ahwaz, AH294, A-244.1, vf \$120



816860. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (2.91g), Arrajan, AH300, A-246.2, ef \$155



66520. **ABBASID: al-Radi**, 934-940, AR dirham (2.48g), Madinat al-Salam, AH329, A-255.3, citing the chief amir Abu'l-Husayn Bajkam, lovely ef, **RRR** \$425



73029. **ABBASID: al-Muttaqi**, 940-944, AR dirham (4.47g), al-Basra, AH330, A-257, citing heir Abu Mansur, scarcer than Madinat al-Salam for this year, vf, **R** \$145



80746. **ABBASID: al-Mustansir**, 1226-1242, AE fals (9.02g), Irbil, ND, A-274E, countermarked *irbil* on type #274 of Irbil, date off flan, vf on fine, **RRR** \$275
This is best example of this countermark that I have seen, and possibly the first I have handled. Irbil has been the capital of the Kurdistan Regional Government in Iraq since 2006.



80756. **UMAYYADS OF SPAIN: al-Hakam I**, 796-822, AR dirham (2.52g), al-Andalus, AH194, A-341, excellent strike, bold ef \$120



80767. **UMAYYADS OF SPAIN: 'Abd al-Rahman II**, 822-852, AR dirham (2.41g), al-Andalus, AH213, A-342.1, obverse symbol crescent & pellet, triplet below reverse field, attractive calligraphy for so late an issue choice vf-ef, **S** \$100

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| 80805. | UMAYYADS OF SPAIN: Muhammad I , 852-886, AR dirham (2.31g), al-Andalus, AH240, A-343.2, citing Mu'adh below obverse field, ef | \$100 |
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| 74248. | KHARIJITE: Khalaf b. al-Muda' , 791-792, AR dirham (2.55g), Tudgha, AH176, A-430, <i>zayd</i> upper left of obverse, no symbols on reverse, better strike, au, R
<i>Tudgha was a silver mining town in southern Morocco.</i> | \$200 |
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| 74355. | KHARIJITE: Khalaf b. al-Muda' , 791-792, AR dirham (2.54g), Tudgha, AH176, A-430, <i>f</i> upper left of obverse, <i>hamid</i> at 10h in reverse margin, nice strike, au, RR | \$175 |
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| 74301. | KHARIJITE: Khalaf b. al-Muda' , 791-792, AR dirham (2.65g), Tudgha, AH176, A-430, <i>matr</i> upper left of obverse, <i>mil</i> at 3h in reverse margin, better strike, ef, RR | \$175 |
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| 74366. | KHARIJITE: Khalaf b. al-Muda' , 791-792, AR dirham (2.65g), Tudgha, AH176, A-430, <i>f</i> upper left of obverse, <i>tā</i> at 11h in reverse margin, nice strike, ef-au, RR | \$175 |
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| 74333. | KHARIJITE: Khalaf b. al-Muda' , 791-792, AR dirham (2.38g), Tudgha, AH176, A-430, <i>nasr</i> upper left of obverse & unread name at 9h in reverse margin, bold strike, very minor stain on reverse, ef, RR | \$160 |

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| 74673. | AYYUBID: (Saladin) , 1169-1193, AR ½ dirham (1.50g), Hamah, AH[58]3, A-789.2, ef, R | \$125 |
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| 70875. | AYYUBID: al-Zahir Ghazi , 1186-1216, AR dirham (2.99g), Halab, AH595, A-834.3, very rare type, with al-Zahir Ghazi as independent ruler (second period), known only dated AH595, lovely and well centered, choice ef, RR | \$175 |
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| 816965. | AYYUBID: al-Afdal 'Ali , 1193-1196, AR dirham (2.96g), Dimashq, AH591, A-846, B-794, vf, R | \$165 |
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| 816936. | AYYUBID: al-'Aziz Muhammad , 1216-1236, AR ½ dirham (1.38g), Halab, DM, A-840, B-as 694 but ½ d., citing al-Mustansir, long inscriptions, vf, RR | \$115 |
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| 76856. | RASSID: al-Nasir , 913-937, AR sudaysi (0.26g), Nu'man, ND, A-1068, full bold strike, minor chip at edge, ef-au
<i>Nu'man was located between Sa'da and Makka, in what is now Saudi Arabia.</i> | \$185 |
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| 76861. | RASSID: al-Nasir Muhammad , 1371-1390, AR dirham (1.18g), San'a, AH789, A-1086, narrow flan, vf, RR | \$425 |
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| 76998. | AYYUBID OF YEMEN: al-Nasir Yusuf (Saladin) , 1180-1193, AR dirham (1.41g) (Zabid), DM, A-1088, crude ef, R | \$175 |
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| 76966. | AYYUBID OF YEMEN: al-Mu'izz Isma'il , 1197-1202, AR dirham (1.99g), Zabid, AH594, A-1092, superb stike, choice ef | \$175 |



76971. **AYYUBID OF YEMEN: al-Nasir Ayyub**, 1202-1214, AR dirham, 'Adan, AH608, A-1094.3, superb strike, choice ef \$125



76864. **RASULID: al-Mansur 'Umar I**, 1229-1249, AR dirham (1.94g), al-Dumluwa, AH634, A-1100.1, very rare mint, decent strike, very minor chipping at edge, choice vf, RR \$200



66661. **RASULID: al-Mansur 'Umar I**, 1229-1249, AR dirham (1.84g), 'Adan, AH641, A-1100.4, some minor discoloration in the margin, bold even strike, choice ef, R \$175



810681. **RASULID: al-Mansur 'Umar I**, 1229-1249, AR dirham (1.61g), Zabid, AH642, A-1100.4, ef \$125



810693. **RASULID: al-Mansur 'Umar I**, 1229-1249, AR dirham (1.74g), San'a, AH643, A-1100.4, lovely vf-ef \$140



77170. **RASULID: al-Muzaffar Yusuf**, 1249-1295, AR dirham (1.88g), Zabid, AH652, A-1102, full bold strike, choice au \$100



77630. **RASULID: al-Ashraf Isma'il I**, 1376-1400, AR dirham (1.77g), Zabid, AH786, A-1110.3, hawk attacking different kind of bird facing right, broad flan, excellent strike, minor flan cracks due to striking, choice vf-ef, RR \$425



77627. **RASULID: al-Ashraf Isma'il I**, 1376-1400, AR dirham (1.52g), [Ta'izz], AH786, A-1110.3, mounted hunter holding falcon & riding right, date in numerals, good strike for this type with only minor doubling, vf, RR \$350



79384. **ALANYA: Anonymous**, AR dirham (1.85g), NM, ND, A-B1266, in the name of the Ilkhan Abu Sa'id (variant of A-2189 with borders reversed between obverse & reverse), blundered mint & date, counterstamped city name Akshehir & number 8, ef-au, R \$120



77543. **ALANYA: Saveji**, 1424, AR akçe (0.63g), NM, ND, A-K1265, K&D-79, title *amir al-sawahil* "amir of the coast" instead of mint name in reverse marginal legend, usual weakness, vf-ef, RRR \$200



77546. **ALANYA: Saveji**, 1424, AR akçe (0.79g), al-'Alâ'iya, ND, A-M1265, K&D-85, with title *amir al-a'zam* atop obverse, mint name on reverse, minimal weakness, vf-ef, RR \$185

Ottoman Empire



814883. **OTTOMAN EMPIRE: Orhan**, 1324-1360, AR akçe (1.34g), NM, ND, A-1288.1, NP-2, a pleasing example of the first Ottoman ruler to issue coins, vf, R \$100



79291. **EGYPT: AR 20 qirsh**, Misr, AH1223 year 30, KM-186. Dav-14, boldly strike, NGC graded AU-55, ex. *Grundy Collection* \$4,000

This is the first machine-struck crown of Egypt, well-executed with oblique edge milling. A rare type, elusive in this high grade, with bold details with medium gray original patina. This is perhaps the best we have ever offered.

Islamic Dynasties



71980. **EGYPT:** AE 50 centimes, 1865, KM-Tn6, Borel Lavalley & Co., Suez Canal token, PCGS graded choice lustrous MS-64, **RR**

\$650

Very rare in so high a quality!



815768. **TURKEY:** AR zolota, Kostantiniye, AH1115, KM-156, ef

\$100



78665. **TURKEY:** AR 2 kurush, Kostantiniye, AH1187 year 16, KM-406, slightly crude planchet, overall excellent strike, ef

\$225

Islamic Dynasties



79348. **SAFFARID:** Muhammad b. 'Amr, 886-888, AR dirham (3.19g), Fars, AH273, A-1403, citing his father 'Amr b. al-Layth, caliph al-Mu'tamid and caliphal western heir al-Mufawwidh, vf, **R**

\$115



76991. **SAFFARID:** Khalaf b. Ahmad, 981-1003, AR dirham (4.41g), Sijistan, AH390, A-1421, well-centered strike, lovely vf, **RR**, ex. William. F. Spengler

\$250



816270. **BANI JURID:** Sahlan b. Maktum, 974-988, AR multiple dirham, (10.29g) Andaraba, AH378, A-A1440, SNAT-XIVc:203, citing the nominal Samanid overlord Nuh III, nice strike for this scarce type, ef, **R**

\$450

"And there are those who bury gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah: [announce unto them a most grievous penalty]" (Qur'an 9:34), a remarkable inscription on the world's earliest crown-size silver coin. This type was previously listed in our Auctin 6 as Samanid A-1469.



816257. **BANI JURID:** al-Harith b. Harb, 10th century, AR multiple dirham (11.10g), Kurat Badakhshan, ND, A-1439, SNAT-XIVc:289, crude ef

\$115



66529. **SAMANID:** 'Abd al-Malik I, 954-961, AR dirham (3.91g), Balkh, AH350, A-1462, without governor, bold strike, *iqbāl* above obverse field, choice au, **R**

\$140



80672. **SAMANID:** Mansur I, 961-976, AR dirham (2.99g), al-Shash, AH366, A-1466, SNAT—, posthumous issue, citing Fa'iq, ef, **R**
Citing the Abbasid caliph al-Muti', who had actually died in AH363, three years earlier.

\$100



816284. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR multiple dirham (7.52g), Walwalij, AH370, A-1469, SNAT-XIVc:1252, choice ef \$300



816279. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR multiple dirham (6.28g), Kurat Badakhshan, ND, A-1469, SNAT-XIVc:309, crude ef \$110



816280. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR multiple dirham (10.98g), Badakhshan, ND, A-1469, SNAT-XIVc:312//313, broad flan, crude vf-ef \$150



76489. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR dirham (4.02g), Balkh, AH386, A-1470, SNAT-661, with *kafi billah* / *al-malik al-mansur* in obverse field, rare date, traces of original luster, nice ef \$110



76517. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR dirham (2.43g), al-Shash, AH375, A-1470, SNAT-391, citing Fa'iq, nice strike, ef, R \$110



76464. **SAMANID: Nuh III**, 976-997, AR dirham (4.26g), Balkh, AH384, A-1470, SNAT-655, with *saman* / *al-malik al-mansur* in obverse field, attractive ef \$100



78398. **BUWAYHID: Baha' al-Dawla**, 989-1012, AR dirham (2.87g), Shiraz, AH400, A-1574, with extended titulature in obverse & reverse field, vf, R \$135



78311. **GHAZNAVID: Mahmud**, 994-997, AR bilingual dirham (3.74g), Mahmudpur (=Lahore), AH418//418, A-1610, lovely strike, well-centered, choice vf \$140



816293. **QARLUGHID: al-Hasan Qarlugh**, 1224-1249, AR tanka, NM, ND, A-1813.3, minor weakness, vf \$100



79310. **ARTUQIDS OF MARDIN: Alpi**, 1152-1176, AE dirham (16.13g), A-1827.3, SS-28, two diademed male busts with long hair facing each other / diademed Byzantine emperor standing, with Theotokos to right, his hand raised to touch the emperor's crown, lovely vf, ex. *Schulten sale, August 1988, lot 88* \$225



82095. **ARTUQIDS OF MARDIN: Artuq Arslan**, 1201-1239, AE dirham, Mardin, AH606, A-1830.3, SS-39, leopard-rider left, overstruck on earlier type, vf \$125

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77017. **ZANGID OF AL-JAZIRA: Sanjarshah**, 1180-1208, AE wuciya (35.66g), al-Jazira, AH601, A-A1883, Zangid tamgha in obverse field, crudely manufactured planchet, vf \$200



81006. **GIRAY KHANS: Shahin Giray**, 1777-1783, AE kyrmis (5 kopecks), (62.99g), Baghcha Saray, AH1191 year 5, A-2118, KM-36, nice even strike, no defects, vf, R \$650



79556. **ILKHAN: Abu Sa'id**, 1316-1335, AR 6 dirhams (10.44g), Jajerm, AH719, A-2199, triplet of pellets below the reverse field, pleasing strike, vf, S \$110



77605. **QADIS OF SIVAS: Burhan al-Din**, 1380-1398, AR akçe (1.40g), Sivas, blundered date, A-2326, P&Ö—, with *bahâ* in square incorporated into the obverse center, not as a countermark, listed by Perk & Öztürk only as an actual countermark, decent strike, possibly unique, nice vf, RRR \$275



77594. **BUKHTI KURDS: 'Abd Allah b. 'Abd Allah**, 1420s, AR light tanka (3.30g), Si'irt, ND, A-2327.3, with additional title *al-mu'ayyad bi-nasr Allâh*, plain circle / highlighted square, vf, RR \$150



77600. **SHARAF KHANS: Shams al-Din b. Diya' al-Din**, 1450, AR light tanka (2.91g), Bidlis, ND, A-2331.2, title *al-malik al-'adil*, lobated square / plain circle with mint in central area surrounded by the kalima, possibly unpublished, f, RRR \$200



80576. **KARLUGHID OF HAZARA: Zahir al-Din b. Ghiyath al-Din Mahmud**, 16th century, AR tanka (4.15g), Pakli, ND, A-M2467, about 15% flat strike, 3 testmarks, vf, RRR, ex *William F. Spengler* \$750



77587. **AQ QOYUNLU: 'Uthman**, 1378-1435, AR akçe (1.26g), [Erzincan], ND, A-2499, some weakness, au, RR \$115



78442. **SAFAVID: Isma'il III**, 1750-1756, AR rupi (11.15g), Mazandaran, AH1167, A-2702, superb strike, ef, S \$200



78860. **AFSHARID: Nadir Shah**, 1735-1747, AR rupi (11.42g), Shahjahanabad (Delhi), AH1152, A-2744.2, lovely strike, vf, S \$175



63222. **AFSHARID: Shahrukh**, 1748-1750, AR 2 rupi (22.94g), Mashhad, AH1163, A-2773, bold strike, choice vf \$125



79207. **AFSHARID: Shahrukh**, 1748-1750, AR 6 shahi (6.87g), Mashhad, AH1162, A-2775, decent strike, vf, RR \$150



815478. **QAJAR: Muhammad Shah**, 1834-1848, AR qiran, Tehran, AH1260, A-2913, KM-799, ef-au

\$100



77748. **ARMENIA: Levon I**, 1198-1219, AR double tram (5.44g), Ner-271v, king enthroned / lion standing left with cross, somewhat weakly struck, vf-ef

\$300



79910. **ARMENIA: Levon V**, 1374-1375, BI unit (0.54g), Nercessian-500 variety, bust, extending upwards above the circular margin / simple cross, f-vf, RR

\$145



76306. **GEORGIA: Queen Rusudan**, 1223-1247, AE fals (7.16g), Lang-13, Langlois-30, Georgian letters RSN in centre, date in border / Arabic inscription in four lines naming Rusudan, daughter of Queen Tamar, vf-ef

\$250

Struck during the very troubled early years of Queen Rusudan's reign when her capital, Tbilisi, was captured by the Khwarezmian Shah Jelal ad-Din. Many thousands of the inhabitants lost their lives during the storming of the city in 1226, and many more thousands were massacred afterwards when they refused to convert to Islam. The Georgians briefly returned to Tbilisi in 1227, the year of this issue, but failed to hold the city and were crushed by the Khwarezmians at the battle of Bolnisi in 1228.



80598. **CIVIC COPPER: AE falus** (9.01g), Qandahar, AH"128" for 1228, A-3253, KM-85, obverse inscribed *shod ravân*, "became current", lovely vf, R

\$100

World Coins



812331. **ARGENTINA: AR 1/2 real**, Cordoba, 1850, KM-29, with CONFEDRRADA spelling error, choice vf

\$225



812337. **AUSTRIA: Olmütz: AR 20 kreuzer**, 1820, KM-195, unc

\$225



812338. **AUSTRIAN NETHERLANDS: AR 1/2 kronentaler**, 1793 A, KM-61.1, choice ef

\$150



812339. **AZORES: AE 10 reis**, 1865, KM-14, choice au

\$175



812349. **BELGIUM: Ghent: brass-plated iron 5 franken**, 1917, KM-Tn6, struck during the German occupation during World War I, unc

\$120



79313. **BOHEMIA: Bretislaus I**, 1037-1055, AR denar (1.04g), Cach-310, V ENCEZNVS V (Z retrograde), crowned bust with hands raised / + BRACISL VI, cross crosslet, vf, ex. Lanz sale 89, 1998, lot 733

\$325

Bretislaus was the author of decrees concerning the rules of the Christianization of pagan peoples, which included a ban on polygamy or trade on holidays.



815532. **BOLIVIA: AR 1/2 sol**, 1830 PTS-JL, KM-93.2a, choice unc

\$115

World Coins



78522. **BRAZIL:** AR 640 reis, Pernambuco, 1701, KM-90.2, f \$200



77346. **BULGARIA:** AE medal, 1885, 34mm, Bulgarian - Serbian War medal, issued 1886, plain edge, au, RR \$140
This is a special Prince Batenberg issue bronze medal awarded to enlisted men to commemorate the Campaign of the Bulgarian - Serbian War and scarcer than the standard issue.



815546. **CAMBODIA:** AR tical (14.90g), CS1208, KM-36, vf \$450



812409. **COLOMBIA:** AE ½ decimo, Nueva Granada, 1848, KM-101, ef-au \$125



812413. **COLOMBIA:** 20 centavos, 1901 B, KM-L4, leprosarium coinage of Bogotá, au-unc \$135



78455. **COSTA RICA:** AR 8 reales, ND (1849-50), KM-X19v, three countermarks on 1872 American seated liberty dollar, vf-ef, R \$700



815556. **DENMARK:** AR 24 skilling, 1742 CW, KM-538, vf, R \$120



815558. **ECUADOR:** AR real (3.51g), Quito, 1833 GJ, KM-13, nice vf-ef, RR \$250



75878. **ENGLAND:** Aethelred II, 978-1016, AR penny (1.63g), Canterbury, S-1151, late Anglo-Saxon issue, long-cross type, spike-haired and draped bust left, pellet behind; +ÆDELRED REX ANGLOR / long cross voided, each limb terminating in three crescents; +LEOFSTAN-MO CÆNT, ef \$425



810911. **ENGLAND:** James I, 1603-1625, AR halfpenny (0.30g), ND (1604-19), KM-22, choice vf-ef \$250
An unusual coin, without any inscriptions at all!



812477. **FRANCE:** Louis XV, 1715-1774, AR ecu, Pau, 1765, KM-518, crude ef \$175



815589. **FRANCE:** Louis XVI, 1774-1791, AR 15 sols, Lille, 1792 W, KM-604.14, nice vf-ef \$250



72003. **FRANCE:** Louis XVIII, 1814-1824, AE 5 centimes, 1821-A, KM-E8fl, ESSAI in the name of Louis the 18th, choice red lustrous au \$300

German States



812497. **BRESLAU (BISHOPRIC): Franz Ludwig von Pfalz-Neuburg**, 1683-1732, AR 15 kreuzer, 1694 LPH, FuS 2740, choice ef \$225



812499. **BRUNSWICK-LÜNEBURG-CALENBERG-HANOVER: Georg III**, 1760-1814, AR taler, 1762 IWS, KM-343, vf+ \$300



815597. **ERFURT:** AR taler, 1632, KM-59, 1st anniversary Battle of Leipzig, vf \$1,200



78439. **HOHENLOHE-NEUENSTEIN-ÖHRINGEN: Ludwig Friedrich Karl**, 1765-1805, AR 20 kreuzer (6.51g), 1770 SNR, KM-51, lovely f-vf \$185



815611. **GREENLAND:** aluminum 500 øre, 1910, KM-Tn8, Thule-Kap York token, ef \$150



812626. **GREENLAND:** 100 ore, 1910, KM-Tn7, Thule-Kap York token, choice ef \$125



815616. **HAITI:** AR 50 centimes, 1895, KM-47, unc, remarkably difficult to find in so nice a grade \$150



79318. **HEJAZ:** AR riyal, AH1334 year 8, KM-30, choice lustrous au-unc \$375
The denomination is indicated as 'ashrun qirshan hashimi, "twenty hashimi qirsh".'



812640. **HEJAZ & NEJD:** ½ ghirsh, struck at Mecca, AH1343, KM-A3, choice unc \$100



812651. **HUNGARY: Leopold I**, 1657-1705, AR ½ taler, 1695 KB, KM-220, vf \$250



815621. **HUNGARY:** AE 10 poltura, 1705 CM, KM-264.3, revolutionary coinage, ef-au \$120

World Coins



82554. **JAVA:** AR rupee, AH1668/AS1740, KM-246, error Hijri date for AH1228, NGC graded EF-45 \$350



812745. **JAVA:** tin duit, Negapatam, 1797, KM-179, unusually nice strike and preservation, some light adhesion, vf-ef, RR \$475



80903. **IRAN:** AR 1000 dinars, AH1327, KM-1015, Mohammad Ali Shah, superb strike! lovely ef-au
Perhaps the finest example we have ever encountered of this scarce type. \$550



815629. **IRAN:** AR pattern 5000 dinars, AH1297, KM-Pn18, ef-au \$400



56471. **IRAN:** AR "5 toman" (11.38g), AH1337, Rabino-78, medal of valor in silver, often referred to as a pattern for gold coinage that were never adopted, without denomination, ef, RR \$750

Italian States



815646. **CISALPINE REPUBLIC:** AR 30 soldi, year 9 (1801), KM-1, au-unc, RR \$500



76079. **FOSDINOVO: Maria Maddalena Centurioni Malaspina,** 1663-1669, AR luigino (2.45g), 1667-A, Cammarano-71, M.MAD.MAL.MAR.SOVV.DI.FOSD around her bust right / *DNS ADIVTOR [A] ET REDEM MEVS around crowned arms, lightly cleaned au \$165



815647. **LOMBARDY-VENETIA:** AR 5 lire, Milan, 1848 M, Cr-22.2, choice au \$400
After a popular revolution on 22 March 1848 (The Five Days of Milan), the Austrians fled from Milan, which become the capital city of the Lombardy Provisional Government. The next day, Venice also arose against the Austrians, forming the Governo Provisorio di Venezia (Venice Provisional Government). The Austrians, after defeating the Sardinian troops at the Custoza (24 July-25 July 1848), entered in Milan (6 August) and restored Austrian rule.



812682. **TASSAROLO:** AR luigino, 1666, KM-52, ef \$150



79090. **JAPAN: Wado Kaichin,** 708, AE mon (2.82g), f-vf, ex. Chang Collection \$350
This the the first coin type minted by the Japanese government in 708 AD modeled after the Chinese coin, Kai Yuan Tong Bao of the Tang Dynasty. This series of coins were introduced by the government as a symbol of national unification, as it tried to enhance its political power over the nation by actively importing Chinese culture and social system. The Wado Kaichin or Wado Kaiho initially consisted of both silver and copper coins, but the mintage of the silver coin was soon suspended and the production of the Wado Kaichin or Wado Kaiho shifted to copper coins only.



79091. **JAPAN: Keicho Tsuho,** 1606-1617, AE mon (2.26g), likely cast at the Mito mint, Hitachi Province (Ibaraki Prefecture), in Keicho era year 11 (1606), f-vf, ex. Chang Collection \$300



73662. **JAPAN:** AR 4 momme 6 fun, Akita Province, ND (1863), Cr-7s, Provincial coinage, ef \$575
An attractive and please example of this provincial silver coin of Akita.



812694. **KOREA:** AR 2 chon, ND (1882-3), KM-1082, vf-ef \$600



59676. **KOREA:** AE mun, ND (1857), KM-472s.2, Military Training Command, series 2, *chon* at bottom, seed coin, vf-ef \$115



35343. **LIBYA:** 5 coin proof set, 1952, KM-1-5, set includes 1, 2, 5 millieme & 1, 2 piastres, issue of King Idris I, mintage of only 32 sets! pf, RR \$580
Photos sizes are reduced for this Libyan proof set.



812724. **MEXICO:** AR 2 pesos, Guerrero, 1914 GRO, KM-643, nice strike for this type, ef \$200



812730. **MEXICO:** AR 50 centavos, Oaxaca, 1915, KM-735, choice au-unc \$115



812733. **MEXICO:** AR 2 pesos, Oaxaca, 1915, KM-745, choice lustrous choice au-unc \$140



69813. **MOROCCO:** AR dirham, Paris, AH1299, KM-275, choice lustrous proof, NGC graded PF-65, RRR \$2,500
Only 2 proof specimens known, according to Krause.



79905. **NEPAL:** Lichchhavi Dynasty: Manadeva, ca. 464-505, AE unit (13.97g), Mitch-197, lion left, holding up his right paw / seated deity, nice strike, pleasing vf, R \$125

Netherlands Provinces



76130. **FRIESLAND:** AR 14 stuivers (1/2 florin) (7.94g), 1686, KM-A8, Verkade-127.2, nice f, S \$185

World Coins



78430. **WEST FRIESLAND:** AR 6 stuivers (5.11g), 1759, KM-102.3, crowned arms / sailing ship, choice vf, R \$175



78431. **WEST FRIESLAND:** AR 10 stuivers (5.26g), 1786, KM-150, crowned arms / standing figure leaning at column, attractive vf, R \$300



74878. **ZEELAND:** AR 6 stuivers, 1776, KM-90, sailing ship, choice au \$225



78491. **RUSSIA:** AE 5 kopecks, Ekaterinburg, 1803, Cr-115.1, B-109, lovely ef \$325



812783. **ST. THOMAS & PRINCE:** escudo, 1948, KM-9, lovely example, bu, RR \$325



75768. **SCOTLAND:** Alexander III, 1249-1286, AR penny (1.39g), S-5056, five-point stars in each of the quarters around the reverse cross, struck 1280-86, f \$175



78567. **SIERRA LEONE:** AE penny token (17.01g), 1807, KM-Tn1.1, bronze "slave trade abolished" token, vf \$200
David Vice says in his Coinage of British West Africa, that the pieces made not in proof state were intended to circulate at trading establishments in Sierra Leone. Britain outlawed the slave trade in 1807 and the following year took over this territory from the Sierra Leone Company of London. This interesting and historic piece thereby marks a sea change for the colony. Examples weighing over 24 grams are not tokens but medals struck after 1814.



808192. **SPAIN:** BR 10 centavos, ND (1936), KM-1, Civil War issue of Puebla de Cazalla, au, RR \$550



815729. **SPAIN: Majorca:** AR 30 sueldos, 1808, Cr-L7.2, choice ef \$420



815730. **SPAIN: Majorca:** AR 30 sueldos, 1821, Cr-L53.1, vf-ef \$385



80006. **SUDAN:** BI 20 piastres (20.63g), Omdurman, AH1310 year 8, KM-15, bold strike, lovely vf-ef \$100



73703. **SWEDEN: Johan III**, 1568-1592, AR 2 riksdaler (57.65g), ND, SM-20, mount well removed, minor tooling in fields, still attractive vf-ef, **RRR** \$4,800
Because this denomination was intended primarily for presentation awards, nearly all known specimens have been mounted.



815731. **SWEDEN: AR 2 mark**, ND (1651), KM-210, crude vf, **RR** \$375



815732. **SWEDEN: AE øre** (42.36g), 1676, KM-264a (photo slightly reduced), choice vf \$190



815733. **SWEDEN: AE daler**, 1718, KM-357, Görtz emergency daler, au \$110

Swedish war emergency money issued from 1715 to 1719 in copper coins to replace the much larger silver daler in use before the war.

The name Görtz daler refers to Gottorp-Holstein's baron Georg Heinrich von Schlitz (called Görtz), Geheimrat and finance minister at the time. To prevent forgeries Sweden's government issued 10 different types in successive editions.

Sweden's government ultimately failed to buy the old coins from the market and to exchange them for coins of a more appropriate nominal value. In February 1719 Görtz had to pay for the general dissatisfaction with his beheading in Stockholm. The government's promise to accept the worthless coins as proper payment as soon as peace arrived was hardly kept after the piece of Nystad in 1721. Coins were accepted yet only for half their nominal value at 16 öre. The remaining coins began to circulate as 1 öre coins with some of them were overstruck with the new value.



81004. **SWEDEN: Fredrick I**, 1720-1751, AR öre, 1722 LC, KM-382, unc, **S** \$170



81005. **SWEDEN: Fredrick I**, 1720-1751, AR 10 öre, Stockholm, 1739, KM-425, choice vf, **S** \$100



816342. **SWISS CANTONS: Geneva**: AR 6 sols, 1776 IG, KM-82a, lustrous unc \$250



78580. **SWITZERLAND: AR shooting medal** (38.34g), Winterthur, Zürich, 1895, Martin-1046, Eidgenössisches Schützenfest, silver, 45mm; inside a central wreath, city views of Winterthur, above, the head of a crossbow, on either side insets of Helvetica and a Roman figure, at the bottom a garnished Coat of Arms of Winterthur / half-nude Helvetica seated on a balcony holding out an olive branch, cross of Switzerland above, 5,060 pieces minted, ef \$150



812800. **THAILAND: AR 2 baht**, ND (ca. 1863), Y-12, nice vf-ef, **R** \$1,650
King Mongkut (Rama IV), 1851-68, established the Royal Mint that produced the first flat machine struck coinage and a introduced a uniform monetary system. The Royal Thai Mint was established in 1860, under the Royal Decree of the King inside the Grand Palace, in the same building where the bullet coins had been made, and named "Rong Kasap Sittthikarn". Western style struck coins have been produced since then.

China



52723. **LANNATHAI: Anonymous**, ca. 1350-1545, AR tamlung (62.31g), Chiangmai, Mitch-2747, one test mark, vf, R \$260



808798. **TUNISIA: AR 10 francs**, AH1372/1952, KM-M4, unc \$150



68021. **KATHIRI STATE OF SEIYUN & TARIM: AR riyal**, AH1307, KM-35, c/m on 1780 Maria Theresa, lightly cleaned vf on ef host \$450
This countermark is considered by many to be a spurious issue.



71983. **QU'AITI STATE OF SHIHR & MUKALLA: AE khumsi**, al-Mukalla, AH1276, KM-52, graded au on the slab, but actually just xf, ANACS graded AU-55 \$350

China

Chinese Dynasties



77948. **T'ANG: Qian Feng**, 649-683, AE cash, H-14.100, cast in 666 by Emperor Gao Zong, crude vg-f, R, ex. Chang Collection \$145



77961. **T'ANG REBELS: De Yi**, 758-761, AE 100 cash (12.43g), H-14.141, crescent above on reverse, vg-f, ex. Chang Collection \$225



77962. **T'ANG REBELS: Shun Tian**, 758-761, AE 100 cash (19.35g), H-14.147, crescent above on reverse, f, ex. Chang Collection \$250



43006. **LIAO: Da Kang**, 1075-1084, AE cash (2.75g), H-18.15, lovely f-vf \$120



78966. **LIAO: Tian Qing**, 1111-1120, AE cash, H-18.22, superb for type, vf, S, ex. Chang Collection \$135



78970. **CHIN: Tai He**, 1204-1209, AE 10 cash, H-18.63, seal script, superb ef, ex. Chang Collection \$165



77970. **NORTHERN SUNG: Da Guan**, 1107-1110, AE 2 cash (6.65g), H-16.421, light bend to flan, this type is quite rare in bronze, vf, RR, ex. *Chang Collection*

\$150



53661. **SOUTHERN SUNG: Chun Xi**, 1174-1189, iron cash (4.47g), Susong mint, Anhui Province, year eight, H-17.211, *song* above on reverse, vf-ef, RR

\$100



51477. **YUAN: Zhi Zheng**, 1350-1368, AE 3 cash, H-19.105, reverse Mongol character *shin* for date (1352 AD), nice patina, vf-ef

\$120



79048. **YUAN: Da Yi**, rebel, 1360-1361, AE 3 cash (5.77g), H-19.147, f-vf, R, ex. *Chang Collection*

\$220



79053. **MING: Hong Wu**, 1368-1398, AE 5 cash, H-20.99, *wu qian* at right on reverse, attractive f, R, ex. *Chang Collection*
During the reign of Tai Zu (Hong Wu), the casting of large size coins such as this were discontinued in 1371 due to a shortage of copper, only to return briefly from 1389-93. After 1393, coin production stopped again and paper money was forced on the populace.

\$140



53212. **CH'ING: Xian Feng**, 1851-1861, AE 50 cash, Ili mint, Xinjiang Province, H-22.1090, brass alloy, good f, R

\$200



79082. **CH'ING: Dao Guang**, 1821-1850, AE charm, H-26.3, CCH-410., palace cash, *tian xia tai ping* (Peace Under Heaven), "curtain hanging money" type, vf, ex. *Chang Collection*

\$200

The so called curtain hanging money and lantern hanging money were issued in the Zijin Cheng (Forbidden City) in Beijing with the lantern hanging money being smaller in size. These were distributed to guards and eunuchs in the Imperial Palace at the Chinese New Year.



69655. **CH'ING: Guang Xu**, 1875-1908, AE charm (29.69g), CCH-433, dragon & phoenix on reverse, of contemporary manufacture, nice vf, RR

\$285

Chinese Provincial



74384. **FUKIEN**: AE 20 cash, ND (1901-02), Y-101, flan flaw on obverse, vf, ex. *Norman Jacobs Collection*

\$150

Coinage of India

Ancient India



78803. **NASIK: Rano Siri Satakarni**, 2nd-1st century BC, AE ½ karshapana (4.99g), Mitch—, elephant right, trunk upwards, inscription around / tree-in-railing, vf-ef, **RR** \$165



78797. **NASIK: Rano Siri Satakarni**, 2nd-1st century BC, AE square karshapana (9.06g), Mitch—, elephant right with trunk pointed upwards, swastika above, trace of ruler's name / tree-in-railing and Ujjain symbol, pleasing vf, **RR** \$175



78810. **ERAN: Suryamitra**, late 1st C. BC, AE double karshapana (12.53g), Mitch-4548, king's name below 3 standard symbols, with upper right symbol also counterstamped over the middle symbol / sun above symbol, nice vf, **RR** \$225



78783. **KAUSAMBI: Anonymous**, 3rd century BC, AE karshapana (6.90g), Mitch-4588/91, BMC-7var, leafy tree in railing between dharmachakra and curling swastika / humped bull left, ornamental flower above, nice example, vf, **RR** \$275



816212. **PARATA RAJAS: Bhimajhunasa**, ca. AD 70, AE drachm (1.76g), Senior-288, diademed, beardless bust left of the Parata Raja, wearing large earrings / swastika at center, Kharoshti legends around, vf, **R** \$200

Parata Rajas were the Indo-Parthian governors of Saurashtra. Very little is known about them, including the extend of their dominion, the names of most rulers or the dates of their reigns. Parata Rajas became independent in 78 AD, an event leading to the establishment of the Saka Era - their descendants ruled Saurashtra for over 300 years and Kshaharatas and Kshatrapas of Saurashtra.



816218. **PARATA RAJAS: Miramara**, ca. AD 100, AR drachm (3.78g), diademed, beardless bust right of the Parata Raja / swastika at center, Kharoshti legends around, ef, **RR** \$250



816219. **PARATA RAJAS: Unknown King**, ca. 1st Century AD, AR hemidrachm (1.98g), diademed, beardless bust right of the Parata Raja with long hair / swastika at center, Kharoshti legends around, superb ef, **RRR** \$225



816215. **PARATA RAJAS: Unknown king**, ca. 1st Century AD, AE drachm (2.05g), Senior-285, diademed, beardless bust left of the Parata Raja with Parthian style hair / swastika at center, Kharoshti legends around, f-vf, **RR** \$225



80387. **INDO-GREEK: Menander**, ca. 160-145 BC, square AE chalkos (3.09g), Mitch-240, S-7616, head of an elephant right / club, flanked by monograms, lovely green patina, well centered strike, ef \$125



64256. **INDO-GREEK: Menander**, 160-145 BC, AR tetradrachm (9.50g), Bopearachchi-Série 15, helmeted, diademed, and draped bust right / Athena Alkidemos standing left; control marks flanking, choice vf *Menander is the first historical Westerner documented to have converted to Buddhism.* \$425



64259. **INDO-GREEK: Strato I**, ca. 125-110 BC, AR tetradrachm (9.38g), Bopearachchi-Série 28, helmeted bust right / Athena Alkidemos standing left, holding shield and hurling thunderbolt, Karoshti legend *Maharajasa pracachasa tratarasa Stratasa* around, pleasing f-vf \$700



75648. **INDO-PARTHIAN: Gondophares I**, ca. 20 - 50 AD, BI tetradrachm (9.31g), Chach Province, Mitch-2572cf, struck in Southern Chach area, king mounted with arm raised, being crowned by flying Nike, control mark before / Siva standing facing with upright trident & palm, control marks either side, choice vf \$115

The name of Gondaphares was translated in Armenian to "Gastaphar", and then in Western languages to "Gaspard". He has been hypothesized to be the "Gaspard, King of India", who, according to apocryphal texts and eastern Christian tradition, was one of the three Biblical Magi who attended the birth of Christ.



816204. **INDO-SCYTHIAN: Spalyrises**, ca. 65-40 BC, AE hemibol (8.75g), Kandahar, Mitch-2170, king walking left holding ankus in right hand and whip over shoulder in left within square / radiate god enthroned partly left, ef

\$120



80047. **KUSHANO-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 388-399, AR drachm (3.99g), G-30, in name of Sasanian Varahran IV, broad blank area between altar & attendants, fire barely visible, due to overly deep die cutting for the hare-ball on the opposite site, ef

\$350



80040. **KUSHANO-SASANIAN: Kirada**, ca. 360-380, AR drachm (4.00g), Cribb-78, G-8, in name of Varahran, standard design, Brahmi *namdaya* below altar in large letters, choice ef

\$425

Sultanates & Mughal



76605. **BENGAL: Iltutmish**, in Delhi, 1210-1235, AR tanka (10.79g), [Gaur], ND, G-B18, horseman left, holding mace, usual weakness, vf, R

\$550



61430. **BENGAL: Ghiyath al-Din 'Iwad**, 1213-1227, AR tanka (10.71g), NM, AH61(6), G-B25, date is clearly the 17th (not 19th), but month name off flan, nice strike for type with full obverse legend, nice vf, R

\$300



61431. **BENGAL: Iltutmish**, in Bengal, 1225, AR tanka (10.76g), AH622, G-B39, citing the caliph al-Nasir, nice strike, clear date, choice vf

\$275



75486. **BENGAL: 'Ala al-Din Firuz II**, 1531-1532, AR tanka (10.52g), Husainabad, AH939, G-B877. Ra-543, vf, R

\$150



78343. **CHITTAGONG: Akbar**, 1556-1605, AR tanka (10.36g), NM, AH965, G-B1006var, known dated 965 & 966 only, weak centers, ef, RRR

\$1,250



814298. **DELHI: Tughluq Shah I**, 1320-1325, AR tanka, Dehli, AH724, G-D306, choice vf-ef

\$135



78344. **DELHI: Mubarak II**, 1421-1434, AR tanka (11.21g), NM, AH837, G-D660, full clear date, vf, RR






\$700



78346. **DELHI: Muhammad b. Farid**, 1434-1445, AR tanka (11.40g), NM, AH840, G-D671, clear date, ef, RR

\$850

Coinage of India

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| <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>78230. DELHI: Sher Shah, 1538-1545, AR rupee (11.35g), Chunar, AH949, G-D778, 7 testmarks, but still attractive, rare mint, vf, R</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$200</p> | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>80486. KASHMIR: Muhammad Yusuf Shah, 1579-1586, AR square sasnu (6.21g), Kashmir, AH987, G-K135, 1 testmark, vf</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$130</p> |
| <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>817164. DELHI: Muhammad Adil Shah, 1552-1556, AR rupee, NM, AH961, G-D1105, very bold strike, choice ef</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$100</p> | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>80633. KASHMIR: Muhammad Akbar Shah, 1556-1605, AR sasnu (6.16g), Kashmir, AH964, G-K151, struck during the reign of Muhammad Ghazi, 1555-1562, but in the name of the Mughal emperor, date in numerals on reverse, one testmark, choice vf, R</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$150</p> |
| <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>61432. GUJARAT: Ahmad I, 1411-1442, AR tanka (11.37g), NM, AH840 (in words), G-G8, with title of caliph (<i>al-khalifa</i>), presentation issue, 1 testmark, pleasing vf, RR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$350</p> | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>78152. BAHMANID: Muhammad Shah II, 1378-1397, AR tanka (10.98g), Ahsanabad, AH782, G-BH51, lovely strike, 1 tiny testmark, choice ef</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$115</p> |
| <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>74899. GUJARAT: Akbar I, 1556-1605, AR ½ tanka (5.70g), NM, AH911 sic, G-G645, likely struck 1572-83 by I'timad Khan in the name of the Mughal ruler Akbar I, ef
<i>Several examples available.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$100</p> | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>78315. MALWA: Nasir Shah, 1500-1510, AR 1/8 tanka (1.31g), NM, ND, G-M129, nice strike, choice vf</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$120</p> |
| <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>78310. GUJARAT: Muzaffar Shah III, 2nd reign, 1583-1584, AR rupee (11.36g), Ahmadabad, AH991, G-G647, clear mint & date, choice vf, R</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$265</p> | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>78312. MALWA: Baz Bahadur, 1555-1562, AR tanka (6.91g), NM, ND, G-M241, choice vf
<i>Baz Bahadur declared himself independent in 1555 of the Delhi Sultan, Sher Shah. The Mughal emperor Akbar annexed the kingdom after defeating Baz Bahadur in 1561. It then became a Subah of the Mughal empire.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$125</p> |
| <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>814320. KASHMIR: Muhammad Shah, 1481-1537, AR sansu, Kashmir, AH842 (fixed), G-K42, ef</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$120</p> | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>78197. MUGHAL: Akbar, 1556-1605, AR rupee, Sitapur, Ilahi 48, KM-93.18, month of Mihr, part of number "8" off flan, but clearly "8", bold ef, S
<i>This is much rarer gold mohur of Sitapur offered on this list as well.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$110</p> |
| <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>814321. KASHMIR: (in name of) Humayun, 1530-1556, AR sansu, Kashmir, AH95(3), G-K104, 2 test marks, vf</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$125</p> | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>78235. MUGHAL: Akbar, 1556-1605, AR rupee (11.39g), Qil'at Bandhu, ND, KM-96.1, obverse inscription <i>Allāh akbar sekke ravaj</i>, "God is great (this) coin is current", very thick (5.5 mm) narrow flan, ef, RRR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$450</p> |

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| | 78201. MUGHAL: Jahangir , 1605-1628, AR sawai (14.26g), Ahmadabad, AH1018 year 5, KM-158.3, lovely strike, ef, R \$250 | | 814643. MUGHAL: Muhammad Shah , 1719-1748, AR 1/32 rupee (0.33g), Khujista Bunyad, year 30, KM-A431, very rare with clear regnal year, ef \$300 |
| | 812243. MUGHAL: Jahangir , 1605-1628, AR rupee, Ahmadabad, AH1036 year 21, KM-168.2, with Nur Jahan, choice ef, S \$275 | | 74979. MUGHAL: Muhammad Shah , 1719-1748, AR 1/8 rupee (1.34g), Burhanpur, year 27, KM-C431.4, epithet Dar-us-Sarur, f-vf, RRR , Krause plate coin \$550 |
| | 812250. MUGHAL: Shah Jahan I , 1628-1658, AE dam (20.66g), Multan, year 4, KM-206.15, vf, Krause photo plate coin, RR \$200 | | 814655. MUGHAL: Muhammad Shah , 1719-1748, AR rupee, Surat, year one, KM-434.4, ef \$150 |
| | 74950. MUGHAL: Shah Jahan I , 1628-1658, AR rupee (11.39g), Daulatabad, DM, KM-222.6, unpublished mint for type, 2 testmarks, vf-ef \$225 | | 74980. MUGHAL: Muhammad Shah , 1719-1748, AR rupee (11.41g), Kankurti, ND, KM-436.35, lightly tooled obverse fields, vf, RR \$225 |
| | 814492. MUGHAL: Shah Jahan I , 1628-1658, AR rupee, Surat, AH1037 year one, KM-222.19, vf-ef, RR \$250 | | 802654. MUGHAL: Muhammad Shah , 1719-1748, AR rupee (Ahmadabad), year 7, KM-436.63, mint epithet <i>zain al-bilad</i> , 2 small testmarks, choice ef \$170 |
| | 61440. MUGHAL: Murad Bakhsh , 1658, AR 1/2 rupee (5.71g), Surat, AH(116)8, KM-270.2, decent strike, vf, RR \$225 | | 74990. MUGHAL: Ahmad Shah Bahadur , 1748-1754, AR rupee (11.25g), Balwantnagar, year 4, KM-446.20, vf \$150 |
| | 79475. MUGHAL: Murad Bakhsh , 1658, AR rupee (11.50g), Ahmadabad, AH1068, KM-A272.1, bold strike, vf-ef, R \$235 | | 816453. MUGHAL: Shah 'Alam II , 1759-1806, AR rupee, Saharanpur, AH(12)19 year 46, KM-693, ef-au \$125
<i>Soon after Shah Alam's defeat at the Battle of Buxar in 1764, he sought the protection of the English. By the Treaty of Allahabad (1765) Shah Alam granted the diwani (right to collect revenue) of Bengal (which included Bihar and Orissa) to the English East India Company in return for an annual tribute of 2.6 million rupees. The company further secured for him the districts of Kora and Allahabad. The last years of the Shah Alam's live he was little more than a figurehead ruler under British Authority.</i> |
| | 814622. MUGHAL: Jahandar , 1712-1713, AR rupee, Shahjahanabad, AH1124 year one, KM-363.21, choice ef \$110 | | |

Coinage of India

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61442. **ARAKAN: Min Palaung**, 1571-1593, AR tanka (12.98g), ND, Mitch-308/310, ruler known as Sikandar bin Zafar, with *Sikandar Shah* on this piece, inscriptions in Arakanese, Persian and Bengali, choice ef, **R**

\$550



813343. **COOCH BEHAR: Nara Narayan**, 1555-1587, AR rupee, SE1477, KM-35, large module, vf-ef

\$100



67986. **HYDERABAD: AR ¼ rupee** (2.64g), Hyderabad, AH(12)72, Cr-77, good strike, ef, **S**

\$150



61443. **JAIPUR: AE nazarana paisa** (6.44g), Sawai Jaipur, 1936 year 15, Mitch-167, in the names of Edward VIII and Man Singh, inscriptions in Persian, ef, **R**

\$250



78348. **KUTCH: Bharmalji I**, 1586-1632, AR kori (4.61g), Bhuj, AH(1028), KM-4, Rohit Damji Shah 28.1, citing the Mughal Jahangir, struck only in AH1028, allegedly as part of 2000 rupees presented by Bharmalji to the Mughal emperor in exchange for the right to produce his own local coinage, choice vf, **RR**

\$500



60591. **MARATHA: Ahmadabad**: AR rupee (11.47g), Ahmadabad, AH117X, KM-45, in the name of Shah Jahan III, vf-ef

\$100



816545. **MARATHA: Athni**: AR rupee, AH1181, KM-71, lustrous au \$120

Colonial India



78231. **BENGAL PRESIDENCY: AR rupee** (11.59g), Murshidabad, AH1205, frozen year 19, KM-86, Pridmore-147, one year type, struck partially by machinery according to Pridmore, lovely strike, lovely ef, **RR**

\$425



816686. **BENGAL PRESIDENCY: AR rupee**, Murshidabad, AH1180 year 7, KM-84.1, ef

\$100



78153. **BOMBAY PRESIDENCY: Farrukhsiyar**, 1713-1719, AR ½ rupee (5.72g) (Mumbai), AH11xx year 6, KM—, unlisted in Pridmore, 3 banker's marks, vf-ef, **RR**

\$500



79303. **MADRAS PRESIDENCY: AR ½ pagoda** (21.12g), ND (1808-11), KM-353, large letters variety, well struck with sharp design features and original golden gray patina, choice au-unc

\$1,300

Apparently struck on a new flan as there does not appear to be any evidence of overstriking on a Spanish colonial 8 Reales.



52198. **BRITISH INDIA: AR ½ rupee**, 1835, KM-449.2, raised F on truncation of neck, very early restrike proof, lovely iridescent toning! PCGS graded PF-65, **RR**

\$850



812314. **BRITISH INDIA:** AR rupee, 1835 (c), KM-450.3, F incuse, lovely toned au \$200



806837. **DIU:** AR rupia, 1806, KM-49, vf-ef, RR \$575

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ABBREVIATIONS:

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AR	silver	DM	date missing	ND	no date
AV	gold	ds	double struck	NI	nickel
BL	billon	EL	electrum	NM	no mint
ch	choice	lt	light	nr	near(ly)
c/m	countermarked	t/m	testmarks(s)	mr	mount removed

COMMENTARY: (31 July 2009) Tomorrow is the first of August, the summer is nearly half over, winter is preparing its invasion, just a few months away, and soon it will be 2010. It seem that the older I get (Steve), the faster a year flies by. I recall that when I was turned nine years old, it seemed that I might never reach ten, or at least the entrance to ten was so vastly distant and out of site that I would daily forget that the new year was indeed rising its "ugly" head somewhere out there, out and beyond. As surely as the Brooklyn Dodgers were trudging their way through the summer's baseball schedule, the new year and its icy winter were out there waiting.

This summer I took off nearly two weeks for a holiday, of which the main part was a week in the northeastern corner of California, based in the little town of Cedarville (population listed as 849), where my friend André and I stayed at the old JnR Hotel, first opened in 1920, largely abandoned for several

decades, but renovated and reopened a few years ago. It was simple, old-fashions, but very comfortable and inexpensive. There are just two restaurants in town, one open seven days, the other only a few days per week, but on our first evening in Cedarville, both were closed -- and the two small groceries also closed, as it was Sunday. We drove the 24 miles to Alturas, the county seat of Modoc County, to dine at a combo Thai-American restaurant of mediocre quality.

On my own, I took off for two long hikes into the mountains, passing the end of the trail and finding my way through the mountains for an additional hour or two, enjoying the cool morning weather and the gorgeous scenery. And being 2009, taking lots of pictures on my inexpensive digital camera. Now I can sit at my computer and revisit the Warner Mountains whenever I wish.

André and I made one trip up to Lakeview and Paisley, both in Oregon. We drove from Cedarville to Lakeview via the old Highgrade Road (there are no coin dealers in "Highgrade"). Paisley is the home of the Oregon Mosquito Festival, but that was a different weekend, so we missed it. Returning via Lakeview, we stopped for dinner at the Plush West steakhouse but a hearty beef dinner. I first dined at Plush West about 1970, and have been there perhaps half a dozen times since then. It is little changed, retaining its old fashioned elegance, only the restaurant has a new name, Mario's Dinner House, but the attached bar is still Plush West. And it is indeed a plush restaurant designed in the old west style in a late 19th century building. And as the locals know, it is about 25 miles west of the small town of Plush, Oregon.

On the last day, we drove into Nevada, via Gerlach and Nixon to Reno. The decrepit town of Gerlach lies a few miles from Black Rock City, with an anticipated population of about 48,000 this year. Last year it was about 40,000, but currently it is zero, and there is nothing there but the waterless crust of the dry lake known as Black Rock Desert. Black Rock City is home of the Burning Man, a city almost two miles long, whose reconstruction starts about the beginning of August and is burned to oblivion at the end of the first weekend of September, reverting once again to utter emptiness by the end of that month. What a weird concept, but I confess that I probably never will make the effort to spend that magical week in Black Rock City.

There is a sadness to Reno, where the old neon sign still sits atop the main street downtown, Virginia Street. The Neon still glows but the glitter of Reno has long flown south to Las Vegas. When I first visited Reno in 1958, downtown was still a mix of shopping and gambling, but the shopping has long fled to the suburban sprawl. Only the gambling hotels remain, together with the somewhat tired entertainment that might today draw little more than constrained laughter from those who know Las Vegas. And the sorry crowd, the loses, drinkers and cheap smokers still walk around downtown Reno. The tourist scene seems mostly a crowd of younger honky-tonks, wondering through the aging but still bustling casinos, reminiscent of the old casinos of Las Vegas that were blasted or imploded to smithereens decades ago.

But hotels are cheap, just \$36 for André and I at the Motel 6 on the south end of town. And the Vietnamese café in the local shopping mall kitty-cornered across the road supplied excellent cuisine at a modest price, where it seemed that André and I were the only non-local customers. Opposite the shopping mall was a large area, with some abandoned or half-abandoned older office and retail structures, with a large sign announcing the soon-to-be-constructed grandiose hotel/mall/casino that might theoretically revitalize the neighborhood. But it was clear that the weathering sign has been there for years, that the construction should have begun years ago, that grass was growing though the unused asphalt parking lots. I had that instant thought that somehow, the current recession was sneaking across unsuspected corners, silently constructing unexpected towers from which it would later release its power.

But no, that was not true. There are thousands of such cites everywhere in America, concepts that failed, perhaps inappropriate for the location, short of funding, opposed by neighbors, etc., etc. We have such places right here in Santa Rosa. At the corner of Stony Point and Sebastopol Roads, where I make the right turn en route to my post office, a sign on one corner announces the soon to open Jiffy Lube (car oil change). The sign has been there for at least 10 or 12 years, but nothing has happened. Perhaps some day I can get my old change there, but I doubt it.

An alternate subject I considered for this List 246 Commentary was the recession itself, my view of what has happened and how is it likely to proceed. It is clear that this is no minor economic nuisance that will disappear on its own accord, rather like 2001, when it was over and "forgotten" before most of us realized that it had indeed occurred. These times are different. Perhaps next month or two I'll scribble my thoughts in the commentary, or perhaps, fearful that I would not have time to develop and organize these thoughts I'll just load the list with more coins for sale, so that there will be no remaining space for a commentary.

Just a few words on the business side. I wish to apologize for the often long delays between receipt of payment and shipping of the coins. We have analyzed this process and discovered the main causes for these inordinate delays. Hopefully, these delays will occur much less frequently from now on. Once again, my apology.