

Session A

Begins at 09:00 PDT on Thursday, May 13, 2021

Ancient Coins

Greek



1. **ATHENS:** AR tetradrachm (17.20g), ca. 440-404 BC, S-2526, HGC 4-1597, helmeted bust of Athena right // owl standing right with head facing, before, olive spray and crescent behind, a gorgeous coin displaying masterful die-work and fantastic eye appeal, Strike: 5/5, Surface: 5/5, Star designation, NGC graded Mint State* \$800 - 1,200



2. **ATHENS:** AR tetradrachm (17.26g), ca. 440-404 BC, S-2526, helmeted bust of Athena right // owl standing right with head facing, before, olive spray and crescent behind, small test cut at reverse 12h, a well-centered strike with gorgeous lustrous fields, EF-AU \$400 - 500



3. **ATHENS:** AR tetradrachm (17.24g), ca. 440-404 BC, S-2526, helmeted bust of Athena right // owl standing right with head facing, before, olive spray and crescent behind, faint circular mark under the eye, well-centered strike, lightly lustrous fields, EF \$400 - 500



4. **ATHENS:** AR tetradrachm (17.87g), ca. 353-294 BC, HGC 4-1599, helmeted head of Athena right, with profile eye and pi-style palmette // owl standing right, head facing, olive sprig and crescent to left, cleaning marks & scratches, VF \$180 - 240



5. **ATHENS:** AR tetradrachm (17.11g), ca. early 3rd century BC, cf. Mitchiner-13e, uncertain eastern imitation of Athenian tetradrachm, possibly Bactrian, helmeted head of Athena right // owl standing right, head facing, olive sprig and crescent behind, blundered before, testmark in right field, choice VF \$200 - 300



6. **EPHESOS: Erxias**, magistrate, AR octobol (5.27g), ca. 290-281 BC, Svoronos—, SNG Copenhagen—, cf. SNG Kayhan-280 (diobol), veiled head of Arsinoë right // bow and quiver, monogram and to left, and bee to right, surface porosity & cleaning, F-VF, RR \$100 - 150



7. **MACEDONIAN CITIES:** AR stater (8.14g), Siris, ca. 530-480 BC, SNG ANS-958 (Lete), naked ithyphallic satyr grasping arm of fleeing nymph // rough incuse square divided into triangles, porosity, VG-F, R \$150 - 200



8. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: Philip III Arrhidaios**, 323-317 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.89g), Amphipolis, ca. 322-320, Price-109, in the name of Alexander III: head of Herakles right // Zeus seated left, holding eagle in right hand and long scepter in his left, Athena Promachos standing right in left field, small countermark on cheek, VF \$140 - 180



9. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: Philip III Arrhidaios**, 323-317 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.85g), Arados, S-6748, cf. Price-P152, head of Heracles right // Zeus enthroned, holding eagle & spear, as Price-P152, but with below throne instead of , VF \$220 - 280



10. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: Philip III Arrhidaios**, 323-317 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.56g), Babylon, Price-3692, in the name of Alexander III: head of Herakles right, wearing lion's skin headdress // Zeus seated left, holding eagle in right hand and long scepter in his left, M in left field, below throne, F-VF \$150 - 200



11. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: Philip III Arrhidaios**, 323-317 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.33g), Susa, ca. 322-320 BC, Price-P208, Alexandrine type in the name of Philip III, struck under Koinos; head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin headdress // Zeus Aëtophoros seated left, below throne, struck in high relief, lovely reverse, VF \$150 - 200



12. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: Demetrios I Poliorketes**, 306-283 BC, AR tetradrachm, Salamis (Cyprus), ca. 306-300 BC, Price-3176, SNG Oxford-3178, in the name of Alexander III; head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin headdress // Zeus Aëtophoros seated left, monogram in left field, below throne, a few peripheral scratches, carefully set in gold bezel with resin (total weight 19.64g), lightly toned, a lovely example of this scarce mint, choice VF-EF, **S** \$200 - 250

13. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 12 Alexandrine drachms**, with various monograms and control marks; VG-VF, with some rather pleasing examples; retail value \$600, **lot of 12 pieces** \$250 - 350



14. **MYTILENE: EL hecte** (2.55g), ca. 377-326 BC, Bodenstedt-100, Boston MFA-1720, laureate head of Apollo right // head of Artemis right within square borders, small mark in her hair, bold well-centered strike, Strike: 3/5, Surface: 4/5, NGC graded EF reverse flaw, ex Chaudhury Collection \$350 - 450



15. **PERGAMENE KINGDOM: Attalos I, Soter**, 241-197 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.65g), S-7220var, SNG von Aulock-1356var, in the name of the deceased Philetairos, his diademed head right // Athena enthroned, holding spear and resting left arm on shield, crowning the name with his right arm, herm control mark (apparently unrecorded) and bow in margins, VF \$300 - 350



16. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Seleukos I Nikator**, 312-281 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.92g), Seleukeia on the Tigris II, ca. 296 BC, SC-130.20, HGC 9-18a, laureate head of Zeus to right // Athena, brandishing spear and shield, driving elephant quadriga right, Seleukid anchor above, light scratches, VF \$400 - 500



17. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Seleukos I Nikator**, 312-281 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.94g), Seleukeia on the Tigris II, ca. 296 BC, SC-130.20, HGC 9-18a, laureate head of Zeus to right // Athena, brandishing spear and shield, driving elephant quadriga right, Seleukid anchor above, some cleaning scratches, bold strike, VF \$400 - 500



18. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Antiochos I Soter**, 281-261 BC, AR drachm (3.81g), Ai Khanoum, ca. 280-271 BC, SC-432.3, HGC 9-136, diademed head right // horned and bridled horse head right, encircled control mark before neck, well-centered strike, spots of delamination, faint old cleaning scratches, VF \$120 - 180



19. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Antiochos II Theos**, 261-246 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.95g), Susa, SC-603.2, ESM-358, HGC 9-235, Alexandrine type in the name of Seleukos I, head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin headdress // Zeus Aëtophoros seated left, monograms in left field and below throne, bold strike, choice VF \$150 - 200



20. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Antiochos II Theos**, 261-246 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.71g), Susa, SC-603.2, ESM-358, HGC 9-235, Alexandrine type in the name of Seleukos I, head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin headdress // Zeus Aëtophoros seated left, monograms in left field and below throne, VF \$150 - 200



21. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Seleukos II Kallinikos**, 246-225 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.80g), Susa, SC-787b, ESM-366, HGC 9-301, Alexandrine type in the name of Seleukos I, head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin headdress // Zeus Aëtophoros seated left, monograms in left field and below throne, light scratches, VF \$150 - 200



22. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Antiochos III, the Great**, 222-187 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.57g), Soli (Pompeiopolis), 197-187 BC, SC-1021.1, Houghton-518, diademed head right // naked Apollo seated left on omphalos, holding arrow and bow, dotted A to left with owl below, AP monogram to right, brushing, Strike: 4/5, Surface: 1/5, NGC graded EF, **R** \$150 - 200

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23. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Antiochos III, the Great, 222-187 BC**, AR tetradrachm (16.89g), Antioch on the Orontes, 197-187 BC, SC-1045.10, SCO-667, WSM-1117, diademed head right // naked Apollo seated left on omphalos, holding arrow and bow, quiver control mark on left, small test cut on rim at obverse 1h, edge marks, brushing, Strike: 5/5, Surface: 1/5, NGC graded Choice VF \$120 - 160



24. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Seleukos IV Philopator, 187-175 BC**, AR tetradrachm (16.69g), Antioch on the Orontes, SC-1313.2, HGC 9-580e, diademed head right // Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, examining arrow in right hand and resting left hand on bow behind, filleted palm frond to outer left, monogram in exergue, light smoothing in reverse field, bold, well-centered portrait, VF \$200 - 250



25. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Seleukos IV Philopator, 187-175 BC**, AR tetradrachm (16.11g), Seleukeia on the Tigris, SC-1334.1b, HGC 9-580j, diademed head right // Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, examining arrow in right hand and resting left hand on bow behind, monogram to outer left, small mount mark reverse 8h, lovely portrait, choice VF \$150 - 200



26. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Demetrios I Soter, 162-150 BC**, AR tetradrachm (16.58g), Susa, SC-1711, HGC 9-790c, diademed head right // Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, examining arrow with right hand and resting left hand on bow behind, monograms in outer left and in exergue, some smoothing on reverse, bold, well-centered strike, VF-EF \$300 - 400



27. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Demetrios I Soter, 162-150 BC**, AR tetradrachm (16.18g), Antioch on the Orontes, ca. 162-155/4 BC, SC-1637f, HGC 9-796, diademed head right, within laurel wreath // Tyche, holding scepter and cornucopia, seated on throne supported by tritoness right, VF \$125 - 175

28. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: LOT of 4 silver Apollo-on-omphalos-type tetradrachms**, 1) Antiochos III, Susa, SC-1214.2, VF+ (delamination on bust); 2) Seleukos IV, Tarsos, SC-1307c, VG-F (surface crystallization, **rare**); 3) Antiochos IV, F-VF (countermark on bust); 4) Demetrios I, "Antioch on the Persian Gulf", SC-1706.3, VF (spots of delamination); retail value \$700, **lot of 4 pieces** \$300 - 400



29. **SIDON: Baalshallim II, ca. 401-366 BC**, AR dishekel (28.17g), BMC-17.1, HGC 10-236, Rouvier-1096, Phoenician galley left, waves below // Persian king and driver in chariot left, king of Sidon wearing Egyptian garments following behind, holding scepter, obverse struck from a worn die, faint scratches, well-struck reverse with lovely die-work, F-VF, ex W. F. Stoecklin Collection, ex Münzkabinett Gotha \$1,800 - 2,200



30. **SIDON: Evagoras II, ca. 345-342 BC**, AR dishekel (25.69g), BMC Phoenicia-66, HGC 10-258, Phoenician galley left // Persian king and driver in chariot left, attendant following behind, holding vase and scepter with an animal's head, 'ayin 'ayin to upper left, choice Fine \$600 - 900



31. **THRACIAN KINGDOM: Koson, AV stater, mid-1st century BC**, RPC-1701A, BMC Thrace-1, BMCRR-48, Roman consul accompanied by two lictors, BR monogram to left, in exergue // eagle standing left on scepter, holding wreath, ICG graded MS61, ex Chaudhury Collection \$600 - 900



32. **TYRE: AR shekel (13.67g), CY 11 (116/5 BC)**, HGC 10-357, DCA-919, bust of Melkart right, wearing laurel wreath // eagle standing left on prow, palm frond behind with ZB monogram below, date before (AI) with club below, Phoenician A between legs, some delamination on both sides, VF \$150 - 200



33. **TYRE: AR 1/2 shekel, CY 49 (78/7 BC)**, HGC 10-358, DCA-921, laureate bust of Melkart right // eagle standing left on prow, date () and club before, palm frond and behind, Phoenician B between legs, carefully set in gold bezel (total weight 8.28g), nice VF \$200 - 250

34. **ANCIENT GREECE:** LOT of 16 coins from various parts of the Greek world, including **Seleukid:** Antiochos I AE unit, Ai Khanoum, SC-441, F-VF, **very rare; Bactria:** Eukratides I AR drachm (F/VG) & AE16 (VG/F), **Uncertain eastern:** AR obol, 5th-4th century BC unpublished boar/lion (Fine with porosity); **Syracuse:** Timoleon AE hemilitron, CNS-79, VF/F; plus 11 small silver fractions ca. early 4th century BC, a few VF; retail value \$400, **lot of 16 pieces** \$200 - 250

Roman & Byzantine



35. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Tiberius**, 14-37 AD, AR denarius (3.78g), Lugdunum, 36-37 AD, RIC-30, RSC-16a, Biblical "Tribute Penny" type, laureate head right, [TI CAESAR DIVI AVG] F AVGSTVS // Livia, as Pax, seated right on throne, holding scepter and olive branch, PONTIF MAXIM, slightly off-center strike, bright and lightly toned metal, VF \$150 - 200



36. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Trajan**, 98-117 AD, AE sestertius (23.88g), Rome, 103-111 AD, RIC-569, IMP CAES NERVAE TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P P, laureate and draped bust right // S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI / S C, arched, single-span bridge over river with eight vertical bars on side, boat moored below at right, a couple faint scratches, pleasing patina with some encrusted soil, F-VF \$500 - 600

The bridge depicted is traditionally identified as Trajan's Bridge over the Danube, located east of the Iron Gates and across the present-day border of Romania and Serbia. The actual bridge spanned over 1000m and was comprised of numerous arches. It was the first bridge built over the lower Danube and is considered to have been the longest arch bridge for more than 1,000 years.



37. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Trajan**, 98-117 AD, AE sestertius (22.95g), Rome, 112-114 AD, RIC-634, IMP CAES NERVAE TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS VI P P, laureate and draped bust right // SENATVS POPVLVSQVE ROMANVS / S C, Felicitas, draped, standing left, holding winged caduceus in right hand and cornucopia in left, light porosity on obverse, F-VF \$200 - 300



38. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Didia Clara**, augusta, 193 AD, AE sestertius (20.35g), Rome, RIC-20, draped bust right // Hilaritas standing left, holding long palm set on ground and cornucopia, smooth brown patina, Fine, R \$500 - 600

Didia Clara was the only recorded child of Didius Julianus, who purchased the throne from the Praetorian Guards after the assassination of Pertinax on March 28. He reigned for a mere 66 days and was killed on June 1. Didia Clara was stripped of her title but spared of her life.



39. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Constantius II**, 337-361 AD, AV solidus (4.51g), Antioch, 355-361, RIC-165, Depeyrot-10/1, diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing slightly right, holding spear and shield, FL IVL CONSTANTIUS PERP AVG // Roma and Constantinopolis, the latter with right foot on prow, enthroned facing, each holding scepter and supporting shield between them inscribed VOT / XXX / MVLT / XXXX, GLORIA REI PVBLICAE / SMANH, small mark in obverse right field, Strike: 5/5, Surface: 3/5, NGC graded EF, *ex Chaudhury Collection* \$500 - 750



40. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Constantius II**, 337-361 AD, AV solidus (4.47g), Nicomedia, S-17738, diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right // GLORIA REI PUBLICAE, enthroned figures of Rome & Constantinopolis, holding shield between, inscribed VOT XX MVLT XXX, SMNB in exergue, bold strike, EF \$750 - 1,000



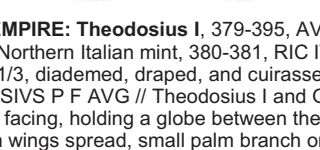
41. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Valentinian I**, 364-375, AV solidus (4.41g), Treveri (Trier), 373-375, RIC-17b, Depeyrot-43/1, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, D N VALENTINI-ANVS IVN P F AVG // two emperors, crowned, seated facing on double-throne, victory standing behind facing with wings spread, small palm branch on ground, VICTOR-IA AVGG / TROBT, Strike: 5/5, Surface: 4/5, NGC graded Choice VF, *ex Chaudhury Collection* \$400 - 500



42. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Valentinian II**, 375-392, AV solidus (4.45g), Treveri (Trier), 373-375, Depeyrot-45/3, RIC-39e, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, D N VALENTINIANVS IVN P F AVG // two emperors, crowned, seated facing on double-throne, victory standing behind facing with wings spread, small palm branch on ground, VICTOR-IA AVGG / TROBT, Strike: 5/5, Surface: 3/5, NGC graded Choice AU, *ex Chaudhury Collection* \$800 - 1,200



43. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Theodosius I**, 379-395, AV solidus (4.45g), uncertain Northern Italian mint, 380-381, RIC IV-5f (Mediolanum), Depeyrot-1/3, diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right, D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG // Theodosius I and Gratian, nimbate, enthroned facing, holding a globe between them, Victory above facing with wings spread, small palm branch on the ground, VICTOR-IA AVGG / COM, crisp strike on a lovely lustrous field, Strike: 4/5, Surface: 4/5, NGC graded AU, *ex Chaudhury Collection* \$1,000 - 1,200



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44. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Arcadius**, 383-408, AV solidus (4.40g), Constantinople, 402-403, RIC-7, Depeyrot-55/1, diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing slightly right, holding spear and shield, D N ARCADI-VS P F AVG // Constantinople seated facing, head right, with right foot on prow, holding scepter and victory on globe, CONCORDIA-A AVGG E, much original luster, Strike: 5/5, Surface: 4/5, NGC graded Choice AU, *ex Chaudhury Collection* \$700 - 1,000



45. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Honorius**, 393-423, AV solidus (4.39g), Ravenna, 402-406, RIC-1323, Depeyrot-7/1, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, D N HONORI-VS P F AVG // emperor standing right, left foot on captive, holding vexillum in right hand and victory on globe in left, R-V across field, VICTORI-A AVGGG, Strike: 5/5, Surface: 5/5, NGC graded Choice EF, *ex Chaudhury Collection* \$600 - 700



46. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Theodosius II**, 402-450, AV solidus (4.44g), Constantinople, 443-450, RIC-285, Depeyrot-84/1, diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing slightly right, holding spear and shield, D N THEODOSI-VS P F AVG // Constantinople enthroned left, left foot on prow, holding scepter in left hand and globus cruciger in right, grounded shield behind; at side, star in left field, IMP XXXXII COS XVII P P / COMOB, sharply struck with original luster, Strike: 5/5, Surface: 4/5, NGC graded Choice AU, *ex Chaudhury Collection* \$400 - 500



47. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Valentinian III**, 425-455, AV solidus (4.42g), Ravenna, 426-430, RIC-2010, Depeyrot-17/1, diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right, D N PLA VALENTI-NIANVS P F AVG // emperor standing facing, right foot on human-headed serpent, holding long cross in right hand and Victory on globe in left, R-V across field, VICTORI-A AVGGG / COMOB, lovely lustrous example, Strike: 4/5, Surface: 5/5, NGC graded Mint State, *ex Chaudhury Collection* \$600 - 700



48. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Leo I**, 457-474, AV solidus (4.46g), Constantinople, RIC-605, Depeyrot-93/1, diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing slightly right, holding spear and shield, D N LEO PE-RPET AVG // Victory standing left, holding jeweled cross, star behind, VICTORI-A AVGGG I / CONOB, overstruck on an earlier type, pleasing luster, Strike: 4/5, Surface: 4/5, NGC graded Choice AU, *ex Chaudhury Collection* \$500 - 800



49. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Zeno**, 2nd reign, 476-491, AV solidus (4.48g), Constantinople, RIC-910, Depeyrot-108/1, diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing slightly right, holding spear and shield, D N ZENO PERP AVG // Victory standing left, holding jeweled cross, star behind, VICTORI-A AVGGG A / CONOB, crisp strike with radiant luster, Strike: 4/5, Surface: 4/5, NGC graded Mint State, *ex Chaudhury Collection* \$750 - 1,000

50. **ROMAN EMPIRE: LOT of 4 AR denarii & 3 Cappadocia AR didrachm, Denarius: Augustus RIC-211 Gaius & Lucius Caesars (2 pieces: Fine with light porosity & VG), Antoninus Pius RIC-292E (VF), Diva Faustina Jr RIC-746 (VF); Didrachm: Cappadocia Antoninus Pius year 2, Lucius Verus year 2, Marcus Aurelius year 3 (all three coins Fine & featuring Mount Argaeus on reverse); retail value \$300, lot of 7 pieces** \$150 - 200

51. **ROMAN EMPIRE: LOT of 162 coins from the Republic to the early 5th century**, including 5 Republican AR denarii (1 fourrée), 20 early imperial coins in various denominations from Augustus to Maximinus I (most denarii & sesteratii from the 2nd and the early 3rd century), 52 3rd century billon & bronzes from Gordian III to Licinius II (most radiates with a few large Maximian coppers), 74 later imperial bronzes from Constantine I to Arcadius (most AE3/4 with several AE2) and 1 silver siliqua of Constantius II, plus 10 worn unidentified bronzes; average circulated grades, most moderately worn, but easily identifiable and attributed on accompanying holder, with a few nicer examples; retail value \$1000, **lot of 162 pieces** \$400 - 600

52. **ROMAN EMPIRE: LOT of 2 silvers & 67 coppers**, including Trajan & Faustina Jr AR denarii, Divus Augustus AE as (worn), and small AEs from various emperors of the late 3rd to early 5th century, all readily identifiable and with a variety of patinas, many glossy and quite attractive; retail value \$450, **lot of 69 pieces** \$175 - 225

53. **ROMAN EMPIRE: LOT of 26 Severan silver denarii**, including Septimius Severus (10), Julia Domna (4), Caracalla (2; one as caesar, RIC-13b), Geta, as caesar, RIC-101 (1), Elagabalus (2), Julia Mamaea (1), Severus Alexander (5), and Orbiana (1); average circulated grades; retail value \$650, **lot of 26 pieces** \$300 - 400

54. **ROMAN EMPIRE: LOT of 20 silver denarii**, including Domitian (as caesar), Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, Diva Faustina Sr (2), Marcus Aurelius (2), Septimius Severus (6), Julia Domna (2), Caracalla (as caesar, RIC-2), Severus Alexander (3); average circulated grades; retail value \$500, **lot of 20 pieces** \$200 - 300



55. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Anastasius I**, 491-518, AV solidus (4.44g), S-5, helmeted and cuirassed bust, facing slightly to the right, holding spear // Victory standing left, holding long staff with P-cross, officina, scratches, strike 2/5, surface 3/5, NGC graded AU, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$300 - 350



56. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Justin I**, 518-527, AV solidus (4.50g), Constantinople, S-56, helmeted and cuirassed bust, holding spear and shield // angel facing, solid long cross & globus cruciger, strike 5/5, surface 3/5, officina, NGC graded choice VF, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$300 - 375



57. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Justinian I**, 527-565, AV solidus (4.50g), Constantinople, S-140, helmeted and cuirassed bust, holding globus cruciger & shield // angel facing, holding long P-cross & globus cruciger, strike 5/5, surface 4/5, officina S, NGC graded Mint State, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$300 - 350



58. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Justinian I**, 527-565, AV solidus, Constantinople, S-140, helmeted and cuirassed bust, holding globus cruciger & shield // angel facing, holding long P-cross & globus cruciger, officina, ANACS graded AU50, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$260 - 300



59. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Justinian I**, 527-565, AV tremissis (1.41g), Constantinople, S-145, diademed bust right // Victory advancing right, holding wreath & globus cruciger, some weakness, strike 3/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded AU, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$110 - 150



60. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Tiberius II Constantine**, 578-582, AV solidus (4.50g), Constantinople, S-422, crowned and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus cruciger & shield // cross potent on 4 steps, strike 5/5, surface 4/5, officina, NGC graded AU, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$300 - 375



61. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Maurice Tiberius**, 582-602, AV solidus (4.48g), Constantinople, S-478, bust facing, with plumed helmet, holding globus cruciger // angel facing, holding long P-cross & globus cruciger, strike 4/5, surface 4/5, officina S, NGC graded Mint State, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$300 - 375



62. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Phocas**, 602-610, AV solidus (4.43g), Constantinople, S-618, bust facing, wearing crown without pendilla // angel facing, holding long P-cross & globus cruciger, strike 4/5, surface 3/5, officina S, NGC graded AU, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$300 - 375



63. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AV solidus (4.50g), Constantinople, S-731, bust facing, short beard, with plumed helmet // cross potent on 3 steps, some weakness in the legends, strike 3/5, surface 3/5, NGC graded Mint State, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$260 - 300



64. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AV solidus (4.42g), Constantinople, S-739, busts of Heraclius left and his son Heraclius Constantine right, both with short beard & simple crown // cross potent on 3 steps, strike 4/5, surface 4/5, officina, NGC graded EF, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$260 - 350



65. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AV solidus (4.38g), Constantinople, S-759, busts of Heraclius and his sons Heraclius Constantine & Heraclonas // cross potent on 3 steps, strike 5/5, surface 2/5, officina, clipped (very slightly, if at all, as the weight is correct for the solidus), NGC graded EF, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$260 - 325



66. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AV solidus (4.45g), Constantinople, S-764, busts of Heraclius and his sons Heraclius Constantine & Heraclonas // cross potent on 3 steps, with letter after CONOB in reverse exergue, strike 4/5, surface 4/5, officina, NGC graded AU, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$280 - 350



67. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine**, AD 613-641, AV solidus (4.40g), ND, S-737, two emperors facing with (NN HERACL)IUS ET HERA CONST PP AV around // cross potent on three steps, CONOB below, with (VICT)ORIA AVSYE around, the last letter for the officina, and with "I" in right field, uneven strike, lightly clipped, NGC graded Mint State Strike: 4/5, Surface: 4/5. WINGS \$500 - 700



68. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constans II**, 641-668, AV solidus (4.46g), Constantinople, S-953, bust facing, short beard // cross potent on three steps, CONOB+ in exergue, strike 4/5, surface 3/5, officina, NGC graded Mint State, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$300 - 350

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69. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constans II**, 641-668, AV solidus (4.46g), Constantinople, S-959, busts of Constans with long beard & Constantine IV beardless // cross potent on three steps, CONOB+ in exergue, officina , ICG graded MS63 ,
ex Choudhury Collection \$300 - 375



70. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constans II**, 641-668, AV solidus (4.35g), Constantinople, S-964, bust of the emperor with long beard at left, his beardless son right // cross pattée on 3 steps, Heraclius standing left & Tiberius right, officina , CONOB without any additional symbols below, bold EF \$350 - 450



71. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constantine IV Pogonatus**, 668-685, AV solidus (4.36g), Carthage, S-1188, bust facing, short beard // cross potent on three steps, Heraclius left & Tiberius right, star to right of the cross instead of indiction date, strike 4/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded Mint State , ex Choudhury Collection \$700 - 800



72. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Tiberius III Aspimar**, 698-705, AV solidus (4.43g), Constantinople, S-1360, facing military bust, holding spear diagonally & shield // cross potent on three steps, strike 4/5, surface 5/5, officina , NGC graded Mint State, S,
ex Choudhury Collection \$850 - 1,000



73. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constantine V Copronymus**, 741-775, AR miliaresion (2.08g), Constantinople, S-1554, overstruck on an Umayyad dirham of Dimashq AH91 (type A-128) (=709/710 AD), with the full mint & date legible, and parts of the central inscriptions of the Umayyad dirham also legible; slightly chipped at the edge, but overall very attractive, VF-EF, **RRR** \$300 - 400

A fervent iconoclast, Constantine questioned the legitimacy of any representation of God or Christ. His destruction of religious iconography and persecution of the opposition led to his vilification by later Byzantine historians and writers, who denigrated him with the epithet Copronymus, "the dung-named."



74. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Leo IV, the Khazar**, 775-780, AV solidus (4.42g), Constantinople, S-1584, facing busts of Leo IV & Constantine VI, each wearing chlamys // facing busts of the former Leo III & Constantine V, each wearing loros, strike 3/5, surface 5/5, NGC graded choice AU, S, ex Choudhury Collection \$700 - 800



75. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Michael II, the Amorian**, 820-829, AV solidus (3.87g), Syracuse, S-1646, bust facing, short beard // facing bust of Theophilus, beardless, strike 4/5, surface 3/5, NGC graded AU , ex Choudhury Collection \$400 - 500



76. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Theophilus**, 829-842, AV solidus (3.87g), Syracuse, S-1670, bust facing, short beard, wearing loros // bust of Theophilus, wearing chlamys, strike 5/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded Mint State, ex Choudhury Collection \$600 - 700



77. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Michael III, "the Drunkard"**, 842-867, AV/EL semissis (1.48g), Syracuse, S-1695, bust facing of Michael both sides, debased gold issue (common for this type); strike 5/5, surface 3/5, NGC graded choice EF,
ex Choudhury Collection \$220 - 280



78. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Basil I, the Macedonian**, 867-886, EL semissis (1.21g), Syracuse, S-1714/15, bust of Basil I // bust of Constantine; strike 4/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded AU ,
ex Choudhury Collection \$220 - 280

Syracuse was conquered by the Aghlabid Arabs in 878, remaining under Muslim control for nearly 200 years.



79. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus**, 913-959, AV solidus (4.54g), Constantinople, S-1751, nimbate bust of Christ facing, holding the book of Gospels // busts of Constantine VII & Romanus II (ruled as co-emperor 945-963), holding shaft with patriarchal cross, strike 5/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded AU , ex Choudhury Collection \$450 - 600



80. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Romanus I Lecapenus**, 920-944, AV solidus (4.40g), Constantinople, S-1745, Christ enthroned facing, wearing nimbus cross, pallium and colobium, raising right hand in benediction, book of Gospels in his left hand // facing busts of Romanus and Christopher (923-931), holding patriarchal cross between them, strike 5/5, surface 3/5, lovely example, NGC graded choice AU , ex Choudhury Collection \$800 - 1,000

From this reign onwards and until the bitter end in 1453, almost all Byzantine gold coins bear Christ on the obverse.



81. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Basil II Bulgarochtonus**, 976-1025, AV histamenon nomisma (4.20g), Constantinople, S-1797, nimbate bust of Christ facing, holding the book of Gospels // busts of Basil II and Constantine VIII, holding shaft with patriarchal cross crosslet, strike 5/5, surface 5/5, NGC graded AU, R, ex Choudhury Collection \$750 - 850

Basil II's conquest of Bulgaria and cruel treatment of captives (reportedly blinding 99 out of every 100 of the 15,000 Bulgarian captives after the Battle of Kleidion) earned him the nickname Bulgarochtonus, the Bulgar Slayer.



82. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Romanus III Argyrus**, 1028-1034, AV histamenon nomisma (4.37g), Constantinople, S-1819, Christ enthroned, nimbate, holding book of Gospels // the Virgin crowning the emperor, who holds the globus cruciger, strike 5/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded AU, ex Choudhury Collection, ex Dimitriadis Collection \$450 - 550



83. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constantine IX Monomachus**, 1042-1055, AV histamenon nomisma (4.40g), Constantinople, S-1828, Christ enthroned facing // crowned facing bust, wearing loros, holding cruciform scepter with tendril ornament and globus cruciger with patriarchal cross, strike 5/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded Mint State, ex Choudhury Collection \$325 - 425



84. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constantine X Ducas**, 1059-1067, AV histamenon nomisma (4.40g), Constantinople, S-1847, Christ seated on throne with upright arms // Constantine standing, wearing loros, holding labarum and globus cruciger, strike 4/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded choice AU, ex Choudhury Collection \$300 - 375



85. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Constantine X Ducas**, 1059-1067, AV histamenon (4.40g), S-1847, Christ seated on throne with upright arms // emperor standing, holding labarum & globus cruciger, EF \$260 - 350



86. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Romanus IV Diogenes**, 1068-1071, EL histamenon nomisma (4.43g), Constantinople, S-1861, Christ standing in center, crowning Romanus to the left and his wife Eudocia right // the three former emperors standing, Constantius left, Michael in center, and Andronicus right, without the footstools below, strike 5/5, surface 3/5, NGC graded AU, ex Choudhury Collection \$300 - 400

The NGC holder is cracked on one side, as can be seen in the photo of the reverse.



87. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Michael VII Doukas**, 1071-1078, EL histamenon nomisma (4.27g), Constantinople, S-1868, bust of Christ facing, holding the book of Gospels, with ornately decorated nimbus // Michael's bust facing, holding labarum & globus cruciger, gorgeous strike, in an elegant wooden box issued by the Franklin Mint, called "The First Coin of Christ", which is obviously utterly incorrect (his portrait first displayed on regular coinage by Justinian II in 692), EF \$260 - 325



88. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Nicephorus III Botaniates**, 1078-1081, EL histamenon nomisma (4.36g), Constantinople, S-1881, Christ seated on throne without back // Nicephorus standing, holding labarum & globus cruciger, strike 4/5, surface 5/5, NGC graded choice EF, ex Choudhury Collection \$200 - 260



89. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: John II Comnenus**, 1118-1143, AV hyperpyron (4.33g), Constantinople, S-1941, Christ seated on throne without back, holding the book of Gospels // John standing left, wearing chlamys, St. George right, holding his sword, both holding the patriotic cross with small globus at base, strike 4/5, surface 5/5, NGC graded Mint State, ex Choudhury Collection \$300 - 400

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90. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Manuel I Comnenus**, 1143-1180, AV hyperpyron (4.33g), Constantinople, S-1956, bust of Christ facing, nimbate and beardless // Manuel standing, wearing crown, divition and chlamys, holding labarum and globus cruciger surmounted by patriarchal crown, strike 4/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded Mint State, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$350 - 500



91. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Isaac II Angelus**, 1185-1195, AV hyperpyron, Constantinople, S-2000, the Virgin enthroned, facing, wearing pallium & maphorium, holding the infant Christ // Isaac standing left, crowned by the *manus Dei*, with the Archbishop Michael right, both holding the sword between them, NGC graded AU, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$300 - 400



92. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Alexius III Angelus-Comnenus**, 1195-1203, AV hyperpyron (4.31g), Constantinople, S-2008, Christ standing, nimbate, right hand raised for benediction, and holding the book of Gospels // Alexius left, St. Constantine right, both standing and holding long patriarchal cross, strike 4/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded Mint State, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$300 - 375



93. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Michael VIII Palaeologus**, 1261-1282, AV/EL hyperpyron (4.08g), Constantinople, S-2242, bust of the Virgin *orans* within city walls of 6 groups of towers // Michael kneeling before seated Christ, who holds the scroll, and supported by St. Michael above, weakly struck, especially on the obverse (not noted on the slab), strike 4/5, surface 4/5, NGC graded AU, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$240 - 300



94. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Andronicus II and Michael IX**, 1295-1320, AV/EL hyperpyron, Constantinople, S-2396, bust of the Virgin *orans* within city walls of four groups of towers // Andronicus left, Michael right, kneeling either side of Christ, much weakness, especially in the reverse center, NGC graded choice EF, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$170 - 200



95. **KINGDOM OF NICAIA: John III Ducas-Vatatzes**, 1222-1254, AV hyperpyron, Magnesia, S-2073, Christ enthroned // John standing left, holding labarum & akakia, crowned by the Virgin, some areas of weakness on both sides, NGC graded AU, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$160 - 200



96. **EMPIRE OF TREBIZOND: Alexius III**, 1349-1390, AR asper (2.28g), Sear-2628, emperor riding right on horseback, holding scepter // St. Eugenius riding right on horseback, holding long cross, VF \$120 - 150

97. **ANCIENT: LOT of 64 coins** (mostly copper) from ancient city states & kingdoms, Roman provinces, Byzantine Empire and elsewhere: **Cities:** Amisos, Athens, Dyrrhachion, Gergis, Istros, Judaea, Kyzikos, Maroneia, Nertobis (**scarce**), Nysa, Olbia, Pergamon, Salamis, Velia; **Kingdoms:** Ptolemaic Egypt (Ptolemy III AE37), Seleukid Syria (7, including Demetrios I AE serrate), Numidia; **Roman Provincial:** Augustus (Carteia), Domitian, Septimius Severus (including Marcianopolis AE28, facing busts with Julia Domna), Severus Alexander (Nicaea), Herennius Etruscus (Kolophon), & various other rulers of the 3rd century (most from Alexandria); **Byzantine:** 1 pentanummium (Tyche seated) & 8 follis (including Constantine X & Eudocia S-1853); **Others:** Kushan (Soter Megas, 2), Indo-Parthian (Gondophares), Chola Ceylon (3), a few medieval & modern Indian states, & 2 Crusader state coins (including Crusader imitation AR dirham of al-Zahir); average circulated grades, most worn, but easily identifiable & attributed to accompanying holders; retail value \$600, **lot of 64 pieces** \$300 - 400

98. **ANCIENT: LOT of 6 coins, Roman Imperial** (2): Antoninus Pius AE sestertius, Salus with snake, VG set in bezel; and Gordian AE sestertius (RIC-306), F-VF; **Roman Provincial** (1): Caracalla BI tetradrachm, Antioch, 4th consulship (216-7 AD, Sear-2650), VF with minor encrustation; **Nabataea** (1): Aretas IV AE unit (jugate portrait with queen Shaqilat); and **Macedon** (2): AE unit of Philip II and Alexander III; retail value \$225, **lot of 6 pieces** \$80 - 120

99. **ANCIENT: LOT of 5 interesting ancient copper coins:** **Characene:** Abinergaios II, ca. 160-180, AE "tetradrachm" (crude VF, much porosity); and Maga (*aka Mega*) late 2nd century, AR "tetradrachm" (F-VF, porous surfaces); **Kushano-Sasanian:** Ardashir I, ca. 240-260, AE unit (nice VF); **Afrighid of Khwarizm:** King Kanak, early 8th century, AE unit (5.53g) (VF, some corrosion); and **Byzantine:** contemporary imitation of a half follis of Thessalonica, probably based on the last issue of Justinian I, 527-565 (Fine); retail value \$300, **lot of 5 pieces** \$150 - 200

Africa



100. **AXUM: Nezoul**, ca. 470-490, AV unit (1.57g), M&J-82, crowned bust, holding whisk, between stalks, w/ Greek legend that means "thanks be to God" // bust right, wearing headcloth, between stalks, name & title around in debased Greek, VF \$450 - 500



101. **AXUM: Ebana**, 5th century, AV unit (1.62g), M&J-71, crowned bust between wheat-stalks // bust with headcloth, also between stalks, mount removed, VF \$260 - 325

Near East



102. **HIMYARITE:** AR denarius (2.47g), ca. 1st century AD, SNG ANS-1503 ff, possibly Sabaeen, diademed head left, spear behind, curved sign before, crescent above, symbol below // bucranium facing with long horns, flanked by curved ribbon and large monogram, crescent above, attractive bright metal, Strike: 5/5, Surface: 4/5, NGC graded AU \$150 - 200
103. **HIMYARITE:** LOT of 3 silver units in the name of Amdan Bayan, mint of Raydan, probably made all of the long posthumous period before the following ruler, circa 120-175, all with king's head right // small head right, king's name in Ge'ez letters above, mint name below, standard right; one a very late issue with a monogram added left of the obverse head, all in EF condition; retail value \$300, **lot of 3 pieces** \$190 - 220
104. **CHARACENE:** Attambelos, ca. 47-25 BC, LOT of 8 silver tetradrachms struck at Charax-Spasinu: king's head, diademed // Heracles seated on a rock, holding club resting on his knee, VG to Fine condition, but all with considerable porosity or corrosion; retail value \$500, **lot of 8 pieces** \$200 - 300



105. **ELYMAIS:** Kamnaskires V, ca. 54/3-33/2 BC, AR tetradrachm (13.08g), Seleukeia on the Hedyphon, SE 269 (44/3 BC), Van't Haaff 9.1.1-7 (unlisted date), Sunrise 479-var (different date), diademed and draped bust left, star above anchor symbol behind // diademed bust left within four-line legend, date in exergue, a lovely, well-centered example featuring a portrait struck in bold relief, EF \$250 - 350
106. **ELYMAIS:** LOT of 58 AE drachms, featuring a good variety of rulers and types, viewing recommended; average grades or better, many with nice glossy brown patina; retail value \$500, **lot of 58 pieces** \$150 - 250



107. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** Artabanos I, c. 127-123 BC, AR drachm (3.79g), Ekbatana, Shore-57, diademed bust left, with long beard and bare head // archer on omphalos, with royal title , bold strike, EF, **S** \$220 - 300

Assar has reassigned this type to Phraates II, ca. 138-127 BC.



108. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** Mithradates II, c. 123-88 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.04g), Shore-67, Sellwood-24.4, diademed bust left, moderately long beard // archer seated on omphalos, 4-line legend around, with TV in the exergue, VF , ex VAuctions #326, Lot 169 \$400 - 475



109. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** Vardanes II, 55-58 AD, AR tetradrachm (14.09g), Seleukeia on the Tigris, SE367 (55/6 AD), cf. Sellwood-69.1, diademed bust left // Vardanes seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding scepter, date () above, faint graffiti in obverse field, boldly struck with good metal tone, EF \$120 - 160
110. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 12 silver drachms: Phraates II (1 pc), Mithradates II (2), Orodes I (1), Orodes II (1), Artabanos II (3), Vardanes I (1), Vardanes II (1), and Vologases III (2); all except the Phraates II (only Fine), are VF, with a few even nicer; retail value \$725, **lot of 12 pieces** \$400 - 475
111. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 8 Parthian silver drachms and 2 additional items: **Parthia:** Mithradates II (1 pc); Orodes II (1), Phraates IV (1), Gotarzes II (1), Vologases IV (3), and Orodes (1); common types, average attractive VF condition (the Orodes is technically EF, but has several scratches from inappropriate cleaning); **Sasanian:** Shahpur II (1, type G-105, VF); and **Arab-Byzantine:** Standing caliph, Halab mint (Good); retail value \$450, **lot of 10 pieces** \$240 - 300
112. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 127 bronzes, featuring a variety of rulers and types, viewing recommended; 45 pieces in average circulated grades, many with smooth light green patina; the other 82 in cruder grades; retail value \$500, **lot of 127 pieces** \$200 - 300
113. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 29 AR drachms of a variety of rulers and obverse types, average circulated grades, viewing recommended; retail value \$450, **lot of 29 pieces** \$200 - 250
114. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 28 AR drachms of a variety of rulers and obverse types, average circulated grades, viewing recommended; retail value \$450, **lot of 28 pieces** \$200 - 250



115. **PERSIS KINGDOM:** Baydad (Bagadat), early 3rd century BC, AR tetradrachm (16.19g), Persepolis, Alam-515, Sunrise-560, head right, with short beard, mustache and earring, wearing kyrbasia with flaps tied behind // fire-temple of Ahura-Mazda, king standing to left, raising arms in prayer, standard to right, Aramaic text around, one scratch in the reverse field, lightly smoothed surfaces, NGC Strike 5/5, Surface 1/5, Fine Style, NGC graded Choice EF \$2,500 - 3,500



116. **PERSIS KINGDOM:** Vadfradad I (Autophradates), 3rd century BC, AR tetradrachm, Alam-533, cf. Sunrise-570, king's head right, with mustache, wearing diadem and kyrbasia // fire temple of Azura-Mazda, half-figure of Ahura-Mazda above; to left, Vadfradad standing right, his bow resting on the ground, standard to right, strong VF, **R** \$650 - 750

Overstruck on an earlier tetradrachm, possibly of Vahbarz.

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117. **PERSIS KINGDOM: Vadfradad I (Autophradates)**, 3rd century BC, AR tetradrachm (16.18g), Alram-533var, Sunrise-568/571, bearded head of king right, wearing diadem and korymbos // fire temple, Ahura-Mazda left above, king standing to left, holding bow, standard to right, Aramaic inscriptions around, struck with high relief, some modest porosity, mainly on the reverse, cleaned, VF \$500 - 600



118. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (3.68g), G-6, king's bust right, wearing Parthian tiara crown, with star in the center // fire altar, first series of Ardashir's reign, About VF, RR \$240 - 300



119. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, BI tetradrachm (13.70g), G-7, draped bust wearing tiara crown // fire-altar, nice even strike, VF-EF \$140 - 200



120. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.33g), G-16, SNS-A49, late series: king's bust facing right, diademed, without a crown, but some of his hair tied to a ball above his head, the rest braided, both atop his head and hanging down behind him, long beard // fire-altar, pellet left & right below its base, gorgeous EF, RR \$750 - 850



121. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur I**, 241-272, AV dinar (7.21g), G-21var, SNS type Ilc/2b (style-P), standard obverse bust right // fire-altar, flanked by two attendants, each holding long spear and crowned with mural crown backed by korymbos, not assigned to a specific mint, EF, RR, ex Choudhury Collection, ex CNG eAuction 391, Lot 391. \$3,000 - 3,500

Same reverse dies as Lot 137 in our Auction 32.



122. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur I**, 241-272, AR drachm (4.31g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, fravahr left of the flames, bold VF \$130 - 170



123. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir II**, 379-383, AR drachm (4.12g), G-122, king with long ribbons rising from his shoulder, fine style for this reign, EF, R \$180 - 240



124. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran IV**, 388-399, AR drachm (4.11g), HL (Herat), G-136, standard type, with flames hiding behind the king's bust above the altar, facing right, mint name HL left of the flames, fabulous strike, finest style for this type, choice EF, R \$200 - 260



125. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd I**, 399-420, lead pashiz (3.35g), BYSh (Bishapur), G—, SNS-A17, type Ia1/1a, standard design, mint name retrograde, right of the obverse portrait, excellent example, lovely F-VF, RRR \$180 - 240



126. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd II**, 438-457, AR drachm (3.98g), NM, G-160, standard type, first series, attendants holding long spears, without mint name, glorious strike, EF \$120 - 160



127. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd II**, 438-457, lead pashiz (1.85g), G-166, SNS—, king's bust, triangle right, crescent & pellet above // fire altar & two attendants, Fine, RRR \$120 - 160



128. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Peroz**, 457-484, AV dinar (3.98g), WH (Junday Sabur), G-172, SNS-A55/A56, holed & plugged \$500 - 650



129. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Valkash**, 484-488, AR drachm (4.01g), AY (Susa), ND, G-178, standard type, king's bust over the flames on the reverse, strong VF-EF \$160 - 200



130. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Valkash**, 484-488, AR drachm (4.06g), GW (Jurjan), ND, G-178, standard type, king's bust over the flames on the reverse, struck with a reverse die that was already starting to break apart, EF \$180 - 240



131. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Valkash**, 484-488, AR drachm (4.21g), AS (the Treasury mint), ND, G-179, standard type, king's bust over the flames on the reverse, superb strike, choice EF \$240 - 300



132. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Zamasp**, 484-488, AR drachm (4.09g), AY (Susa), year 1, G-181, his son handing diadem to his father, diadem without long ribbons, superb EF \$220 - 260



133. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Zamasp**, 484-488, AR drachm (3.25g), AY (Susa), year 1, G-181, his son handing diadem to his father, diadem without long ribbons, choice VF \$120 - 160



134. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Zamasp**, 484-488, AR drachm (3.85g), ST (Istakhr), year 1, G-181, SNS—, his son handing diadem to his father, diadem without long ribbons, VF-EF \$180 - 240

This mint not represented for Zamasp in SNS.

135. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusrō I**, 531-579, LOT of 10 silver drachms, mints of AM year 45, AY years 11 & 31, AYLAN year 32, GD year 44, HYC year 27; LD years 31 & 41, WYH year 45, and YZ year 41; all in VF or better condition; retail value \$500, lot of 10 pieces \$240 - 300



136. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran VI**, 590-591, AR drachm (4.11g), GD (Jayy), year 1, G-203, Sunrise-975, decent portrait, EF, R \$450 - 550



137. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran VI**, 590-591, AR drachm (4.02g), GD (Jayy), year 1, G-203, pleasing strike, VF \$280 - 350



138. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran VI**, 590-591, AR drachm (4.00g), WYHC (the Treasury mint), year 1, G-203, Sunrise-975, light hornsilver, only in the margins, VF, R \$200 - 260



139. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Vistahm**, 591-597, AR drachm (3.61g), LD (Rayy), year 4, G-205, Sunrise-977, flowers instead of stars in the obverse margin crescents, lovely portrait, with long hair instead of the hair-ball; one spot of adhesion in the reverse margin, choice VF, R \$450 - 550



140. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Vistahm**, 591-597, AR drachm (4.01g), RD (Rayy), year 5, G-205/06, nice even strike, choice VF, R \$240 - 300

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141. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Queen Boran**, 630-631, AR drachm (3.64g), AM (Amul), year 1, G-228, cf. Saeedi-299, extremely rare mint for Boran, located in northern Iran near the Caspian Sea, pleasing VF, **RRR** \$2,600 - 3,000



142. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Queen Boran**, 630-631, AR drachm (4.03g), ST (Istakhr), year 2, G-228, cf. Saeedi-299/302, VF \$2,600 - 3,000



143. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd VI**, 631-632, AR drachm (4.16g), WYHC (the Treasury mint), year 2, G-230, EF \$130 - 170



144. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusro III**, ca. 631-632, AR drachm (3.57g), DL (unlocated mint), year 2, G-232, decent portrait, beardless, very rare mint for this ruler, bold VF-EF, **RR** \$220 - 280



145. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusro III**, ca. 631-632, AR drachm (3.43g), WYHC (the Treasury mint), year 2, G-232, king's bust without beard, nice strike, also assigned to Khusro IV/V, if indeed so many different Khusros did exist, choice VF-EF, *ex Alan S. DeShazo Collection* \$140 - 180

Interesting graffiti in reverse margin, which seems to be IX encircled; could this mean that the reduced weight was reckoned as 9/10 of the full drachm weight?



146. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd III**, 632-651, AR drachm (4.05g), BBA (the Court mint), year 20, G-235, last issue before the Arab conquest later in the same year, strong VF, **R** \$130 - 170
147. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 18 silver drachms**, including Shahpur II, Ardashir II (Fine), Shahpur III (VG); Varhran IV, Yazdigerd I, Varhran IV, Yazdigerd II (choice EF), Peroz, Valkash (VF, but chipped), Zamasp (VG), Kavad I (2 pcs, including one EF condition), Khusro I, Hormizd IV (2 pcs), Khusro II (2 pcs), and Yazdigerd III (some corrosion); most decent VF, some with minor discoloration or slight weakness of strike, excellent group for learning the series; retail value \$1050, **lot of 18 pieces** \$550 - 650
148. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 13 silver coins** (1 obol, the rest drachms); Ardashir I (G-12, obol, edge damage); Varhran I (G-41, mount removed); Varhran II (G-64, Fine, some hornsilver); Shahpur III (G-125, VF); Varhran IV (G-136, 2 pcs, both VF); Yazdigerd I (G-146, mint unclear, scruffy F-VF), Varhran V (G-155, 4 pcs, all mint of GW, mostly VF); Yazdigerd II (G-160, mint unclear, F-VF); and Valkash (G-178, WH mint, VF); retail value \$900, **lot of 13 pieces** \$450 - 550
149. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 13 silver drachms of various rulers**: Shahpur II; Shahpur III; Varhran IV; Yazdigerd I (WH mint); Varhran V (AS); Peroz (WH); Zamasp (AT, much hornsilver); Kavad I (AY, uncertain date, and AY, year 20); Khusro I (GD, year 41); Hormizd IV (YZ, date unclear); and Khusro II (AHM year 33, and ART year 7); mostly in VF condition, a nice starter group for learning the principal types; retail value \$750, **lot of 13 pieces** \$400 - 500
150. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 13 silver drachms**: Yazdigerd I (4 pcs, one of WH mint, three without mint); Varhran V (6 pcs, one of AY, 2 of AS, 2 of AW, and one of LD); Yazdigerd II (3 pcs, two of WD mint, one of WH mint); average VF, several with minor flaws; retail value \$650, **lot of 13 pieces** \$300 - 400
151. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 9 silver drachms**: Shahpur II (VF, some light hornsilver on reverse); Ardashir II (VF, chipped); Yazdigerd I (BBA mint, EF); Peroz (DA mint, VF, lightly stained); Valkash (LYW mint, VF, but harshly cleaned); Zamasp (AW mint, F-VF, minor stains, cleaned); Kavad I (2 pcs, ART 30, and LD date unclear, both VF); and Yazdigerd III (SK year 19, nearly VF); retail value \$600, **lot of 9 pieces** \$300 - 375
152. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 10 silver drachms**: Shahpur III (F-VF); Varhran IV (VF); Varhran V (GW mint, EF); Yazdigerd II (no mint, EF); Khusro I (AW year 25, VF-EF); Hormizd IV (GW 11, EF, some adhesions); Khusro II (LAM 5, VF and WH 25, also VF); and Yazdigerd III (SK, year 4, and date unclear, both VF with adhesions); retail value 525, **lot of 10 pieces** \$260 - 350
153. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 6 pleasing silver drachms**: Varhran IV (G-141, AS mint, VF); Varhran IV (G-136, BB mint, VF); Varhran V (G-155, AH mint, VF); Yazdigerd II (G-160, MY mint, EF); Kavad I (G-185, GW mint, year 14, VF, some border damage on reverse); and Ardashir III (G-226, AYLANT mint, EF); retail value \$450, **lot of 6 pieces** \$240 - 300
154. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 7 copper coins**: Sasanian (tetradrachm unless noted): Ardashir I, Göbl-15 (VG, much porosity) and G-20 (VG, corroded); Shahpur I, G-26 (VG-F, corroded); Shahpur II (G-68, nice Good, and another one, probably this type, but reverse completely worn away, Good); and Yazdigerd II, G-166var (VF obverse, reverse completely worn away); and Parthian: Phraates III, Shore-167 (F-VF, but reverse harsh adhesions); retail value \$400, **lot of 7 pieces** \$200 - 260
155. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 13 silver drachms**: Kavad I (3, all nice VF); Hormizd IV (3, average VF-EF); Khusro II (6, average VF, mostly with uncertain mint or date, or some defects); and Ardashir III (1, 1st type, ART year 1, VF, mount removed); retail value \$425, **lot of 13 pieces** \$180 - 240
156. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 7 Sasanian and 2 Arab-Sasanian silver drachms**: **Sasanian**: Ardashir I (F-VF, chipped); Varhran II (three figures, Fine, ex-mount, pierced); Shahpur III (F, porous); Peroz (VF, chipped); Hormizd IV (VF, mount removed); and Khusro II (2 pcs, one with countermark, the other clipped); and **Arab-Sasanian**: Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan (Fine, clipped), and 'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad (VF); retail value \$375, **lot of 9 pieces** \$180 - 240

157. **SASANIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 6 better silver drachms: **Khusro I:** DA mint, year one (VF, very rare); and AM year 36 (VF, very rare mint); **Khusro II:** BN year 32 (VF, scarce mint); and AW year 35 (VF); **Ardashir III:** DA year 2 (VF-EF); and **Yazdigerd III:** SK year 7 (choice VF); retail value \$350, **lot of 6 pieces** \$180 - 240
158. **SASANIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 7 Sasanian silver drachms: Khusro I (mints of LYW, KL, BYSh, and AW); Hormizd IV (WHYC); and Khusro II (BYSh and uncertain mint); all in VF or better condition; retail value \$300, **lot of 7 pieces** \$150 - 200
159. **SASANIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 5 attractive silver drachms: Peroz: Göbl-171 (LYW mint, undated, choice VF); Kavād I: G-185 (GW mint, year 16, bold VF; and WH, with the name of Kavād instead of date, VF-EF); and G-189 (DYWAN, year 34, lovely VF-EF); and Khusro II: G-212 (YZ, year 35, choice EF); retail value \$275, **lot of 5 pieces** \$140 - 180
160. **ANCIENT PERSIA & CENTRAL ASIA:** LOT of 19 coins from various pre-Islamic dynasties, **Parthia** (5): four AR drachms and one AE chalkous; **Elymais** (5): five AE drachms; **Persis** (1): AR obol Kapat (Napad, EF+); **Sasanian** (2): two AR drachms; **Hephthalite** (5): three Napki Malka drachms (one silver, G-198), one AR drachm of Vakhu Deva (G-244), and an AE ¼ drachm; **Alkhan-Nezak crossover** (1): AE unit (G-227, VF-EF); average circulated grades or better, with some quite nice, all identified on accompanying flips; retail value \$650, **lot of 19 pieces** \$300 - 400

Central Asia



161. **HEPHTHALITE:** Peroz imitation, ca. 476-565, AR drachm (4.03g), G-287, with 4 dots in obverse margin, no tamgha, with ALXON in place of mint on reverse, unusually nice strike, attractive toning, EF \$100 - 150



162. **OTRAR:** Anonymous, probably 8th century, AE cash (3.02g), Zeno-155052, lion right, tail raised // unknown tamgha, from a type known to have been found at Kuyryktobe near Otrar, VF, RRR \$200 - 280



163. **PAIKEND:** Anonymous, ca. 640-710, AE cash (1.36g), cf. Zeno-256207, Bukhara tamgha at top, Chinese yuan below, and Sogdian text to left & right // cross above central hole, lovely example with clear inscriptions, VF-EF, RR \$200 - 250

Alexandr Naymark has read the Sogdian text as PRN / KND, "city of glory", and suggested that this was a local issue under a Christian ruler, in opposition to the kings of Bukhara (see Zeno-30858 for this explanation).



164. **SAMARKAND:** Ikshidid: Turgar, 738-755, AE cash (2.21g), Zeno-152385, Sogdian inscription // crescent and two tamghas, one of Samarkand, VF, R \$110 - 150



165. **SEMIRECH'E:** Turgesh, 8th Century, AE cash (5.31g), Kamyshev-24, *bgy twrkys gagan pny* in Sogdian script // tamgha based around the central square hole, a very attractive example! VF-EF \$100 - 150

166. **SEMIRECH'E:** LOT of 5 copper cash coins of the Sogdian kingdom of Semirech'e: Turgesh (3 pcs, 2 large and 1 small, all in F-VF condition); and Tukhus (2 pcs, both the tiny uniface issues in the name of Oghitnish, 0.48g and 0.51g, both in crude Fine condition and very rare); retail value \$375; **lot of 5 pieces** \$180 - 240



167. **SOUTHERN SOGHD:** Unknown ruler, 1st-2nd century, AR obol (0.55g), CCA-SS3, Zeno-232039, Herakles standing, holding club & diadem // Zeus enthroned, holding uncertain object (Nike or bird?), unread Sogdian text to left on both sides, EF, RRR \$350 - 450



168. **SUYAB:** Anonymous, 7/8th century, AE cash (3.22g), Kam-20, cf. Zeno-82182, bust ¾ left, with long earrings, Sogdian *bgy (vaghi)* "lord" to left and *prn (farn)* "glory" to right, two small casting holes, VF, RR \$150 - 200

Suyab was a quasi-independent city within the Semirech'e territories and a one-time military outpost of the Tang Dynasty. The great Chinese poet, Li Bai (Li Po), was born in 701 in the city according to many accounts.



169. **USTRUSHANA:** temp. Satachary, 7th century, AE cash (1.96g), cf. Zeno-63105, but bust right, Smirnova—, bust right, Sasanian style, Pahlavi legend right of the obverse bust, perhaps a governor's name // Ustrushana tamgha, Sogdian legend around, possibly unpublished, F-VF, RRR \$130 - 170



170. **VAKHSH:** Anonymous, ca. 8th century, AE cash (4.32g), cf. Zeno-69376, tentacle-like tamgha around round hole, plain reverse, attributed to the Vakhsh Valley in Northern Tokharistan, a very unusual type, VF, RR \$150 - 200

We cannot find any examples of this type in auction records, including ours.

Additional lots from Ancient Central Asia can be found in the internet session. (See Lots 2076-2092).

Islamic Coins

Early Pre-Reform



171. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusro type**, ca. 653-670, AR drachm (4.06g), AW (Ahwaz), YE33 (664 AD), A-4, *bism allah* in obverse margin, scarce mint & date, VF \$150 - 200



172. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hakam b. Abi'l-'As**, ca. 674-677, AR drachm (3.78g), NAWGY (New Jiroft), AH57, A-11, Malek—, ANS-1976.274.1, extremely rare mint, operating under the short form NAWGY only AH56-57 for al-Hakam, later as KLMAN-NAWGY (rare), attractive F-VF, **RRR** \$200 - 300



173. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Mu'awiya**, 661-680, AR drachm (3.84g), DA (Darabjird), AH43 (frozen), A-14, actually struck circa AH52-54, minor adhesions at the rim, bold VF \$140 - 180



174. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr**, 680-692, AR drachm (3.85g), KLMAN-GY (Jiroft), AH63, A-15, with extra Pahlavi BPRWYAM after *bism Allah* in ObQ2, countermarked Arabic *lillah* with 3 dots below, in ObQ1, VF, **RR** \$120 - 160



175. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Salm. b. Ziyad**, ca. 680-685, AR drachm (2.55g), MLW (Marw), blundered date, A-18H, standard obverse, with uncertain word in the third quadrant, largely obliterated by a countermark; one extra outer circle on reverse, with the city name *ombero* for Anbir in Bactrian in RvQ5, two other text countermarks in ObQ4, one Bactrian, the other Sogdian (appears to be *ShYR*), large chip at the top, VF, **RRR** \$160 - 200



176. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Atiya b. al-Aswad**, fl. 689-696, AR drachm (3.83g), KLMAN-NAL (Narmashir), AH75, A-28, some adhesions in the margins, bold strike, EF \$170 - 200



177. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, 694-713, AR drachm (3.80g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH79, A-35.2, EF \$200 - 260



178. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, 694-713, AR drachm (3.86g), BYSh (Bishapur), AH80, A-35.3, obverse legend *lillah al-hamd* in ObQ2, pellet at 7:00 in reverse margin, EF-AU \$300 - 400



179. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, 700-703, AR drachm (3.32g), DA (Darabjird), YE70 (= AH82/83), A-38, with Arabic *rabb harasahu* ("may the Lord protect him") added in ObQ3, chipped in two sections of the margin, VF, **RR** \$160 - 200



180. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Umara b. Tamim**, 703-704, AR drachm (3.84g), SK (Sijistan), AH85, A-C40, full date PNCHShTAT in Pahlavi, no additional letters or symbols in the margins, formerly extremely rare, EF \$120 - 160



181. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khalid b. 'Abbad**, ca. 700, AE fals (1.71g), BYSh (Bishapur), AHx4, A-N42, Gyselen-3 (host), Sasanian bust right, name in Arabic to right // standard Sasanian fire altar with two attendants, with mint & date (probably 94, as suggested by Gyselen in her second edition), VF on VG-F host, **RRR** \$120 - 160

Reverse margin has the Arabic countermark that seems to be "kh.bâd.h", meaning undetermined, second recorded example (first in our Auction 31, Lot 186).



182. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Samura b. Jundab**, ca. 672-673, AR drachm (3.62g), DA (Darabjird), AH43 (frozen), A-9, actually struck circa AH53-54, the years of Samura's governorship, VF-EF \$220 - 280



183. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Salm. b. Ziyad**, ca. 680-685, AR drachm (2.96g), MLWLWT (Marw al-Rud), AH70, A-18, Malek-882 (different dies), with 2 extra pellets flanking the top star-and-crescent on the reverse, VF, **RR** \$110 - 150



184. **ARAB-SASANIAN**: ca. 680s-750s, glass vessel stamp (13.25g), Balog-2, peacock-like bird standing right, with fan-shape tail, holding an undulating tendril in its beak, brownish light yellow, translucent, without any spots of devitrification, excellent large piece of this extremely rare type, VF-EF, **RRR** \$400 - 500

Balog qualified this type as either very late Sasanian or early Islamic. The peacock-like bird is also regarded as the senmurg, the fabled bird of ancient Iranian mythology. Another example, somewhat inferior quality, sold in our Auction 36, Lot 206.

185. **ARAB-SASANIAN**: LOT of 13 silver drachms: **Arab-Sasanian**: Khusro type (A-5): AYL year 38; Ubayd Allah (A-12): BCLA dated AH58 (2 pcs), 60, 63; DA 63; NY 63, and DShT 61; 'Abd Allah b. Khazim (A-19): MLW 65 and 66; al-Hajjaj (A-35.1): BYSh 78; **Eastern Sistan**: Anonymous (A-77): SK blundered date; and **Tabaristan**: APZWT type (A-73): Tabaristan PYE134; mostly F-VF condition, but nearly all are clipped down to lighter standard, some with chips other flaws; retail value \$700, **lot of 13 pieces** \$300 - 450

186. **ARAB-SASANIAN**: LOT of 5 copper pashiz, types Gyselen #6 (2 pcs), #8 (1), #16 (1), and one uncertain type that is either a Sasanian issue of Khusro II (probably posthumous) or an early Arab-Sasanian; average VG condition; retail value \$350, **lot of 5 pieces** \$170 - 220

187. **ARAB-SASANIAN & ANCIENT**: LOT of 7 Arab-Sasanian and 6 ancient silver drachms: **Arab-Sasanian**: common types of Ziyad b. 'Abi Sufyan, 'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad, 'Abd Allah b. Zubayr, 'Abd Allah b. Khazim, 'Umar b. 'Ubayd Allah, and anonymous East Sistan, average F-VF, all with at least minor flaws; **Sasanian**: Kavād I (1) and Khusro II (2), all F-VF, but either clipped or with horn silver; **Hunnic**: 2 pcs, average Fine; and **Arab-Bukharan**: common al-Mahdi (VG); retail value \$525, **lot of 13 pieces** \$240 - 300

188. **TABARISTAN & ARAB-SASANIAN**: LOT of 9 silver coins: **Tabaristan**: AR ½ drachm: Farkhan (PYE73), Datburjmīhr (PYE87); and the Anonymous APZWT type (3 pcs), all VF-EF condition; and **Arab-Sasanian**: AR drachm: Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad, BCLA, AH60 (VF); 'Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr, DA, YE60 (VF, chipped); and al-Muhallab, BYSh 76 (2 pcs, both VF but broken and repaired); retail value \$440, **lot of 9 pieces** \$220 - 260

189. **TABARISTAN**: LOT of 9 silver half drachms: 'Umar, A-55, date PYE124 (2 pcs); Muqatil, A-68, PYE39; and Anonymous APZWT, A-73, PYE133, 134, 135 (3 pcs), and 136, all in EF condition or lightly better; retail value \$400, **lot of 9 pieces** \$220 - 300

190. **TABARISTAN**: LOT of 15 silver half drachms: Khurshid (5 pcs), Umar (3), Sa'id (1), Hani (1), and anonymous APZWT (5); probably all with legible PYE dates; average nearly VF condition but almost all with some damage, such as chips, stains, weakness of strike, light corrosion, etc.; retail value \$350, **lot of 15 pieces** \$150 - 200

191. **TABARISTAN**: LOT of 10 silver half drachms: Sa'id: A-58, dated PYE126 (1 pc, VF-EF); and Sulayman: A-65, dated PYE137 (9 pcs, all VF or slightly nicer); retail value \$700, **lot of 10 pieces** \$300 - 450



192. **EASTERN SISTAN: Anonymous**, 706-726, AR drachm (4.04g), SK (Sijistan), AH89, A-77, pellet above the mint abbreviation, no extra legends in the reverse margin, EF, **R** \$100 - 150

All examples of this date illustrated by Malek have a legend in the reverse margin (#1080-1084).



193. **EASTERN SISTAN: Anonymous**, 706-726, AR drachm (3.36g), SK (Sijistan), AH103, A-77, Malek-1107, standard type, but with added crescent at 1h30 & star at 10h30, strong VF, **RR** \$120 - 160



194. **AFRIGHID: Ja'far [b. Muhammad]**, ca. late 830's, AR drachm (2.07g), NM, ND, A-98.5, Zeno-239347, Vainberg-1154, design derived from the pre-Islamic drachms of the last Afrighid ruler of Khwarizm, Azkaswar: his name in front of the king's bust in the Sogdian script // the name Ja'far in Arabic above the horse's back, much weakness, as is common for this type, Fine, **RRR** \$180 - 240

195. **ARAB-BYZANTINE**: LOT of 11 copper fulus, including one early imitative type, one Standing Emperor type of Dimashq; and 9 Standing Caliph types, including the mints of Tanukh, Qinnasrin (2 pcs), 'Amman, Halab (2 pcs), blundered form of Sarmin, and mint illegible (2 pcs); retail value \$600, **lot of 11 pieces** \$300 - 400

Early Post-Reform



196. **UMAYYAD: 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AV dinar (3.06g), NM (Dimashq), AH84, A-125, clipped own to much lighter standard, perhaps for Yemeni circulation, VF \$200 - 250



197. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.84g), Sijistan, AH96, A-128, Klat-438, lovely well-centered strike, EF \$140 - 180



198. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.58g), Arminiya, AH96, A-128, Klat-50, VF-EF, S \$150 - 200



199. **UMAYYAD: Yazid II**, 720-724, AR dirham (2.73g), al-Andalus, AH104, A-135, Klat-117, F-VF, R \$400 - 500

Rare date for the Umayyad mint in Spain.



200. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.90g), al-Bab, AH120, A-137, Klat-147, superb example, EF-AU \$160 - 200

al-Bab is now the city of Derbent in the Republic of Dagestan in the Russian Federation.



201. **UMAYYAD: Marwan II**, 744-750, AR dirham (2.93g), Balkh, AH128, A-142, Klat-186, lovely bold strike, VF-EF \$150 - 200



202. **UMAYYAD: Marwan II**, 744-750, AE fals (1.80g), Tiflis, ND, A-142T, Bennett-55, Zeno-45485, with the standard kalima divided between the obverse & reverse centers, the mint formula on the obverse, citing Marwan b. Muhammad in the reverse margin as *al-amir*, thus likely as governor of the Caucasus before achieving the caliphate in AH127, Fine, **RRR** \$400 - 500

Bennet & Zeno both report only two known examples, and this is presumably the third; described in detail by Turkia and Paghava in ONS Journal #191.



203. **UMAYYAD: AE fals** (2.77g), al-Anbâr, ND, A-N196, citing the governor tentatively read as Musa, together with his subordinate governor Ahmad (legend *mimma amara bihi amir musa(?) 'ala yaday ahmad*), with the obverse field bearing the phrase *amara Allah bi'l-wafa wa'l-'adl*, late Umayyad or early Abbasid by style, VF, **RRRR** \$220 - 280

Newly discovered type for this exceedingly rare mint. An earlier style of the same mint exists, with only two examples known, both sold in our Auction 31, Lots 278 & 279. By style and source I now believe that it was the eastern mint, not Iraqi, as previously suggested. Anbâr was located in eastern Khorasan, near Shafurqan in modern Afghanistan, and not to be confused with the Anbâr in Iraq.



204. **UMAYYAD: AE fals** (1.86g), Arminiya, ND (ca. 720s-730s), A-196, rare variety, as Walker-746 but without the words *wa jâz* after the mint name in the reverse margin, F-VF, **RR** \$100 - 150



205. **UMAYYAD: AE fals** (1.22g), al-Daybul, AH117, A-199D, citing the kalima divided as usual on Umayyad copper coins, with the reverse marginal legend *bism Allah duriba hadha al-fals bi 'l-dâybul sanat sab' 'ashara wa mi'a*, no marginal legend on the obverse, some porosity and erosion from having been in the salty soil in Sind, mostly on the obverse, expertly cleaned by the consignor, Fine, **RRRR** \$400 - 600

This is the 4th reported example of this mint. The city of al-Daybul was abandoned by the 13th century, and was located at a site known as Bhambore. The ruins of the original mosque, built by order of the governor of Sind, Muhammad b. Qasim, contained an inscription dated the equivalent of 727 (AH108/109), some 16 years after the Arab conquest of the town. The copper Fals dated AH117 is a new discovery. Copper coins are much less preserved than other metals and particularly so in the moist and salty environment of Daybul port city. This specimen is a testament to Arab rule over the area until the date of issuance of this coin.



206. **UMAYYAD: AE fals** (2.29g), Herat, AH120, A-H201, citing the governor Nasr, presumably Nasr b. Sayyâr, cited on fulus of Balkh dated 122, clear mint & date, pleasing Fine, **RRR** \$180 - 240



207. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.31g), al-Mansura, AH122, A-A204, kalima divided between obverse & reverse, with the mint & date in the reverse margin, anonymous, decent Very Good, **RRR** \$140 - 180



208. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.15g), al-Mansura, AH123, A-A204, first known dirham of al-Mansura dated 123 (boldly clear date); the style is identical to examples dated 122, as in our Auction 32, Lot 249, usually porosity, Fine, **RRR** \$200 - 260



209. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.97g), al-Mansura, AH130, A-A204, first half of the full kalima // rest of kalima in square, mint / date formula around, anonymous, some moderate corrosion spots and usual weakness, second known example of al-Mansura for this date., **RRR** \$150 - 250

The only other known example was sold in our Auction 34, Lot 300.



210. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.13g), al-Mahfuza, ND, A-E204, same reverse die as Lot 258 in our Auction 37, but the obverse is mostly corroded away; the mint name is very clear, always undated (struck circa AH115-116), VG-F \$150 - 200



211. **UMAYYAD/ABBASID: Anonymous**, 7th/10th century, AV burial piece (0.67g), bust right, derived from Hunnic silver coins, such as Alchon/Nezak drachms of the 6th/7th century, wearing simple headdress, facing right, meaningless "legend" around, bracteate, remarkably well-preserved, bold EF \$300 - 400



212. **UMAYYAD/ABBASID: Anonymous**, 7th/10th century, AV burial piece (0.75g), facing bust, derived from the Byzantine Emperor Justinian I (527-565), bracteate, original loop attached, attractive VF \$200 - 250

213. **UMAYYAD:** LOT of 11 silver dirhams: Adharbayjan AH105, Ardashir Khurra 90, Dastawa 98 (better date, clipped), Istakhr 98, Junday Sabur 90 and 96, Kirman 98, Manadhir 92 and 95 (2 pcs), and al-Samiya 131; mostly VF, but many cleaned (sometimes harshly), a few with other minor defects; retail value \$725, **lot of 11 pieces** \$400 - 500

214. **UMAYYAD:** LOT of 8 common copper fulus in nice quality: Halab (2 pcs), Harran, al-Kufa AH100, Mawsil (in the name of al-Hurr b. Yusuf), al-Urdunn, and Wasit AH120 (2 pcs); all in VF or better condition; retail value \$520, **lot of 8 pieces** \$300 - 350

215. **UMAYYAD:** LOT of 8 post-reform silver dirhams from the reigns of each caliph (except Yazid III) & 6 miscellaneous common coins: al-Basra AH80, Wasit 95, Istakhr 97, al-Basra 100, Wasit 104 (mount removed), Wasit 126 (five annulets), Wasit 126 (seven annulets), and Wasit 130, all VF or better unless noted; plus Arab-Byzantine (Standing Caliph, Hims, VF); 1 common Umayyad and 1 common Abbasid fals; Ayyubid dirham; Almohad square dirham; and Ilkhan dirham (Hulagu, Mardin type); average grades; retail value \$500, **lot of 14 pieces** \$260 - 350

216. **UMAYYAD:** LOT of 11 silver dirhams, including al-Kufa AH101, al-Mubarak 119, Wasit 104, al-Taymara 92, Sabur 92 & 94, Darabjird 95 & 98, Dimashq 127, Manadhir 94, and Mahayy 92; mostly VF condition, but two mount removed and two with other flaws; retail value \$480, **lot of 11 piece** \$240 - 300



217. **ABBASID REVOLUTION: Anonymous**, AR dirham (2.77g), al-Kufa, AH128, A-207.1, Klat-548a, Kharijite issue, with the phrase *la hukm illa lillah* in the upper left segment of the obverse margin, bold VF \$150 - 200



218. **ABBASID REVOLUTION: Anonymous**, AR dirham (2.82g), Tanbarak, AH133, A-207.2, Klat-198, Wurtzel-32, kalima in center, surrounded by mint & date formula within dotted circular double-border; in outer margin, the Kharijite motto *la hukm illa lillah* ("Judgment belongs to God alone") interspersed with four pellet-in-annulets // Umayyad reverse, with Qu'ran Sura 112 in field and 9:33 in margin, slight crimp near the edge, light hairlines, a coin of great historical significance and rarity, VF, **RRR** \$3,000 - 4,000

Album proposes the reading of Tanbarak for this mint, previously published as "Tanbuk" and "Baybird" (for Bayburt in Anatolia). It is probably one of the several Iranian fortresses known as Tabarak in later times, and perhaps for the same locale known in Parthian times as Tambrax, located in Mazandaran (Hyrcania in ancient Greek) and tentatively identified as the modern city of Sari.

The Kharijites (from Arabic al-khawârij</i>, "the Outsiders") were an early Islamic sect that emerged among the ranks of Ali b. Abi Talib after the Battle of Siffin in 658/AH36, in protest against the caliph's decision to arbitrate with Mu'awiya. They saw Ali's concession as a forfeiture of his moral authority and rebelled under the telling motto "Judgment belongs to God alone". Ali himself was killed by a Kharijite assassin in 661/AH40, and this movement would challenge Umayyad and Abbasid authority for the next several centuries, most prominently during the Abbasid Revolution and the Anarchy at Samarra. It was during the former period that this coin (as well as the previous lot in this sale, a dirham of al-Kufa AH128) was issued, though the specific circumstances surrounding it, including the name of the mint, remain unknown.

Struck from the same dies as Morton & Eden Auction 79, Lot 55 and Baldwin's of St. James's Auction 4, Lot 187.



219. **ABBASID: al-Saffah**, 749-754, AR dirham (2.87g), Dimashq, AH135, A-211, superb strike, beautifully centered, EF-AU \$220 - 280

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220. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.19g), NM, AH138, A-212, bold VF-EF \$220 - 280



221. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AV dinar (4.16g), NM, AH164, A-214, pellet above the reverse field, bold VF-EF \$220 - 280



222. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AV dinar (4.24g), NM, AH166, A-214, tiny scratch in reverse field, bold strike, EF \$260 - 325



223. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AV dinar (4.00g), NM, AH168, A-214, ex-mount, lightly wavy planchet, some cleaning, F-VF \$220 - 260



224. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AR dirham (2.91g), al-Yamama, AH168, A-215.1, citing the governor 'Abd Allah b. Sa'id, without the place name Hajar, and with 2 pellets below the obverse field, VF, S \$300 - 400

Al-Yamama was the first mint in Arabia to strike silver coins, located near the modern city of Riyadh, with its administrative capital at the town of Hajar. It operated AH165-170.



225. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AR dirham (2.58g), al-Yamama, AH167, A-215.1, with triplet of pellets above and the town name *hajar* below the reverse field, some light porosity, still very attractive, VF \$260 - 325



226. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AR dirham (2.95g), Qasr al-Salam, AH167, A-215.1, Zeno-109082, temporary mint in central Iraq, active only AH167-169, AU \$160 - 200



227. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.16g), NM, AH181, A-218.3, citing the caliphal heir-apparent al-Amin in the inner reverse margin, slightly uneven surfaces, nearly VF \$240 - 280



228. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.24g), NM (Madinat al-Salam), AH188, A-218.4, bold strike, EF \$240 - 280



229. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (3.86g), NM (Madinat al-Salam), AH192, A-218.4, letter "H" below reverse field, clipped down to later standard, EF \$220 - 260



230. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.19g), NM (Egypt), AH182, A-218.11, citing the governor Ja'far, VF \$220 - 280



231. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.12g), NM (Misr), AH184, A-218.11, anonymous for Harun al-Rashid, with Ja'far cited below reverse, light cleaning, F-VF \$220 - 260



232. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.08g), NM, AH181, A-218.12, citing Khalid, governor of Egypt found on coins dated AH187; later imitation, North African style, probably struck during the mid-9th century (3rd century Hijri), VG-F, RR \$220 - 260



233. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.88g), Jayy, AH172, A-219.4, citing the official Da'ud below the obverse field, triplet of pellets below reverse field, lovely VF, RR \$200 - 300



234. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.85g), Madinat al-Salam, AH170, A-219.6a, citing the caliph as 'Abd Allah Harun in the inner marginal legend on the reverse, EF \$110 - 150



235. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.95g), Ma'din Bajunays, AH191, A-219.9, Vardanyan-203, citing Umm Ja'far, the epithet for Zubayda, the wife of the caliph al-Rashid, & with name *da'ud* below reverse field; scarce Armenian mint, VF, **R** \$130 - 170
236. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, LOT of 19 silver dirhams: Balkh mint (5 pcs, all dated 185-189, average nice VF condition); al-Rafiq (3 pcs, 188 and two of 189, all nice VF); and Madinat al-Salam (11 pcs, including all dates 187-193, nearly all in EF condition); many identified; retail value \$725, **lot of 19 pieces** \$350 - 450



237. **ABBASID: al-Amin**, 809-813, AV dinar (4.1g), NM (Madinat al-Salam), AH193, A-220.4, *rabbi Allah* above the reverse field, F-VF, **S** \$260 - 350



238. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.22g), NM (Iraq), AH204, A-222.14, without any personal names, *lillah* above the reverse field, EF, **R** \$240 - 300



239. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.20g), NM (unknown location), AH198, A-222.14a, without any names, nothing above the reverse field, VF, **R** \$220 - 260



240. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.48g), NM, AH211, A-222.x, Bernardi—, totally anonymous and without mint, local imitative type, with *Allah* above and *rabbi* below the reverse field, date somewhat crudely engraved but almost certainly 211 (the final digit "1" boldly clear), minor weakness, appears to be unpublished, possible of Yemeni origin, VF, **RRR** \$260 - 350



241. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.85g), al-Muhammadiya, AH202, A-224, citing 'Ali b. Musa al-Rida, recognized as heir by al-Ma'mun, representing al-Ma'mun's attempt to establish peace and cooperation between the Sunni and Shi'a branches of Islam, also citing the vizier Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn, slightly stained, VF-EF \$300 - 400



242. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.88g), Samarqand, AH202, A-224, citing 'Ali b. Musa al-Rida, recognized as heir by al-Ma'mun, representing al-Ma'mun's attempt to establish peace and cooperation between the Sunni and Shi'a branches of Islam; also citing the vizier Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn, some light hornsilver spots towards the edge on both sides, bold VF \$300 - 400



243. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.81g), Samarqand, AH202, A-224, citing 'Ali b. Musa al-Rida, recognized as heir by al-Ma'mun, representing al-Ma'mun's attempt to establish peace and cooperation between the Sunni and Shi'a branches of Islam, also citing the vizier Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn, choice VF \$300 - 400



244. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.82g), al-Muhammadiya, AH203, A-224, citing 'Ali b. Musa al-Rida, recognized as heir to the caliphate by al-Ma'mun, representing al-Ma'mun's attempt to establish peace and cooperation between the Sunni and Shi'a branches of Islam, also citing the vizier Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn, F-VF \$260 - 350



245. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.91g), Madinat Isbahan, AH203, A-224, citing 'Ali b. Musa al-Rida, recognized as heir by al-Ma'mun, representing al-Ma'mun's attempt to establish peace and cooperation between the Sunni and Shi'a branches of Islam; also citing the vizier Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn, VF-EF \$300 - 400



246. **ABBASID: al Mu'tasim**, 833-842, AV dinar (4.24g), Madinat al-Salam, AH224, A-225, superb strike, choice EF \$300 - 375



247. **ABBASID: temp. al Mu'tasim**, 833-842, AV dinar (3.74g), NM, AH224, A-225var, contemporary imitation, style and inscriptions of the standard earlier dinars dated AH132-169, but very clearly dated 224, crinkled, F-VF, **RRR** \$220 - 300

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248. **ABBASID: al-Wathiq**, 842-847, AV dinar (4.20g), Madinat al-Salam, AH232, A-227, slightly uneven surfaces, VF \$240 - 280



249. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AV dinar (4.20g), Marw, AH240, A-229.3, F-VF, R \$220 - 260



250. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AV dinar (4.32g), al-Basra, AH247, A-229.4, Bernardi-158Je, narrow flan, used only in AH247, and 247 is the only known date for dinars of AH247, strong VF, R \$300 - 350



251. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AV dinar (3.66g), Samarqand, AH247, A-229.4, Bernardi-158Qe, narrow flan, used only in AH247, and 247 is the only known date for dinars of Samarqand in the name of al-Mutawakkil, VF, R \$300 - 350



252. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AR donative dirham (2.66g), Surra man Ra'a, AH238, A-230.2, special issue, broad thin flan with large blank margin around the design, pierced, as is very frequently the case for donative specimens, appears to have been removed from bezel (but no real damage), EF, RR \$300 - 400



253. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AR donative dirham (3.84g), Surra man Ra'a, AH238, A-230B, thin flan, broad outer margin both sides, mount removed, same obverse die as the previous lot, different reverse, About VF, RRR \$140 - 180



254. **ABBASID: al-Muntasir**, 861-862, AV dinar (4.14g), Surra man Ra'a (Samarra), AH248, A-231, Bernardi-159Jc, creased, some minor edge damage and one nick, otherwise very pleasant, VF, RRR \$1,300 - 1,700



255. **ABBASID: al-Musta'in**, 862-866, AV dinar (4.12g), Misr, AH248, A-233.1, struck from worn dies, VF, RR \$300 - 375



256. **ABBASID: al-Musta'in**, 862-866, AV dinar (4.29g), al-Basra, AH249, A-233.2, Bernardi-161Je, choice VF \$240 - 300



257. **ABBASID: al-Musta'in**, 862-866, AV dinar (4.16g), Misr, AH249, A-233.2, Bernardi-161De, pleasing VF \$220 - 280



258. **ABBASID: al-Musta'in**, 862-866, AV dinar (4.20g), Surra man Ra'a (Samarra), AH250, A-233.2, Bernardi-161Jc, VF \$240 - 300



259. **ABBASID: al-Musta'in**, 862-866, AV dinar (4.24g), Marw, AH251, A-233.2, Bernardi-161Ph, VF-EF, R \$280 - 350



260. **ABBASID: al-Musta'in**, 862-866, AR dirham (2.93g), Marw, AH248, A-234.1, caliph cited without the heir-apparent, VF-EF, RR \$120 - 160



261. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tazz**, 866-869, AV dinar (4.13g), Surra man Ra'a, AH253, A-235.1, Bernardi-162Jc, slightly wavy surfaces, scarce date, F-VF, S \$220 - 280



262. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tazz**, 866-869, AR dirham (2.86g), Arminiya, AH253, A-236.1, VF, RR \$140 - 180



263. **ABBASID: al-Muhtadi**, 869-870, AR dirham (3.52g), Madinat al-Salam, AH255, A-238, excellent struck for this type, without the usual weakness, VF, **R** \$120 - 160



264. **ABBASID: al-Muhtadi**, 869-870, AR dirham (2.89g), Wasit, AH256, A-238, unusually well-struck example for this short tragic reign, choice VF, **RR** \$300 - 400



265. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.60g), AH265, A-240.2, uncertain mint, partially re-engraved over uncertain host mint name, VF, **RRR** \$160 - 200



266. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (2.68g), al-Muwaffaqiya, AH270, A-240.6, citing the heir Sa'id b. Makhlad as *dhu'l-wizaratayn*, "possessor of the two vizierates", full mint and date, slightly bent, nearly VF, **RR** \$260 - 350



267. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (2.68g), al-Muwaffaqiya, AH2(70), A-240.6, citing the heir Sa'id b. Makhlad as *dhu'l-wizaratayn*, "possessor of the two vizierates", about 15% flat strike ("70" of the date partly visible, but must be 270, the first year this vizier is cited and the last year of the coinage at al-Muwaffaqiya), VF, **RR** \$200 - 300

Al-Muwaffaqiya was a military camp set up by the Abbasid army for their defeat of the Zanj Rebellion in southern Iraq. Normal Abbasid gold and silver were struck there in AH268-270, but the camp was abandoned after the defeat of the Zanj, which occurred early in 271.



268. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tadid**, 892-902, AV dinar (4.12g), Madinat al-Salam, AH279, A-241, Bernardi-211Jh, date 279 was unknown to Bernardi, but two sold examples are recorded on CoinArchives, lightly cleaned, VF-EF, **RR** \$400 - 500



269. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tadid**, 892-902, AV dinar (4.10g), al-Muhammadiya, AH280, A-241, Bernardi-211Mh, very rare mint in gold for al-Mu'tadid, unpublished by Miles, with no example on either Zeno or CoinArchives, slightly uneven surfaces, F-VF, **RR** \$600 - 750

Bernardi lists AH281-283 for al-Muhammadiya, all unknown to Miles, but does not include 280, so possibly unique.



270. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tadid**, 892-902, AV dinar (4.10g), Madinat al-Salam, AH288, A-241, Bernardi-211Jh, VF, **R** \$260 - 300



271. **ABBASID: al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AV dinar (4.16g), Misr, AH293, A-243, superb strike, perfectly centered, lustrous UNC \$400 - 500



272. **ABBASID: al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AV dinar (4.30g), Madinat al-Salam, AH292, A-243.1, Bernardi-226Jh, bold EF, **R** \$240 - 300



273. **ABBASID: al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AR dirham (3.42g), Halab, AH292, A-244, choice EF, **R** \$120 - 160



274. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.16g), Mah al-Kufa, AH300, A-245.2, Bernardi-242Mr (1 example only), rare date for this mint, although others dates for this mint are no longer rare for al-Muqtadir, lovely VF-EF \$240 - 300



275. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (3.98g), Madinat al-Salam, AH315, A-245.2, Bernardi-242Jh, fabulous bold strike, UNC \$300 - 400

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276. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (3.30g), Madinat al-Salam, AH317, A-245.2, VF-EF \$220 - 260



277. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (2.61g), Harran, AH296, A-246.2, decent strike for this mint, first series without the heir-apparent, struck only AH296-297, VF-EF, **RR** \$120 - 160



278. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (3.01g), Sijistan, AH302, A-246.2, struck during the brief purely Abbasid control of Sijistan from the Saffarids (AH301-305), struck from worn dies, VF-EF, **RR** \$140 - 180



279. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR dirham (4.25g), Hulwan, AH307, A-246.2, rare mint in west-central Iran, on the old road from Baghdad to Rayy, VF-EF, **RR** \$140 - 180



280. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR heavy dirham (4.35g), Tustar min al-Ahwaz, AH319, A-246.2, even strike, VF, **R** \$100 - 150



281. **ABBASID: al-Qahir**, 932-934, AV dinar (3.97g), Hamadan (Hamadhan), AH321, A-250.1, nice strike, broad flan, VF-EF \$240 - 280



282. **ABBASID: al-Qahir**, 932-934, AV dinar (3.45g), Hamadan, AH321, A-250.1, Bernardi-275Mu, VF-EF, **R** \$220 - 280



283. **ABBASID: al-Qahir**, 932-934, AV dinar (4.14g), Madinat al-Salam, AH321, A-250.2, citing the heir Abu'l-Qasim beneath the obverse field, must original luster, rare in this quality, choice AU \$350 - 450



284. **ABBASID: al-Qahir**, 932-934, AV dinar (2.87g), Mah al-Basra, AH321, A-250.2, VF \$200 - 260



285. **ABBASID: al-Qahir**, 932-934, AV dinar (4.22g), Madinat al-Salam, AH322, A-252, Bernardi-278Jh (only one example cited), citing the heir Abu'l-Qasim beneath the obverse field, and the phrase on the reverse which means "the avenger of God's enemies for the sake of God's religion", much original luster, superb strike, extremely rare mint for this type, none on CoinArchives, choice AU, **RRR** \$700 - 900



286. **ABBASID: al-Qahir**, 932-934, AV dinar (4.73g), al-Ahwaz, AH322, A-252, "avenger" type, with his title *al-muntaqim min a'da' Allah li-din Allah* "the avenger of God's enemies for the sake of God's religion", bold VF, **R** \$270 - 350



287. **ABBASID: al-Radi**, 934-940, AV dinar (4.30g), Misr, AH325, A-254.1, clear mint & date, some weakness, VF, *ex Choudhury Collection* \$240 - 300



288. **ABBASID: al-Muttaqi**, 940-944, AR dirham (2.70g), Nasibin, AH330, A-257N, this version, without the heir apparent Abu'l-Mansur, was struck only at Nasibin in 330 (and for some gold only at Misr dated 329 & 330), VF, **RR** \$140 - 180



289. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadi**, 1075-1094, AV dinar (4.36g), Madinat al-Salam, AH486, A-A266, also citing the caliphal heir apparent Dhakhr al-Din Abu'l-'Abbas, slightly wavy surfaces, lustrous AU, **RR** \$900 - 1,100
As type Jafar-A.MS.486, with the obverse field last two lines differently arranged.



290. **ABBASID: al-Mustazhir**, 1094-1118, AV dinar (2.76g), Madinat al-Salam, AH491, A-B266, Jafar-A.MS.491, also citing the caliphal heir apparent 'Umdat al-Din Abu Mansur, struck from deteriorating dies, which would account for minor "crease" across the center, EF-AU, **RR** \$750 - 900

Surprising, during every year from 491 to 496, three distinct dinars were struck annually, one purely Abbasid, another citing both the Abbasid caliph and the Great Seljuq ruler Barkiyaruq, the third citing both the Abbasid caliph and the Great Seljuq rival Muhammad!



291. **ABBASID: al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AR ½ dirham (1.47g), Madinat al-Salam, AH650, A-277, VF, **RR** \$110 - 150



292. **ABBASID: AE fals** (3.75g), Makka, AH204, A-M308, cf. Zeno-182499, mint name below the obverse field, date in the reverse margin, and citing the governor Muhammad above the reverse field, F-VF, **RRRR** \$800 - 1,000

Two examples dated 204 are cited on CoinArchives, including the piece sold at our Auction 28, Lot 398. Also known dated 205, of equal rarity.



293. **ABBASID: AE fals** (2.23g), Tabaristan, AH143, A-337, citing the future caliph Muhammad al-Mahdi and the local governor 'Abd al-Hamid; although the middle digit of the date is partly weak, it has the features that would only fit *arba'in* for "40". The only other possible date would be 153, but the middle digit cannot be "50"; some adhesions on the reverse, unpublished, VF, **RRR** \$120 - 160



294. **ABBASID: lead seal** (9.47g), A-338Y, inscribed *ma'arra / al-awal*, referring to the city of Ma'arra (probably Ma'arrat Masrin, well-known Umayyad copper mint), date around, probably AH183 (partly obscured by adhesions), following the word *kharaj* before the date; *al-awal* refers to the first portion of the year's tax payment, VF-EF, **RR** \$110 - 150

The seal confirms that the tax had been paid, and that the sealed substance was of the first quality. The hole for the sealing wire is clearly visible on both sides of this seal.



295. **ABBASID: lead seal** (11.67g), A-338Y, in the name of 'Abd Allah b. (Bābūs?), father's name clear but actual reading uncertain, possibly late Umayyad, VF, **RR** \$100 - 150

296. **ABBASID: LOT of 12 silver dirhams**: al-Muhammadiya 153 (2 pcs), 161, 182; al-Basra 144; Ma'dan al-Shash 190; Madinat al-Salam 151, 154 (2), 159; Samarqand 203; and al-Kufa 299; average nice VF condition, unidentified; retail value \$400, **lot of 12 pieces** \$240 - 300

297. **ABBASID: LOT of 20 silver dirhams** representing each of the caliphs who issued regular coins (except al-Amin, al-Muntasir, al-Muhtadi, and al-Mustakfi): al-Basra AH134, al-Basra 143, al-Muhammadiya 170 (al-Hadi), al-Muhammadiya 170 (al-Rashid), Isbahan 197, Madinat al-Salam 224, Madinat al-Salam 130, Marw 237, Marw 251 (al-Musta'in), Marw 249 (also al-Musta'in), Madinat al-Salam 252, Surra man Ra'a 257, Madinat al-Salam 287, Madinat al-Salam 290, Madinat al-Salam 297, al-Ahwaz 321, Madinat al-Salam 323, al-Basra 330, Madinat al-Salam 636, and Madinat al-Salam 643; mostly VF condition, a few better, a few with holes or other modest damage; retail value \$950, **lot of 20 pieces** \$500 - 700

298. **ABBASID: LOT of 11 silver dirhams**: Arran AH153, al-Abbasiya 151, al-Ahwaz 270 and 280, al-Muhammadiya 173 (2 pcs), al-Rafiq 188, 190, 191, and 192, and Tabaristan 190; average VF condition, but many with small flaws; retail value \$700, **lot of 11 pieces** \$350 - 450

299. **ABBASID: LOT of 8 silver dirhams**, mostly scarce dates: al-Muhammadiya AH166 (VF); Qasr al-Salam 167 (Fine); al-Muhammad 170 (al-Rashid, VF, wavy surfaces); Herat 195 (Fine); al-Muhammadiya 201 (nearly VF); Nasibin 322 (al-Qahir, VF, about 30% flat strike); Tustar min al-Ahwaz 329 (VF); and al-Basra 330 (VF); retail value \$500; **lot of 8 pieces** \$260 - 325

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300. **DHU'L NUNID OF TOLEDO: Sharaf al-Dawka Yahya I**, 1043-1075, AV fractional dinar (0.81g), NM, ND, A-396, VyE-1091, citing the official 'Ubayd Allah below obverse, al-Hajib Yahya on the reverse, excellent strike, bold VF, **R** \$140 - 200

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301. **TAIFAS ALMORAVIDES: Anonymous**, 1146-1155, AV dinar (3.92g), NM, AH544, A-405, VyE-2001/02, Kassis-138, with *al-amr kulluhu lillah / la quwwa illa billah* instead of a ruler's name, below the kalima on obverse, EF, **RRR** \$1,200 - 1,600

This somewhat coarsely engraved type was probably issued somewhere in southeastern Spain by local contenders opposed to the rising Kings of Murcia and the Almohades arriving from North Africa. (see also lots 302 and 303 below).

There are numerous spelling errors through this coin, especially in the Qur'anic verse in the obverse margin. The overall calligraphic style resembles some of the dinars minted in the early to mid-540s in and around the Spanish city of Jaén. This date was unknown to Vives y Escudero, and noted by Kassis as a single known specimen in the British Museum, plus a second example sold in our Auction 14, Lot 227.



302. **TAIFAS ALMORAVIDES: Anonymous**, 1146-1155, AV dinar (3.78g), NM, AH544, A-405, VyE-2000 (same date), with *al-amr kulluhu lillah / wahduhu* instead of a ruler's name, below the kalima on obverse, with Qur'an verse 3:85 as on the Almoravid prototypes (the specimen cited by Vives y Escudero has a different Qur'an verse), lightly creased, EF, **RRR** \$800 - 1,000

The overall calligraphic style resembles some of the dinars minted in the early to mid-540s in and around the Spanish city of Jaén.



303. **TAIFAS ALMORAVIDES: Anonymous**, 1146-1155, AV dinar (4.10g), NM, AH558, A-405, VyE-2001/02, similar to Kassis-138, with *al-amr kulluhu lillah / la quwwa illa billah* instead of a ruler's name, below the kalima on obverse, but with many spelling errors, suggesting that this variant might have been issued by non-Muslim authorities, EF, **RRR** \$900 - 1,200

There are numerous spelling errors through this coin, throughout the text. The overall calligraphic style resembles some of the dinars minted in the early to mid-540s in and around the Spanish city of Jaén. This date was unknown to Vives y Escudero, and appears to be unpublished and probably unique (also unknown to Kassis).



304. **IDRISID: Idris II**, 791-828, AR dirham (2.14g), Walila, AH206, A-421, attractive VF \$100 - 150



305. **AGHLABID: Ziyadat Allah I**, 816-837, AV dinar (4.06g), NM (as always), AH216, A-438, citing Masrur, Fine \$200 - 260



306. **ALMORAVID: 'Ali**, 1106-1142, AV dinar (4.09g), Sijilmasa, AH523, A-466.2, H-300, citing the heir Sir, slightly wavy surfaces, VF-EF \$300 - 375



307. **ALMORAVID: 'Ali**, 1106-1142, AV dinar (3.95g), Sijilmasa, AH537, A-466.3, H-372, citing the heir Tashufin, slightly double-struck in parts of the obverse, very rare date, VF-EF \$400 - 500



308. **ALMORAVID: 'Ali**, 1106-1142, AR 1/2 qirat (0.49g), NM, ND, A-468, very short legend *al-amin 'ali* on the obverse, blank reverse, About VF, **RR** \$180 - 240



309. **ALMORAVID: Tashufin b. 'Ali**, 1142-1145, AV dinar (3.44g), Sijilmasa, AH534 (sic), A-471.1, H—, despite the date, this is surely another posthumous issue, presumably struck by order of straggling local authorities still loyal to the defeated Almoravids; creased, but decent quality, and appeared to be unpublished and probably unique, EF, **RRRR** \$800 - 1,000

The same type, dated 544, has been reported by Hazard, his #407, and there is also 543 (the following lot in this auction).



310. **ALMORAVID: Tashufin b. 'Ali**, 1142-1145, AV dinar (4.01g), Sijilmasa, AH543, A-471.1, H—, posthumous issue, presumably struck by order of straggling local authorities still loyal to the defeated Almoravids, finest quality and appeared to be unpublished and probably unique, choice EF, **RRRR** \$1,200 - 1,600

The same type, dated 544, has been reported by Hazard, his #407.



311. **ALMOHAD: Abu Hafs 'Umar**, 1248-1266, AR square dirham (1.52g), al-Hadra al-Mu'miniya al-Murtadiya, ND, A-493A, Gaspariño, Jarique IV pp. 213-226, standard Almohad inscriptions in Kufic script, VF, RR \$100 - 150

The location of al-Hadra al-Mu'miniya al-Murtadiya is uncertain. Hohertz tentatively assigns it to Sijilmasa without providing a reference.



312. **HAFSID: Abu Faris 'Abd al-'Aziz II**, 1394-1434, AV ½ dinar (2.36g), NM, ND, A-512, Good, ex Choudhury Collection \$140 - 160



313. **MERINID: Abu Ya'qub Yusuf**, 1286-1307, AV dinar (4.60g), Madinat Sabta (= Ceuta), ND, A-524, H-716, bold EF \$500 - 600

314. **'ALAWI SHARIF: Sulayman**, 1793-1822, LOT of 133 silver dirhams, types A-622, 624, 625, and 627, the majority with legible mint and date, including al-Suwayra 1216; Fez (the most common mint) 1211-1217 and 1221; Tetuan 1208, 1211, 1213; Marrakesh 1214; Rabat al-Fath 1208, Meknes 1211, probably other dates as well, perhaps even another mint or two; average VG to Fine condition; retail value \$1300; **lot of 133 pieces** \$450 - 600

315. **'ALAWI SHARIF: Sulayman**, 1793-1822, LOT of 47 silver dirhams, types A-622 and 624-627, the majority with legible mint and date, including Fez, Tetuan, Marrakesh, and Rabat al-Fath, most with legible date; average VG to Fine condition, much weakness; retail value \$330; **lot of 47 pieces** \$130 - 180



316. **'ALAWI SHARIF: Muhammad IV**, 1859-1873, AE 4 fulus money tree (44.03g), Fas, AH1289, Cr-166.1, an entire branch of the tree, consisting of four pieces connected with casting sprues, EF, ex Charles Opitz Collection \$100 - 200

317. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 70 silver dirhams and 1 silver muzuna** of various dates during the reign of Sidi Muhammad III, including al-'Araish (3), al-Suwayra (7), Fez (6), Marrakesh (7), Meknes (27), Rabat (1), Tanja (1), Tetuan (3), and *ahad ahad* without mint (16); average circulated conditions with many VF or better, some better struck than others, a few holed, most with legible date, attributed by consignor on accompanying envelopes; retail value \$600, **lot of 71 pieces** \$250 - 300
318. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 69 silver dirhams and 2 silver muzuna** of various dates during the reign of Sidi Muhammad III, including al-'Araish (3), al-Suwayra (7), Fez (5), Marrakesh (6), Meknes (26), Rabat (1), Tetuan (4), *ahad ahad* without mint (18), and 1 of uncertain mint; average circulated conditions with many VF or better, some better struck than others, a few holed, most with legible date, attributed by consignor on accompanying envelopes; retail value \$600, **lot of 71 pieces** \$250 - 300
319. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 70 silver dirhams and 2 silver muzuna** of various dates during the reign of Sidi Muhammad III, including al-'Araish (3), al-Suwayra (6), Fez (6), Marrakesh (8), Meknes (26), Rabat (1), Tetuan (4), *ahad ahad* without mint (17), and 1 of uncertain mint; average circulated conditions with many VF or better, some better struck than others, a few holed, most with legible date, attributed by consignor on accompanying envelopes; retail value \$600, **lot of 72 pieces** \$250 - 300
320. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 81 silver dirhams** of various dates between 1208 and 1221, including Fez (31), Marrakesh (10), Meknes (4), Rabat (11), Tetuan (23), and 2 of uncertain mint; average circulated conditions with some better struck than others, a few holed, most with legible date, attributed by consignor on accompanying envelopes; retail value \$650, **lot of 81 pieces** \$300 - 350
321. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 34 cast bronze 2 fals** (several of them above 9g and thus theoretically 3 fals) of Moulay Sulayman (23) and Moulay 'Abd al-Rahman (11), the former entirely anepigraphic (the Seal of Solomon on both sides), the latter with date on one side (1266-9); average circulated conditions with some rather worn but also a few decently cast examples; retail value \$450, **lot of 34 pieces** \$200 - 250
322. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 136 cast bronze coins** (mostly 1 & 2 fals, but also a few ½, 3 & 4 fals), the majority with no mint and the rest from Tetuan, Rabat, Fez, Marrakesh, and al-Suwayra, of various dates from 1209 to 1290, many different sub-varieties; average circulated conditions with some worn but also quite a few well cast example, most with legible date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$800, **lot of 136 pieces** \$300 - 400
323. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 51 cast bronze 1 & 2 fals** from Marrakesh, Fez, Rabat, Tetuan or without mint, of various dates between 1250 and 1290; average circulated conditions or better, most coins with clear mint & date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$400, **lot of 51 pieces** \$200 - 250
324. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 44 cast bronze 1 fals** dated from 1250 to 1260 (except 1253), most without mint, but with date between double lines, others with date inside scalloped border, and several with date under mint name (Rabat al-Fath, Marrakesh); average circulated conditions with some rather worn but also quite a few decently cast examples, most with legible date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$350, **lot of 44 pieces** \$150 - 200
325. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 112 cast bronze coins** (mostly 1 & 2 fals, plus ten 4 fals) from Marrakesh, Fez, Tetuan, Rabat or with no mint, of various dates between the 1250's to the 1280's; average circulated conditions with many quite worn but also a few nice examples, the majority with legible date, some with legible mint; retail value \$350, **lot of 112 pieces** \$130 - 170
326. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 51 silver dirhams** of various dates between 1253 to 1279, including Fez (25, with one interesting brockage), Marrakesh (8), Rabat (16), and 2 of uncertain mint; average circulated conditions with quite a few nicely struck examples, a few holed, most with legible date, attributed by consignor on accompanying envelopes; retail value \$500, **lot of 51 pieces** \$250 - 300
327. **'ALAWI SHARIF: LOT of 57 cast bronze 1 fals** dated from 1260 to 1265, including one with error date "1621"; most with no mint and date between various types of lines (single or double, straight or wavy, a few with scalloped or rayed border), others with date and mint (Rabat al-Fath, Fez); average circulated conditions with some rather worn but also quite a few decently cast examples, most with legible date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$400, **lot of 57 pieces** \$180 - 220

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328. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 84 cast bronze 1 fals dated from 1265 to 1270 from Fez, Marrakesh, Rabat al-Fath or no mint, many different sub-varieties; average circulated conditions with some rather worn but also quite a few decently cast examples, most with legible mint & date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$450, **lot of 84 pieces** \$200 - 250
329. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 64 cast bronze 1 & 2 fals (the majority 1 fals) from Marrakesh, Fez, Rabat, Tetuan or without mint, of various dates between 1267 and 1281, including a pair of 1 fals still conjoined by a casting sprue; average circulated conditions, most coins with legible mint & date, some well cast with clear inscriptions, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$400, **lot of 64 pieces** \$200 - 250
330. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 112 cast bronze 1 fals from Rabat, Fez, Marrakesh & Tetuan, of various dates from 1270 to 1275, a few scarcer dates including 1273 Fez; average circulated conditions with some rather worn but also quite a few decently cast examples, most with legible mint & date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$800, **lot of 112 pieces** \$400 - 500
331. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 69 cast bronze 2 fals from mostly Tetuan (with a few Fez and Marrakesh) of various dates from 1271 to 1280; average circulated conditions with some rather worn but also quite a few decently cast examples, most with legible mint & date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$500, **lot of 69 pieces** \$220 - 280
332. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 74 cast bronze 4 fals of Fez, dated 1283 (4), 1284 (11), 1285 (14), 1286 (18), 1288 (23), and 128x (4); average circulated conditions, quite a few very sharply cast, most with clear mint & date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$450, **lot of 74 pieces** \$200 - 250
333. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 62 cast bronze 4 fals of Marrakesh (M) and Fez (F), including 1283 (M 1), 1284 (M 3, F 8), 1285 (M 12, F 4, one example with an annulet in each margin of the Seal of Solomon), 1286 (M 4, F 6), 1287 (F 7), 1288 (F 2), 1289 (F 5), 1290 (F 9), 128x (M 1); average circulated conditions, with quite a few well-cast examples with sharp and bold lettering; retail value \$400, **lot of 62 pieces** \$200 - 250
334. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 38 silver dirhams (34 of Fez from 1283 to 1286, 3 of Marrakesh 1283-1284, 1 Rabat 1284); average circulated conditions with some decent strikes, almost all with legible dates, about half holed or plugged; retail value \$450, **lot of 38 pieces** \$200 - 250
335. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 59 cast bronze 4 fals of Fez, dated 1283 (1), 1285 (6), 1286 (12), 1287 (8), 1288 (12), 1289 (11), 1290 (9); average circulated conditions, quite a few very sharply cast, all with clear mint & date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$400, **lot of 59 pieces** \$180 - 220
336. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 36 cast bronze 4 fals of Marrakesh and Fez, of various dates between 1283 and 1290; above-average circulated conditions, with quite a few well-cast examples with sharp lettering, most with legible mint & date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$350, **lot of 36 pieces** \$150 - 200
337. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 37 silver fractional dirhams from 1284 to 1287, including 10 quarter dirhams (muzuna) of Fez dated 1284 (scarce) and 1288, and 27 half dirhams (22 of Fez with quite a few scarcer dates, 4 Marrakesh, 1 MM) of every year except 1287; average circulated conditions or better, all dates legible, with quite a few decently struck and better than VG, a few holed or plugged; retail value \$500, **lot of 37 piece** \$250 - 300
338. **'ALAWI SHARIF:** LOT of 59 cast bronze 4 fals of Fez, dated 1285 (7), 1286 (10), 1287 (7), 1288 (14), 1289 (10), 1290 (11); average circulated conditions, quite a few very sharply cast, all with clear mint & date, attributed by consignor on accompanying paper envelopes; retail value \$400, **lot of 59 pieces** \$180 - 220

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