

Session A

Begins at 09:00 PDT on Thursday, June 11, 2020

Ancient Coins

Greek



1. **ATTICA: Anonymous**, 440-404 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.20g), Athens, S-2526, helmeted bust of Athena right // owl standing right with head facing, olive spray and moon behind, bold strike, Strike: 3/5, Surface: 4/5, NGC graded Choice AU \$600 - 800

Quantities of tetradrachms were minted to pay for such projects as the rebuilding of the city's temples, to finance new buildings such as the Parthenon, and to fund the Peloponnesian War, which was to ruin Athens financially.



2. **LEUKAS: AR stater** (8.22g), ND [ca. 320-280 BC], S-2281, BMC-12.89, Pegasi-128, Pegasos flying right with below // helmeted bust of Athena right with amphora left, grape bunch on vine above, and to left, somewhat weakly struck, F-VF \$150 - 250



3. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323, AR tetradrachm, Arados, Price-3332, struck under Menes or Laomedon, circa 324/3-320 BC, head of Herakles to right, wearing lion skin headdress // Zeus seated left on low throne, holding long scepter in his left hand, and eagle standing right with closed wings in his right; to left, kerykeion; below throne, monogram of AP, NGC graded EF \$250 - 350



4. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: Alexander III, the Great**, 336-323, AV stater (8.53g), Amphipolis, Price-175, Head of Athena to right, wearing Corinthian helmet decorated with a coiled serpent // Nike standing, with wings spread, holding laurel wreath in her right hand and stylis in her left; to left, trident-head pointing left, choice EF \$1,900 - 2,200



5. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: Philip III Arrhidaios**, 323-317 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.17g), Babylon, Price-P181, struck under Archon, Dokimos, or Seleukos I, head of Herakles to right, wearing lion skin headdress // Zeus seated left on low throne, holding long scepter in his left hand and eagle standing right with closed wings in his right; to left, M; below throne, VF \$150 - 250



6. **POSEIDONIA: AR didrachm (nomos)** (8.13g), ca. 480-430 BC, SNG ANS 635 (same obverse die), Poseidon striding right, wielding trident, chlamys draped over both arms // (retrograde) above bull standing left, choice VF, ex Spink Auction 331, Lot 6; ex Russell Bement Collection \$350 - 450



7. **SARMATIANS: Anonymous**, 400-350 BC, cast AE 36 (18.24g), Olbia, SNG Stancomb-347, Black Sea issue, Gorgoneion // eagle standing left on dolphin, Fine, R \$200 - 300



8. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Seleukos I Nikator**, 312-280 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.13g), Seleukeia on the Tigris, CS-130.10b, laureate head of Zeus right // Athena in elephant quadriga, brandishing spear & shield, anchor above, monograms and below, lovely strike, attractive VF \$600 - 800

Another example, same dies, was sold at Freeman & Sear Mail Bid Sale 14, Lot 265, in 2007.



9. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Seleukos I Nikator**, 312-280 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.11g), Seleukeia on the Tigris, SC-117c; Newell, ESM-4, in the type of Alexander III of Macedon, head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin headdress // Zeus Aëtrophoros seated left holding scepter, monogram in left field, below throne, VF \$200 - 300



10. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Seleukos I Nikator**, 312-280 BC, AR drachm, Seleukeia mint, S-6386var, SC-131, laureate head of Zeus right // Athena, brandishing spear and shield, advancing right in a quadriga drawn by four horned (!) elephants; anchor above; lovely bold strike, ANACS graded EF40 \$700 - 900



11. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Alexander II Zabinas**, 128-122 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.53g), Antioch, SC-2217.2, diademed head right // Zeus enthroned left, holding Nike and scepter, monogram in outer left field, encircled N below throne, minor marks, some roughness, VF \$150 - 200

12. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: LOT of 5 silver tetradrachms**, standard types: Seleukos III (226-223 BC), Apollo seated on omphalos (Fine, large text cut); Demetrios I (162-150), Tyche enthroned (F-VF); Alexander Balas (150-145), Zeus enthroned (Fine); and Antiochos VII (138-129), Athena standing (2 pcs, both F-VF); retail value \$575, **lot of 5 pieces** \$300 - 400

13. **SYRACUSE: LOT of 24 bronze coins** of various rulers from the late 5th century to the late 3rd century, featuring a variety of animals and objects on reverse: Second Democracy (1), Dionysios I (1), Timoleon & Third Democracy (7), Agathocles (4), Hiketas (2), Hieron II (8), and Hieronymus (1); G-VF+, some cleaned, several with lovely details, all clearly identifiable; retail price \$850, **lot of 24 pieces** \$500 - 600

14. **ANCIENT GREECE: LOT of 50 bronze coins** from a wide range of city states and kingdoms from the late 5th century to the mid-1st century BC: Abbaitis (2), Amisos, Antioch, Apameia (2), Arados, Carthage (2), Epiros (Pyrrhos), Ephesos (4), Gela, Hieropolis-Kastabala, Himera, Kyme (Aeolis, 2), Ptolemaic Kyrene (Magas), Macedon (10, various rulers from Philip II on), Messana (3, Mamertines), Mesembria (2), Olbia (4), Pantikapaion, Seleucid Empire (5), Seleukeia, Tarsos (2), Termessos, and Thrace (Lysimachos); G-VF+, some cleaned, several with lovely details, all identifiable; retail price \$1300, **lot of 50 pieces** \$700 - 900

15. **ANCIENT GREECE: LOT of 23 coins** from the Greek world: **Kyme** (Aeolis): AR hemiobol (2), **Dyrrhachion**: AR drachm (5), **Indo-Scythian**: Azes II tetradrachm, **Tiberius**: Antioch AE22, **Claudius**: Synnada AE19 (RPC 3187), **Nero**: Antioch & Alexandria tetradrachm, Antioch AE22, **Nerva**: Antioch AE30, **Trajan**: Antioch tetradrachm & AE25, **Hadrian**: Alexandria tetradrachm (2), Macedon AE25 (SNG Copenhagen 1338), **Antoninus Pius**: Alexandria tetradrachm, **Marcus Aurelius**: Kyrene AE29 (RPC 8006), Macedon AE24, **Commodus**: Caesaraea tetrassarion (RPC 6915), modern cast imitation Orodes II drachm (likely Iran 1960's); moderately worn with a fair amount of details intact; retail value \$650, **lot of 23 pieces** \$350 - 450

16. **ANCIENT: LOT of 146 mostly bronze ancient coins** including Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Elymais, and Sasanian, with a wide range of types, average circulated quality, retail value \$650, **lot of 146 coins** \$300 - 500

17. **ANCIENT: LOT of 6 ancient coins**: (1) Parthian, Artabanos II, AR drachm (choice VF) (2) Sasanian, Varahran V, eastern type (Göbl-157) (VF) (3) Sasanian, Khusro II, WH mint, year 37 (VF-EF) (4) uncertain denarius, probably Roman (Good) (5) & (6) unidentified copper coins (average VG); retail value \$325, **lot of 6 pieces** \$170 - 220

Roman & Byzantine

18. **ROMAN REPUBLIC: LOT of 24 silver denarii** of various types and issuers (two fourrées), including two of Mark Antony legionary type, and two one example each of L. Aemilius Lepidus Paullus (Cr-415/1) and Q. Antonius Balbus (Cr-364/1d); many well worn with a few VF, all identifiable; retail value \$700, **lot of 24 pieces** \$450 - 550



19. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Augustus**, 27 BC-14 AD, AR denarius (3.74g), Lugdunum, RIC-207, RSC-43, struck 2 BC to 4 AD, laureate head right, CAESAR AVGVSTVS / DIVI F PATER PATRIAE // Caius and Lucius standing front, each togate and resting hand on shield with spear, lituus and simpulum in between, AVGVSTI F COS DESIG PRINC IVVENT, C L CAESARES in exergue, attractive example! EF \$200 - 300

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21. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Gordian III**, 238-244 AD, AV imitative aureus (4.72g), "Rome", RIC—, IMP CAES M ANT GORDIVS(sic) AVG, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust of Gordian III right // FELICITAS AVGG, Felicitas standing, holding caduceus and cornucopia, somewhat wavy flan, VF, **RR** \$800 - 1,000

Indian imitation, muling of a standard obverse design of Gordian III with a reverse, with long caduceus, almost exclusively used by Valerian I (253-260) for all metals, including the gold aureus.



22. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Valerian I**, 253-260, AE 11 assaria (18.75g), Cilicia, Syedra, SNG von Aulock-5904, laureate, draped, and cuirassed bust right, IA (mark of value) before, C // two wrestlers grappling, C C, rough green patina, F-VF \$150 - 200

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23. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Valens**, 364-378 AD, AV solidus (4.43g), Antioch, RIC-2d, D N VALENS PER F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right // RESTITVTOR REIPVBLICAE, Valens standing right, holding labarum and Victory on globe, mint mark ANTE followed by star, minor graffiti in reverse field, bold VF-EF \$450 - 500

Same obverse die as the example in Roma E-Sale 61, Lot 1001.

A Superb Tremissis of Libius Severus



24. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Libius Severus**, 461-465, AV tremissis (1.44g), Comitatusian mint, RIC-2709, Lacam-67, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, DN LIB SEVE-RVS PF AVG // cross within wreath, COMOB below, superb strike, one of the finest examples known, EF, RR \$6,000 - 7,000

25. **ROMAN EMPIRE: LOT of 57 bronze imperial coins** from the first to the second century AD, including 41 sestertii, 5 dupondii, 10 asses, 1 quadrans: Divus Augustus (Tiberius), Tiberius, Agrippa (Gaius), Claudius, Nero (RIC 275), Vespasian, Nerva (2), Trajan (4), Hadrian (4), Antoninus Pius (17), Aelius (RIC 1059), Marcus Aurelius (16), Lucius Verus (2: RIC 1420 & 1507: consecration sestertius with elephants), Commodus (3), Septimius Severus (2); well circulated, though all easily identifiable, many cleaned; retail value \$1700, **lot of 57 pieces** \$900 - 1,200

26. **ROMAN EMPIRE: LOT of 69 silver denarii** of a variety of reverse types, from Vespasian (8), Domitian (4), Nerva (2), Trajan (8), Hadrian (4), Antoninus Pius (13), Marcus Aurelius (19), Lucius Verus (4), Commodus (3), and Septimius Severus (4); most rather worn, though identifiable, with a few nicer examples; retail value \$1400, **lot of 69 pieces** \$700 - 900

27. **ANCIENT ROME: LOT of 14 silver and bronze coins** from late 3rd century BC to late 4th century AD, including **Republic**: semuncia (x2), denarius, victoriatius; **Empire**: as (Augustus, Germanicus, Nerva, Diva Faustina Sr), quadrans (Caligula's **rare** 4th consulship, Trajan), sestertius & dupondius (Marcus Aurelius), denarius (Elagabalus), siliqua (Theodosius); mostly VF; retail value \$850, **lot of 14 pieces** \$400 - 500



28. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AV solidus (3.70g), S-738 style, standard type (busts of Heraclius & his son // cross on steps), unidentified barbaric mint, location unknown, severely blundered legends on both sides, broad flan with wide outer margin on both sides, VF-EF, R \$350 - 450

A similar-style wide margin solidus, but imitating Justinian I, was sold in Hess-Divo Auction 315, Lot 254.



29. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius**, 610-641, AV tremissis (1.46g), Constantinople, Sear-787, struck 613-641, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right, DN hRACLI-VS PP AVG // cross potent on base, VICTORIA AVGY, CONOB below, lovely portrait, sharply struck despite some weakness, lustrous, choice EF \$170 - 200



30. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Justinian II**, First reign, 685-695, AV solidus (4.34g), Constantinople, S-1248, bust of Christ Pantocrator facing; cross behind // Emperor standing facing, wearing crown and loros, holding cross potent set on two steps, and akakia; minor reverse die cracks, lovely lustrous surfaces, strike: 5/5; surface: 3/5, NGC graded Choice AU, ex Triskeles Sale 29, Lot 321 \$3,800 - 4,000

This coin is notable for being the first coin type to depict Jesus Christ, and was a direct result of the Trullan Synod, called by Justinian in 692. Canon 82 of the Synod made allowance for representing Christ in His human guise rather than symbolically as had been done hitherto.



31. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Michael VII Doukas**, 1071-1078, AV histamenon nomisma (4.41g), Constantinople, S-1868, scyphate planchet, bust of Christ facing, wearing nimbus cruciger, pallium and colobium, raising right hand in benediction, book of Gospels in left; IC-XC across fields, double border // bust of Michael VII facing, bearded, wearing crown with pendilia and loros, labarum in right hand, globus cruciger in left; double border, EF \$250 - 350

An Extraordinary Tremissis of Cunincpert



32. **LOMBARDS: Cunincpert**, 688-700, AV tremissis (1.17g), Pavia, MEC 1 —, Arslan-31, cf. Bernareggi-12, struck ca 688-692, diademed bust of the king right, RX below, DN CVN-INCPE // victory standing with head left, holding wreath and globus cruciger, + DN CVNINCPERT REX I (all N's retrograde), VF-EF, RRR \$5,000 - 6,000

King of the Lombards and King of Italy, Cunincpert (Cunipert) was the son of Perctarit and a member of the Bavarian dynasty. He oversaw the coinage reform which abandoned the Byzantine Victory motif in favor of the archangel Saint Michael, a venerated figure among the newly converted Lombards due to his association with the pagan god Odin. This coin belongs to the much rarer pre-reform transitional type, which explicitly names the king rather than the Byzantine emperor (cf. Lot 32 of this sale) and yet still retains the Victory reverse. Only a handful examples of this type have ever appeared in auctions, and none as well preserved (cf. CNG Auction 100, Lot 391).



33. **LOMBARDS: uncertain king**, ca 7th century, AV tremissis (1.28g), cf. MEC-306, Arslan-13 var, pseudo-imperial issue in the name of Byzantine emperor Maurice Tiberius (582-602), diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right, DN MVTI-TbPPVI (N retrograde) // victory standing with head left, holding wreath and globus cruciger, blundered legend around, well struck on a broad flan, choice EF \$1,600 - 1,800

Ancient Near-East



34. **ACHAEMENID EMPIRE: Anonymous**, 4th century BC, AR "darcic" (8.28g), late 19th or first half of the 20th century fantasy imitation in fine gold: great king kneeling, holding long spear and bow // rectangular incuse punch, with the cross lines designed as fish! VF-EF \$300 - 450

35. **ACHAEMENID EMPIRE: LOT of 12 silver sigloi**, 5th-4th century BC: bearded king kneeling, holding spear & bow // oblong punch, nearly all in Fine condition; retail value \$475, lot of 12 pieces \$200 - 260



36. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires III & Queen Anzaze**, ca. 82-73 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.01g), Seleukia on the Hedyphon, ND, Van't Haaff-1-2, jugate draped busts of Kamnaskires, diademed, and Queen Anzaze, wearing stephane, small anchor to right // bearded deity (Belos or Zeus) seated on throne, holding Nike & scepter, left of his feet, lovely strike, some cleaning on the reverse, EF, R \$1,500 - 1,700



37. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires III & Queen Anzaze**, ca. 82-72 BC, AR tetradrachm (14.59g), ND, Van't Haaff-7.1, jugate draped bust of Kamnaskires, diademed, and Queen Anzaze, wearing stephane; anchor behind // bearded Zeus/Belos enthroned, holding Nike & scepter, most of the legend visible, VF-EF \$300 - 375



38. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires III & Queen Anzaze**, ca. 82-72 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.77g), Van't Haaff-7.1, jugate draped bust of Kamnaskires, diademed, and Queen Anzaze, wearing stephane; mintmark & anchor behind, the anchor partly overstruck with Nike countermark // bearded Zeus/Belos enthroned, holding Nike & scepter, very crude strike, some minor adhesions on the edge, most of the reverse legend off flan, VF \$200 - 250



39. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires III & Queen Anzaze**, ca. 82-72 BC, AR hemidrachm (1.73g), Susa(?), Van't Haaff-7.1 3-1, countermark of magistrate under Kamnaskires IV (monogram 6A, dates to 64/3 BC), draped jugate bust left of Kamnaskires diademed and Queen Anzaze wearing stephane // Zeus enthroned left, holding Nike and scepter, inscriptions around, F-VF, R \$200 - 250

The only other example of this type we can find appeared in Triskeles Auction 329 (Lot 271).



40. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires V**, ca. 62-54 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.39g), ND, Van't Haaff-9.2, diademed bust left, anchor behind // similar portrait with short hair, blundered Greek legend around, excellent strike, especially on the reverse, choice VF-EF \$180 - 220



41. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires V**, ca. 62-54 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.72g), Van't Haaff-9.2, diademed bust left, anchor behind // similar portrait with short hair, blundered Greek legend around, excellent strike, especially on the reverse, choice VF \$140 - 170



42. **ELYMAIS: Anonymous**, ca. 30 BC to 50 AD, AR tetradrachm (14.89g), Seleukeia, ND, Van't Haaff-10.1, diademed bust left, anchor behind, 8-point rosette above the anchor // simplified bust left, stylized Greek inscription around, EF \$180 - 240



43. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Mithradates I**, c. 171-138 BC, AR drachm (4.35g), Shore-12 ff. Sell-10, beardless bust, wearing bashlik // 3-line legend, VF-EF \$120 - 160



44. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Mithradates I**, c. 171-138 BC, AR drachm (3.46g), Shore-24 ff. Sell-11, long beard // 3-line legend, bold strike, reverse slightly double-struck at the right, EF \$120 - 160



45. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Mithradates I**, c. 171-138 BC, AR obol (0.60g), Shore-30, Sell-12.4, king's bust right, wearing diadem, long beard // bust of his brother Bagasis (aka Bagayash), wearing the bashlyk, legend around (naming the Great King Arsakes), minor porosity, bold strike for this type, VF, RR \$120 - 160

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46. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Phraates III**, c. 70-57 BC, AR drachm (3.71g), the Court mint, Shore-178. Sell-38.15, king's bust, medium beard // 6-line legend, mint / (said to be Susa), reverse partially double-struck, EF \$130 - 170



47. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Phraates III**, c. 70-57 BC, AR drachm (3.95g), the Court mint, Shore-180/85. Sell-39.7, king wearing tiara with horn inside, medium beard // 6-line legend, bold strike, choice EF \$130 - 170



48. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Phraates III**, c. 70-57 BC, AR drachm (4.09g), Rhagae, Sellwood-36.9 (Darius?), struck ca 68-62 BC, diademed bust left with short curly beard, wearing simple spiral torque with pellet end // archer seated right on throne, mintmark below bow, legend in 7 lines, a lovely coin with a fine portrait and traces of mint luster, choice EF \$150 - 200



49. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Orodes II**, c. 57-38 BC, AR tetradrachm (14.62g), Seleukeia on the Tigris, ND, Shore-212, king's bust left, wearing diadem with three ends, necklace with torque ending in sea horse // king enthroned, holding Nike on extended arm, lovely VF-EF \$140 - 180



50. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Orodes II**, c. 57-38 BC, AR obol (0.61g), Shore-265. Sell-48.15, king's bust left, wearing diadem and spiraled torque, wart on brow // archer & four-line legend, reverse off-center, choice VF-EF, R \$130 - 160



51. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Phraatakes & Musa**, 2 BC - AD 4, AR drachm (3.76g), Ekbatana, Shore-324. Sell-58.9, king's bust left, two figures of Nike offering diadem, one left & one right // Queen Musa's bust left, wearing tiara & diadem, his name in Greek around, mint monogram lower left; some light porosity, especially on reverse, two scratches on reverse, bold VF, R \$200 - 260



52. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Artabanos IV**, 10-38 AD, AR drachm (3.33g), Ecbatana, Sell-63.6, diademed bust left, long square beard // archer seated right on throne, superbly struck obverse with high relief and crisp details, a rare example of the full bust, with collar and star on shoulder visible, choice VF-EF \$200 - 250



53. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Vonones II**, AD 51, AR drachm (3.74g), Shore-368. Sell-67.1, facing bust, star left & right // standard reverse, lovely VF-EF \$120 - 160



54. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Vologases I**, AD 51-78, AR diobol (1.49g), Shore-379/380, king's bust left, medium beard // archer, blundered legend around, naming the ruler "Lord Vologases", lovely VF-EF \$130 - 170



55. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Pakoros II**, AD 78-105, AR diobol (1.33g), Shore-402/03var, king's bust left, short beard // archer, 4-line legend around, very rare variety with the carefully engraved hooks on the crown crest (as the full drachm Shore-401), VF, RR \$130 - 170



56. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Vologases III**, AD 105-147, BI tetradrachm (10.98g), Seleukeia-on-Tigris, SE434, Sell-79.10, struck in the month of Panemos (June 123 AD), diademed and draped bust left, B behind // Vologases seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, year above & month below, VF, ex *Simonetta Collection* \$250 - 350



57. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Vologases V**, AD 191-208, AR drachm (3.54g), Shore-448. Sell-86.3, facing bust, hair tied in 3 bunches // Archer seated, ruler's name in Aramaic at the top, but very weak (probably due to die deterioration), EF \$140 - 160

58. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: LOT of 20 silver drachms** from 20 different kings: Mithradates I, Phraates II, Artabanos I, Mithradates II, Gotarzes I, Orodes I, Phraates III, Mithradates III, Orodes II, Phraates IV, Vonones I, Artabanos II, Vardanes I, Vologases I, Vardanes II, Pakoros II, Vologases III, Parthamaspatas, Osroes II, and Vologases VI; average VF-EF condition, all with excellent portraits, some cleaned and a few with minor defects; an interesting starter collection; retail value \$1400, **lot of 20 pieces** \$850 - 1,000

59. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 10 silver drachms: Mithradates I, 171-138 BC (VF); Mithradates II, 123-88 BC (2 pieces, VF & VF-EF); Gotarzes I, 95-87 BC (VF-EF); Mithradates III, 57-54 BC (2 pcs, both VF-EF); Orodes II (2 pcs, Fine & VF), and Phraates III (2 pcs, both VF), many lightly cleaned, all with nice portraits, attractive group; retail value \$800, **lot of 10 pieces** \$450 - 550
60. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 10 silver drachms: Mithradates II, 123-88 BC (3 pieces, VF-EF); Mithradates III, 57-54 BC (VF, porous surfaces); Orodes II, 57-38 BC (3 pcs, all VF or better); Phraates IV, 38-2 BC (VF); Artabanos II (EF), and Vologases III (choice VF); many lightly cleaned, all with nice portraits, attractive group; retail value \$625, **lot of 10 pieces** \$325 - 450
61. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 11 silver drachms: Vonones I (2 pcs, VF-EF and Fine); Artabanos II (2 pcs, both EF); Vologases I (2 pcs, VF and EF); Pakoros II (2 pcs, VF and nearly EF); and Vologases III (3 pcs, VF, VF-EF, and EF); some lightly cleaned, almost all with nice portraits; retail value \$650, **lot of 11 pieces** \$325 - 450
62. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 7 silver drachms: Mithradates I, 171-138 BC, types Shore-5/6 and 12 ff (both F-VF, modestly cleaned); and Mithradates II, 123-88 BC, types Shore-69/70, 77, 79, 85, and 96/101 (all VF or better, some lightly cleaned); retail value \$550, **lot of 7 pieces** \$300 - 400
63. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 10 silver drachms and 1 silver tetradrachm, includes drachms of Mithradates I (VF, some porosity); Mithradates II (2 pcs, both at least VF); Gotarzes I (F-VF, some adhesions); Orodes I (VF-EF); Phraates III (VF, harshly cleaned); Mithradates III (VF); Orodes II (2 pcs, both VF); and Phraates IV (VF); and a tetradrachm of Phraates IV (Fine); many lightly cleaned, most with nice portraits; retail value \$600, **lot of 11 pieces** \$300 - 400
64. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 10 silver drachms: Mithradates I (Fine); Artabanos I (EF, porous surfaces); Mithradates II (2 pcs, both nice VF); Gotarzes I (VF-EF, some small adhesions); Orodes I (F-VF); Phraates III (EF); Mithradates III (VF); Orodes II (VF); and Phraates IV (F-VF, some corrosion); many lightly cleaned, most with nice portraits; retail value \$600, **lot of 10 pieces** \$300 - 400
65. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 7 silver drachms of Mithradates II, 123-88 BC: type Shore-102/107, medium beard, tall tiara with star in the center, all VF condition or better, some lightly cleaned; retail value \$550, **lot of 7 pieces** \$280 - 400
66. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 13 common silver drachms: Phraates III (1), Orodes II (4), Phraates IV (3), Artabanos II (1), Pakoros II (1), Vologases III (1), and Vologases VI (2); average F-VF condition, retail value \$525, **lot of 13 pieces** \$260 - 325
67. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 14 common silver drachms: Mithradates II (1), Gotarzes I (1), Orodes I (1), Artabanos II (1), Orodes II (2), Phraates IV (2, including one contemporary imitation in debased metal), Vardanes II (1), Vologases III (1), Vologases IV (2, including one pierced), and Vologases VI (2, also with one pierced); average F-VF condition; retail value \$525, **lot of 14 pieces** \$260 - 325
68. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 20 tetradrachms of Seleukeia mint: Phraates IV (38-2 BC, 6 pcs); Tiridates (29-27 BC, 1 pc); Phraatakes (2 BC-4 AD, 4 pcs); Artabanos II (10-38 AD, 1 pc); Vardanes I (40-45, 2 pcs); Gotarzes II (40-51, 1 pc); and Vologases III (105-147, 1 pc); average Fine condition, many with legible Seleukid dates and a few with legible months, a few in lower grades, light adhesions or discoloration, plus 4 later billon tetradrachms in poor conditions; retail value \$1500, **lot of 20 pieces** \$750 - 1,000
69. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 12 silver drachms of different rulers: Mithradates I (F-VF), Mithradates II, Gotarzes I, Orodes I, Phraates III, Mithradates III, Orodes II, Phraates IV, Vonones I, Vologases III, Vonones II, Vologases IV, and Vologases VI; all VF or better, but some cleaned or with some minor damage; retail value \$850, **lot of 12 pieces** \$400 - 600
70. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 8 silver drachms: **Mithradates I, 171-138 BC** Shore-7/11: wearing bashlyk, 2-line reverse legend (2 pcs); Shore-12/18: similar, but 3-line legend (2 pcs); and Shore-24/27: bare-headed (4 pcs); average F-VF; retail value \$500, **lot of 8 pieces** \$260 - 350
71. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 4 silver drachms: **Phraates III, 138-127 BC:** Shore-44, bare-headed, monogram #6 below reverse (Fine); and Shore-50, similar, but with mint abbreviation TAM on obverse (2 pcs, both nice F-VF); and **Artabanos I, 127-124 BC:** Shore-59/62, long beard (VF); retail value \$300, **lot of 4 pieces** \$150 - 200
72. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 8 silver drachms: **Mithradates II, 123-88 BC:** Shore-85/88, bare-headed, 5-line legend (4 pcs, all VF or slightly nicer); and Shore-96/100, wearing tiara with star, also 5-line legend (4 pcs, all VF or somewhat better); retail value \$600, **lot of 8 pieces** \$300 - 400
73. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 8 silver drachms: Mithradates II (2 pcs), Gotarzes I, Orodes I, Phraates III, Orodes II, and Phraates IV (2 pcs); all at least VF, some cleaned, many better; retail value \$625, **lot of 8 pieces** \$350 - 450
74. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 8 silver drachms: Mithradates II (2 pcs), Orodes I, Phraates II, Orodes II, Phraates IV (2 pcs), and Vologases III; all at least VF, several quite nice; retail value \$575, **lot of 8 pieces** \$300 - 400
75. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 9 silver drachms of different rulers: Mithradates II, Gotarzes I, Orodes I, Phraates III, Mithradates III, Orodes II, Phraates IV, Vonones I, and Vologases V, all VF or better, several EF, several cleaned; retail value \$625, **lot of 9 pieces** \$300 - 400
76. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 6 silver drachms: **Mithradates II, 123-88 BC:** Shore-69/70, bare-headed, medium beard, 4-line legend (4 pcs, average VF); and Shore-77/84, similar, but long beard (2 pcs, both VF); pleasing group of this popular type; retail value \$475, **lot of 6 pieces** \$200 - 300
77. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 7 silver drachms: **Gotarzes I, 95-87 BC:** Shore-110/117, wearing tiara with horn in center, stags on top, 5-line legend (7 pcs, 6 in nice Fine condition, one VG); retail value \$375, **lot of 7 pieces** \$180 - 260
78. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 13 silver drachms: **Orodes II, 90-77 BC:** Shore-122/126, wearing tiara with star in center, 7-line legend (6 pcs, average F-VF); and Shore-131/140, bare headed, short beard, 5-line legend (7 pcs, average F-VF); retail value \$600, **lot of 13 pieces** \$280 - 400
79. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 7 silver drachms: **Phraates III, 70-57 BC:** Shore-150/161, medium beard (1 pc, VF); and Shore-168/179, long beard (1 pc, VF, off-center strike, Fine-VF); and **Mithradates III, 57-54 BC:** Shore-189/190, plain obverse field (4 pcs, average VF-EF); and Shore-201/204 (1 pc, VF); retail value \$400, **lot of 7 pieces** \$200 - 260
80. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 8 silver drachms: **Artabanos II, 10-38AD:** Shore-337/340, pointed beard (3 pcs, two VF-EF, the other VF, but light hornsilver); and Shore-341/346, square-cut beard (5 pcs, all VF or somewhat better); retail value \$350, **lot of 8 pieces** \$160 - 260
81. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 5 silver drachms: **Vonones II, 51AD:** Shore-368/369, facing bust, star left & right, standard reverse (5 pcs, all pleasing VF); retail value \$500, **lot of 5 pieces** \$260 - 325
82. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 9 silver drachms: **Vologases I, 51-78AD:** Shore-373/75 (1 pc, choice VF); **Vardanes II, 55-58AD:** Shore-384/86 (3 pcs, Fine, VF, and EF); **Pakoros II, 78-105AD:** Shore-393/97, beardless (2 pcs, Fine and VF), and Shore-399/401, short beard (2 pcs, both VF); and **Artabanos III, 80-90AD:** Shore-404 (1 pc, EF); retail value \$500, **lot of 9 pieces** \$260 - 325
83. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 13 silver drachms: **Orodes II, 57-38 BC:** Shore-233/236, crescent right (1 pc, VF); Shore-239/258, star left, crescent right (2 pcs, average Fine-VF); and Shore-258/264, star left, star & crescent right (4 pcs, average VF); and **Phraates IV, 38-2 BC,** Shore-293/296, star left, eagle right (2 pcs, average VF); and Shore-297/300, star & crescent left, eagle right (4 pcs, VF and slightly nicer); retail value \$600, **lot of 13 pieces** \$300 - 425
84. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM & others:** LOT of 5 silver (3 Parthian & 2 Sasanian) and 7 copper coins (3 Parthian, 3 Seleukid, and 1 unidentified, all in poor to Good quality and of minimal value), from the old collection of Neilson Carel Debevoise (1903-1992), who published an important book in 1938, *A Political History of Parthia*; 11 of the 12 pieces with his original descriptions (not necessarily correct!); Silver coins: Parthian: Pakoros II (Fine, heavy adhesions), Vardanes II (facing bust, VF), and Mithradates IV (VF); and the Sasanian: Shahpur II (VG), and Khusr II (WYH year 38, VF); retail value \$300, interesting group from the old collection: **lot of 12 pieces** \$130 - 170

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85. **PERSIS KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) & Papag**, ca. 205-209, AR obol (0.46g), Alram-653, Nelson-689, bust of Shahpur left, wearing Parthian-style tiara // bust of his father Papag (Papak) left, with unusual Parthian tiara, some corrosion, mainly in the obverse field, F-VF, **RR** \$140 - 180



86. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir, as Artaxerxes of Persis**, ca. 203-224, AR drachm (3.41g), G-1, bust of Ardashir facing, wearing Parthian-style tiara // bust of Papag left, wearing same tiara, some porosity, pleasing VF, **RR** \$450 - 550



87. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir, as Artaxerxes of Persis**, ca. 203-224, AR drachm (3.50g), G-1, bust of Ardashir facing, wearing Parthian-style tiara // bust of Papag left, wearing same tiara, some porosity, mount removed, F-VF, **RR** \$300 - 400



88. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir, as Artaxerxes of Persis**, ca. 203-224, AR hemidrachm (1.76g), G-2, bust of Ardashir facing, wearing Parthian-style tiara // bust of Papag left, wearing same tiara, attractive surfaces, VF, **RR** \$700 - 800



89. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir, as Artaxerxes of Persis**, ca. 203-224, AR hemidrachm (1.67g), G-2, bust of Ardashir facing, wearing Parthian-style tiara // bust of Papag left, wearing same tiara, some surface porosity, bold VF, **RR** \$600 - 700



90. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR obol (0.77g), G—, Sunrise-697, king's bust, wearing Parthian-style tiara // fire altar, some discoloration, excellent strike, same type as the full drachm (Göbl-6), VF, **RR** \$200 - 260



91. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.17g), G-10, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, fabulous strike, some minor adhesions on reverse (removable), choice EF \$350 - 450



92. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.40g), G-10, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, bold strike, EF \$350 - 450



93. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.32g), G-10, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, lovely strike, EF \$300 - 400



94. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.25g), G-10, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, gorgeous strike, lovely VF-EF \$350 - 450



95. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.28g), G-10, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, lovely strike, excellent VF-EF \$300 - 400



96. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.34g), G-10, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, lovely strike, choice VF-EF \$300 - 400



97. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.25g), G-10, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, two small adhesion spots on reverse, excellent strike, VF-EF \$260 - 350



98. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I, 224-241, AR obol (0.64g), G-12, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, lovely strike, well-centered, VF-EF \$200 - 240**



99. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I, 224-241, AR obol (0.83g), G-12, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, nice strike, well-centered, VF-EF \$200 - 240**



100. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I, 224-241, AR obol (0.66g), G-12, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, choice VF \$140 - 180**



101. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I, 224-241, AR obol (0.68g), G-12, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar, rare variety with the obverse within full border of dots, F-VF, R \$140 - 180**



102. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272, AV dinar (7.30g), Ctesiphon, G-21, diademed bust of Shapur right, wearing mural crown with korymbos // fire altar flanked by two attendants, each looking away from the fire and wearing mural crowns, two pellets right of the altar, lustrous and well struck example! ANACS graded MS64 \$3,500 - 4,000**



103. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272, AV dinar (7.43g), G-21, king's bust right, wearing mural tiara with korymbos and long ear flap // fire altar flanked by two attendants, both wearing mural crowns and holding scepters, 1 pellet right of the altar base, EF, R \$3,250 - 3,750**



104. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272, AR drachm (4.44g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, no extra symbols on the reverse, choice EF \$180 - 200**



105. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272, AR drachm (4.34g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, bold strike, choice EF \$180 - 200**



106. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272, AR drachm (4.12g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, lovely strike, a couple tiny adhesion spots on the reverse (removable), EF \$160 - 180**



107. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272, AR drachm (4.34g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, pellet at the top of the altar base, EF \$160 - 180**



108. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272, AR drachm (4.37g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, taurine at the top of the altar base, EF \$160 - 180**



109. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272, AR drachm (4.27g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, small taurine on the altar base, one minuscule flan crack (barely visible), choice EF \$160 - 180**



110. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272, AR drachm (4.41g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, EF \$160 - 180**

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111. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272**, AR drachm (4.23g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, 4 pellets on the altar base, choice VF-EF \$160 - 180



112. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272**, AR drachm (4.39g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, taurine on the altar base, bold VF-EF \$140 - 170



113. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272**, AR obol (0.64g), G-25, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, excellent strike, bold VF-EF \$140 - 170



114. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272**, AR obol (0.74g), G-25, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, lovely bold strike, choice VF \$160 - 180



115. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272**, AR obol (0.66g), G-25, SNS-22, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, short Pahlavi word to right of the flames, choice VF, R \$140 - 170



116. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) I, 241-272**, AR drachm (4.40g), G-30, cf. Saeedi-79, king's bust, his long hair flowing in the wind, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos, without the earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, bold strike, perfectly centered, EF, RR \$500 - 700



117. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd I, 272-273**, AR drachm (3.92g), G-38, king's bust, wearing simple cap with 6 curls and korymbos // fire altar guarded by two assistants facing the fire, each holding a small spear, king's name to left (clearly legible on this example!), 1 tiny chip, EF, RR \$2,000 - 2,600

There are 2 variations of the reverse of Hormizd I, both with the king Hormizd to the left of the fire-altar, the deity Mithra to the right. On the more common type (Göbl-36), the king extends his arm and Mithra holds a diadem. On the rarer type (Göbl-38, including this piece), both the king and Mithra hold a sword pointing upwards.



118. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran (Vahram) I, 273-276**, AR drachm (4.12g), G-41, king's bust, wearing radiate crown with korymbos, left legend in 2 lines // fire altar guarded by two assistants facing away from the fire (the king left, Mithra right, each holding a long scepter), VF-EF, R \$300 - 350



119. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran (Vahram) I, 273-276**, AR obol (0.62g), G-45var, king's bust, wearing radiate crown with korymbos, left legend in 2 lines // fire altar guarded by two similar assistants facing away from the fire, each holding a long scepter, nice strike, VF, RR \$140 - 180

Reverse as on the full drachm, Göbl-45.



120. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran (Vahram) I, 273-276**, AR obol (0.54g), G-45var, king's bust, wearing radiate crown with korymbos, left legend in 2 lines // fire altar guarded by two similar assistants facing away from the fire, each holding a long scepter, nice strike, minor stain on reverse, VF, RR \$140 - 180

Reverse as on the full drachm, Göbl-45.



121. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran (Vahram) II, 276-293**, AR drachm (3.80g), G-64, king's bust, wearing winged crown with korymbos, the queen wearing kolah with boar's head, and the son facing, wearing kolah with eagle's head // fire altar with 2 attendants facing away, fravahr left of flames, EF \$325 - 400



122. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran (Vahram) II**, 276-293, AR obol (0.61g), G-65, the king, queen and son, dressed as on the full drachm (Göbl-64), with the son offering a diadem to his parents // fire altar & two attendants, fravahr left of the flames, nice strike, surface cleaned, especially on the reverse, VF, R \$120 - 160



123. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran (Vahram) II**, 276-293, AR obol (0.59g), G-68var, the king, queen and son, dressed as on type Göbl-68, with the son offering a diadem to his parents // fire altar & two attendants, fravahr left of the flames, decent strike, VF, R \$200 - 260



124. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Narseh**, 293-303, AR drachm (3.09g), G-74, king's bust right, wearing crown with arcades and korymbos // fire altar with 2 attendants, each holding a short sword, VF-EF, R \$400 - 500

The left attendant is the king Narseh, the right attendant the sun deity Mithra.



125. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Narseh**, 293-303, AR obol (0.62g), G-74var, king's bust right, wearing crown with arcades and korymbos // fire altar with 2 attendants, each holding a short sword, struck from deteriorating dies, choice VF, RR \$220 - 280

The left attendant is the king Narseh, the right attendant the sun deity Mithra.



126. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Narseh**, 293-303, AR drachm (3.98g), G-76, king's bust right, wearing crown with arcades and three floriate branches, with korymbos // fire altar with 2 attendants, each holding a short sword, fravahr left and taurine right of the fire, very light porosity, toned (obverse), attractive VF-EF, R \$240 - 300



127. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Narseh**, 293-303, AR obol (0.54g), G-77, king's bust right, wearing crown with arcades and three floriate branches, with korymbos // fire altar with 2 attendants, each holding a short sword, fravahr left and taurine right of the fire, group of dings in the reverse field, pleasing VF, RR \$220 - 300



128. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Narseh**, 293-303, AR obol (0.47g), G-77, king's bust right, wearing crown with arcades and three floriate branches, with korymbos // fire altar with 2 attendants, each holding a short sword, fravahr left and taurine right of the fire, F-VF, RR \$150 - 200



129. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd II**, 303-309, AR obol (0.63g), G-84, king's bust right, wearing winged eagle crown // fire altar & 2 attendants, right attendant without korymbos, bold strike, VF-EF, R \$240 - 300



130. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd II**, 303-309, AR drachm (3.48g), NM, ND, G-85, standard type, both attendants with korymbos-topped crowns, extra Pahlavi word below the fire-altar, perhaps [S?]LWP (different from the 20-odd such legends in the SNS catalog), minor porosity on the obverse, bold VF, RR \$130 - 170



131. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd II**, 303-309, AR obol (0.64g), G-85var, king's bust right, wearing winged eagle crown // fire altar & 2 attendants, right attendant with korymbos above (as the full drachm, Göbl-85), bold strike, choice VF, R \$150 - 200



132. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) II**, 309-379, AR obol (0.47g), G-89var, king's bust right, wearing mural crown // fire altar & 2 attendants, left attendant with similar mural crown, fravahr left and taurine right of the first, no head in the flames (as on the full drachm, Göbl-89), choice VF, R \$150 - 200



133. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur (Sabuhr) II**, 309-379, AV dinar (7.57g), uncertain eastern mint, G-102 type, Saeedi-AV50 (same dies), standard design, reverse with king's head in the flames, contemporary imitation struck from crudely engraved dies, VF \$1,200 - 1,500



134. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran (Vahram) IV**, 388-399, AR obol (0.28g), G-137var, cf. Sunrise 894-96, king's bust right, wearing winged crown, special symbol to right // fire altar & 2 attendants, choice VF, RRR \$350 - 400

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135. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran (Vahram) IV**, 388-399, AR obol (0.44g), BBA (the Court mint), G-137var, cf. Sunrise-894-96, king's bust right, wearing winged crown, peculiar symbol to right (conch shell?) // fire altar & 2 attendants, mintmark right, VF, RR \$200 - 260

136. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd I**, 399-420, LOT of 11 silver drachms, type 2 (Göbl-147, with both of the crown ribbons to the left, simple fire atop the altar), including several with the mint formula alongside the fire and one with the mint name AS to the right of the field; all VF condition, a few with minor defects, one with mount removed; retail value \$700, **lot of 11 pieces** \$300 - 450



137. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran (Vahram) V**, 420-438, AR obol (0.40g), G—, cf. Sunrise-926, king's bust right // fire altar & 2 attendants, king's head rising from the fire, without any mint symbol, choice VF, RR \$160 - 200



138. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd II**, 438-457, AR obol (0.52g), G-162, cf. Sunrise-935, king's bust right // fire altar & 2 attendants, uncertain mint name, probably intended for AS (the Treasury mint, with the name Asuristan, the province around Ktesiphon), lovely VF, RR \$200 - 260



139. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd II**, 438-457, AR obol (0.58g), G-162, cf. Sunrise-935, king's bust right // fire altar & 2 attendants, uncertain mint name to right on the reverse, choice VF, RR \$200 - 260



140. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Peroz**, 457-484, AR obol (0.50g), ST (Istakhr), G-177, Sunrise-948 (same mint), king's bust right, crown with 2 wings // fire altar & 2 attendants, lovely strike on very broad flan, VF-EF, R \$140 - 180

141. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Peroz**, 457-484, LOT of 25 silver drachms: **2nd series**: 3 pcs, including one with clear mint name DA; and **3rd series**: 22 pcs, including mints of AH, ART, AS, AY, DA, GW, KL, LD, NY, ShY, ST, and WH; nearly all VF or better, several EF, a few with some weakness, discoloration, or minor defects; retail value \$1000, **lot of 25 pieces** \$400 - 500



142. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Valkash**, 484-488, AR drachm (3.82g), AS (Asuristan, the Treasury mint), ND, G-178 type, contemporary imitation, with two countermarks on the obverse, Pahlavi ASWN (or something similar) to the left, the right countermark mostly off flan and uncertain, VF, RR \$130 - 170



143. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Zamasp**, 497-499, AR obol (0.34g), G-181/a, Sunrise-961, king's bust right, his son to the right, offering his father a diadem // fire altar & 2 attendants, uncertain mintmark to right, VF, RR \$240 - 300



144. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Kavad I**, 2nd reign, 499-531, AE unit (3.26g), NM, ND, G-192, SNS-N6, standard crowned bust of Kavad, as on his 2nd reign silver drachms // diademed bust right, without crown, korymbos and one ribbon above, with letter-by-letter Pahlavi legends next to the bust and in the margin, deeply toned, VF, RRR \$300 - 400

For further information: M.I. Mochiri, "Les monnaies de Kavad I à double effigie," Proceedings of the Third European Conference on Iranian Studies, 11-15 September 1995 (1998).



145. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varahran (Vahram) VI**, 590-591, AR drachm (3.92g), ST (Istakhr), year 1, G-203, VF, R \$400 - 500

146. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusro II**, 591-628, LOT of 22 silver drachms, including the mints of AHM, BBA, BN, DA, GD, LD, ML, NAL, WH, WYH, WYHC, all common types, average VF, a few clipped or otherwise damaged, retail value \$650, **lot of 22 pieces** \$200 - 300



147. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Kavad II**, 628, AR drachm (4.13g), AHM (Hamadan), year 2, G-223/24, lovely strike, EF-AU, R \$500 - 600



148. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusro III**, ca. 630, AR drachm (4.04g), WYHC (the Treasury mint), year 2, G-232, beardless bust right, choice VF, S \$180 - 220



149. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusro V**, 631-633, AR drachm (4.03g), WYHC (the Treasury mint), year 3, G-233, king's bust, bearded (also called Khusro IV), bold strike, EF, **S** \$200 - 260



150. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd III**, 632-651, AR drachm (4.18g), BN (uncertain mint, perhaps Bamm), year 14, G-235, EF \$120 - 160



151. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd III**, 632-651, AR drachm (4.17g), DA (Darabjird), year 14, G-235, Tyler-Smith-131 (same dies), pellet at 9:30 in reverse margin, choice EF, **RR** \$130 - 170

Tyler-Smith has suggested that this might be an anti-Arab issue dated with his regnal year 34 instead of 14, but that now seems unlikely.

152. **SASANIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 19 silver drachms: **Khusro I:** WYHC year 32; **Hormizd IV:** LYW 12 and ST 13 (rare date, pierced); and **Khusro II: full flan:** AHT 3, AYLAN 2, BYSh 8, DL 2, GD 6 & 9, LD 8, LYW 7, PL 2, SK 2, ST 2 & 9, WH 2, and YZ 4, and **clipped down** BBA 33, BN 2, and LAM 33, all with very clear mint & date; the full flan Khusro II all VF or better, many EF, the other groups at least VF; retail value \$1000, **lot of 19 pieces** \$550 - 750

153. **SASANIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 11 silver drachms of Ardashir III (628-630), 2nd type with winged crown (Göbl-226), including the mints of NAL (Narmashir), DA (Darabjird), WH (Junday Sabur), and YZ (Yazd), average strike, all nice VF-EF condition, retail value \$875, **lot of 11 pieces** \$425 - 550

154. **SASANIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 12 silver drachms of Khusro I (531-579), all VF-EF or better: AS year 22; AW year 44; AY year 6, 29 & 30; AYLAN year 35; GD year 30; HYC year 22; LD year 31 (clipped down); ShY year 2; WY year 15; and WYHC year 23; a lovely group representing many different mints and with dates through all of his lengthy reign; retail value \$600, **lot of 12 pieces** \$300 - 450

155. **SASANIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 16 Sasanian silver drachms and 3 miscellaneous pieces, average VF, damage or other problems noted: **Sasanian:** Ardashir I (2 pieces, both pierced); Shapur I, emergency billon drachm (1, scruffy VG); Hormizd II (2, one pierced, the other chipped); Shapur II (2, both holed); Shapur III (5, three nice VF, one holed, and one badly chipped); Varahran IV (1, scruffy fine); Varahran V (1, holed); Kavard I (1), and Khusro II (heavily clipped & holed); **Miscellaneous:** Khurshid of Tabaristan (2, one holed, the other harshly worn); and Ilkhan, Uljayar (1, large copper fals, poor condition and barely legible); retail value \$575, **lot of 19 pieces** \$250 - 350

156. **SASANIAN KINGDOM:** LOT of 21 silver drachms: **Kavad I:** 7 pcs, including AW, AY, AYLAN, DA, GD, and LD; **Khusro I:** 8 pcs, including AS, AW, AY, BYSh, GD, GW, and LD; and **Hormizd IV:** 6 pcs, including AL, BYSh, SK, and WY; mostly VF condition, some better, several damaged, stained, or weakly struck; retail value \$550, **lot of 21 pieces** \$200 - 300

Ancient Africa



157. **AXUM: Ebana**, late 5th century, AV unit (1.56g), M&J-71, crowned bust between wheat-stalks // bust with headcloth, also between stalks, struck from broken obverse die, choice EF \$500 - 600



158. **AXUM: Ebana**, late 5th century, AV unit (1.59g), M&J-71, crowned bust between wheat-stalks // bust with headcloth, also between stalks, lovely EF \$450 - 550

Ancient Central Asia



159. **HUNNIC TRIBES: Mihirakula**, ca. 515-530, AE unit (7.72g), Mitch-3780, Kushan-styled standing king with scepter in his raised left hand, offering at altar with his right, Brahma legend *shahi mihiragula* // Ardoksho enthroned, holding cornucopia, VF, **RR** \$200 - 260



160. **HUNNIC TRIBES: Mihirakula**, ca. 515-530, AE unit (3.26g), Mitch-3808, bust of king right, Brahma legend *shri mihirakula* // bull to left, Brahma legend *jayatu vrsha* (= victorious bull); well struck specimen with complete legends, VF, **RR** \$200 - 260




161. **BACTRIA:** AR didrachm (7.88g), ca 329-323 BC, Mitchiner-24b, Nicolet-Pierre & Amandry-47, 48 (this piece), struck under Macedonian satrap, helmeted head of Athena right, monogram behind // owl standing right, head facing, A E, prow of galley above grape bunch behind, some roughness, a well-struck example with dark iridescent toning, VF-EF \$200 - 300



162. **BACTRIA: Sophytes**, AR hemidrachm (1.72g), ca. 325-300 BC, Mitchiner-30, helmeted head right, adorned with laurel wreath and wing on cheek guard, uncertain initials on truncation // cockerel standing right, kerykeion/caduceus behind, () before, F-VF, **RR** \$300 - 500

Ancient Coins

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163. **BACTRIA:** AR diobol (1.14g), ca. 305-294 BC, SNG ANS-20, HGC-12.12, local issue, laureate head of Zeus right // eagle standing left, head turned right, with wings folded, branch with two oak leaves above, some corrosion on edge, lovely reverse, VF-EF \$150 - 180

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164. **BACTRIA:** AR hemidrachm (1.62g), ca. 295-283 BC, Nicolet-Pierre & Amandry-32, local issue in the Oxus region, helmeted head of Athena right // owl standing right, head facing, A E, olive sprig and crescent behind, VF \$120 - 150

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165. **ARSLANID: Qarluq: Qaghan Kobak**, 8th century, AE cash (2.85g), Sogdian text for the Qarluq branch of the Arslanids of Semirech'e (*pny bgy xralwy xagan*) // ruler's name, plus two Runic-style tamghas, lovely VF, RR \$120 - 160

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166. **BUKHARA: Anonymus**, ca. 640-708, AE cash (3.81g), cf. Zeno-1031, Tang dynasty Chinese legend, *kai yuan tong bao* // Bukhara tamgha below the square hole, VF, RR \$150 - 200

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167. **BUKHARA: Anonymus**, ca. 640-708, AE cash (3.90g), cf. Zeno-1031, Tang dynasty Chinese legend, *kai yuan tong bao* // Bukhara tamgha left of the square hole, F-VF, RR \$150 - 200

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168. **BUKHARA: Anonymus**, ca. 640-708, AE cash (3.87g), cf. Zeno-1031, Tang dynasty Chinese legend, *kai yuan tong bao* // Bukhara tamgha right of the square hole, F-VF, RR \$150 - 200

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169. **NAKSHAB: Anonymus**, 4th-6th century, AE unit (2.55g), Rtveladze-39, Zeno-3390, Zeimal-25/26, leontomachia type: bust left, elaborate hair style with long locks, Sogdian legend before face // combat scene, king with short sword killing lion standing on its hind legs, VF, RR \$130 - 170

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170. **PENDJIKENT: "Amukyan"**, ca. 700+, AE cash (5.66g), Zeno-18743, Shirnova-735, somewhat coarse Sogdian legend // two tamghas of Pendjikent, VF, RR \$140 - 180

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171. **SAMARKAND: Anonymus**, 1st-2nd century AD, AR unit (0.87g), Zeno-20328, bust left, Sogdian legend above, tentatively read as *tauraka* // archer, with bow & arrow, lovely EF, R \$160 - 200

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172. **SAMARKAND: Shishpir**, ca. 630-645, AE cash (3.70g), Smirnova-48 ff, cf. Zeno-6875, ruler's name & MLKA in Sogdian // Samarkand & local tamghas, excellent quality, choice VF, R \$150 - 200

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173. **SAMARKAND: Urk Wartramuka**, ca. 650-675, AR cash (3.71g), Zeno-37216, Sogdian legend // two tamghas, VF, R \$110 - 150

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174. **SAMARKAND: Mastich Unash**, ca. 698-700, AE cash (3.70g), Smirnova-168 ff, ruler's name & MLKA in Sogdian // Samarkand & local tamghas, decent quality, VF, RR \$150 - 200

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175. **SAMITAN: Nanaiabiat**, 8th century, AE cash (1.78g), Zeno-77708, *nanaiabiat samidanian* in Sogdian script // 2 identical tamghas, well-preserved example, VF, RR \$120 - 160

According to the Tangshu ("Book of Tang"), the location of the Samitan (Samidanian) domain is identified generally as lying 50 li (25km) north from Samarqand.



176. **SEMIRECH'E: Tukhus, Oghitmish**, 8th century, AE cash (1.94g), Kam-43, Sogdian legends both sides, with ruler's name after the tamgha on the obverse, superb example, choice VF-EF \$130 - 170



177. **SEMIRECH'E: Wahshutawa**, 8th century, AE cash (3.27g), Kam-23, Smirnova-1588, cf. Zeno-9955, Sogdian legend // Turgesh tamgha, plus Runic-style tamgha and Chinese *luan*, VF, RR \$150 - 200



178. **SEMIRECH'E: Turgesh series**, 8th century, AE cash (7.12g), Kam-23, Smirnova-1588, cf. Zeno-9955, standard Semirech'e tamgha with one Runic-style tamgha and Sogdian PRN on the reverse, VF, RR \$100 - 150



179. **TUKHUS: Oghitmish**, 8th century, AE cash (2.29g), Kam-43, cf. Zeno-170399, Sogdian legends both sides, with ruler's name after the tamgha // Sogdian legend with trident tamgha right, superb VF, RR \$130 - 170



180. **TUKHUS: Oghitmish**, 8th century, AE cash (2.23g), Kam-43, cf. Zeno-170399, Sogdian legends both sides, with ruler's name after the tamgha // Sogdian legend with trident tamgha right, strong VF, RR \$100 - 150



181. **YUEH CHI: Agesiles**, late 1st century BC, AR drachm (1.03g), Mitch-2831/32, helmeted bust right, name behind, ending above () // lion right, citing NANAIA, legends on both sides, touch of porosity, VF-EF, RR \$160 - 200

Over 30 examples of Sapadbizes are listed on CoinArchives, but none of Agesiles (the one piece cited as Agesiles on CoinArchives, from Peus Auction 371, Lot 301, is the ordinary Sapadbizes type).



182. **YUEH CHI: Pabes**, late 1st century BC, AR obol (0.58g), Mitch-2834, helmeted bust right of Indo-Greek style // Hercules standing, holding club & lion-skin, with the name both sides, VF-EF, RR \$150 - 200



183. **YUEH CHI: Pabes**, late 1st century BC, AR obol (0.55g), Mitch-2834, helmeted bust right of Indo-Greek style // Hercules standing, holding club & lion-skin, with the name both sides, VF, RR \$120 - 160



184. **CENTRAL ASIA: AV burial bracteate** (0.52g), ca. 6th-8th century, uniface burial piece derived from the gold solidus with cuirassed imperial bust facing slightly to the right, crowned, holding spear behind his head, standard Roman & Byzantine design from Theodosius II (402-450) until the spear was replaced with the cross-on-globe by Justinian I circa 538, crinkled (as usual), VF, R \$200 - 260

Islamic Coins

Early Pre-Reform



185. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Yazdigerd type**, 652-668, AR drachm (3.93g), SK (Sijistan), YE20 (frozen date), A-1, first Islamic coin, distinguished from the last regular Sasanian issue of the same year by the addition of Arabic bism Allah in ObQ2, VF \$120 - 160



186. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Yazdigerd type**, 652-660, AR drachm (4.02g), NAL (Narmashir), YE20 (frozen), A-2, in the name of Yazdigerd, YAKWT in Pahlavi, with Arabic *jayyid* ("current") instead of *bism Allah*, slightly bent, VF, RR \$180 - 220

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187. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd Allah b. 'Amir**, ca. 661-664, AE pashiz (1.34g), KARCA (unidentified), AH44, A-7P, Gyselen-121 (1 piece only), 'Abd Allah cited without the patronymic, design identical to the silver A-7, porous surfaces, reasonably clear mint & date, F-VF, **RRR** \$140 - 200

This is the fourth reported legible pashiz of this type.



188. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hakam b. Abi'l-'As**, ca. 674-677, AR drachm (3.83g), NAL (Narmashir), AH56, A-11, phrase *rabb al-hukm* ("Lord of the judgment") after *bism Allah*, EF, **RR** \$300 - 400



189. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Mu'awiya**, 661-680, AR drachm (4.09g), DA (Darabjird), year 43 (frozen), A-14, Mu'awiya was the first Umayyad caliph, who ruled AH41-60; although dated "43", this type was struck circa AH52-54, lightly cleaned, VF-EF \$130 - 170



190. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Mus'ab b. al-Zubayr**, ca. 685-690, AR drachm (4.11g), KLMAN-NAL (Narmashir), AH70, A-17A, with Pahlavi GDH ("increase") instead of the governor's name in Arabic in ObQ3, countermarked *lillah* in ObQ4, lovely VF-EF, **R** \$300 - 350



191. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Bishr b. Marwan**, fl. 692-694, AR drachm (2.81g), BCLA (al-Basra), AH75, A-27.1, Zeno-197308 (this piece), known as the *caliph orans* type, the reverse of this remarkable coin has the portrait of the caliph, in praying position, in place of the fire altar, flanked by two bearded attendants in Arab dress; the obverse is normal Arab-Sasanian, but with the extended religious phrase in the margin, *bism Allah muhammad rasul Allah*; clipped to later standard, F-VF, **RR** \$2,400 - 3,000

There is also a short Pahlavi word in ObQ1, perhaps intended as GYN or GYW. There is also a pellet below the portrait of the caliph.



192. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, 694-713, AE pashiz (0.43g), NM, ND, A-A37, Gyselen-78, standard bust right, with governor's name in Arabic, kalima in the margin, as on his silver drachms dated AH76-77 // Orans figure (Muslim at prayer), facing, both hands raised, with the name of al-Hajjaj in Pahlavi to the right, lightly porous surfaces, much rarer than type B37 with the figure facing to the right, F-VF, **RRR** \$160 - 200



193. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Ubayd Allah b. Abi Bakra**, fl. 698-699, AR drachm (3.91g), SK (Sijistan), blundered date, A-37, with 3-petal flowers instead of stars within the crescents on both obverse & reverse, superb bold strike, EF-AU \$150 - 200



194. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, 700-703, AR drachm (3.96g), SK (Sijistan), AH84, A-38A, blundered date, probably intended for 84, rare date for this governor, best known by his grandfather's name Ibn al-Ash'ath, choice EF-AU, **R** \$150 - 200

'Abd al-Rahman at first served as a governor appointed by al-Hajjaj (80-82/83), then rebelled against al-Hajjaj until his own death in 84 or 85.



195. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, 700-703, AR drachm (3.95g), SK (Sijistan), AH84, A-38A, rare variety with Arabic "TS" in ObQ1, choice EF, **R** \$150 - 200



196. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, 700-703, AR drachm (3.58g), SK (Sijistan), AH84, A-38A, very clear date, and the rarest date of this type, some minor porosity in the obverse margin only, VF-EF, **R** \$150 - 200



197. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, 700-703, AE pashiz (0.68g), SK (Sijistan), A-38F, coarsely engraved Sasanian-style bust right // governor's name in Arabic in the central two lines, undeciphered Pahlavi legend above (possibly the Hijri date), mint initial SK in Pahlavi below, unpublished, and possibly unique, Fine, **RRR** \$200 - 300



198. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, 694-713, AR drachm (3.82g), D+P (Fasâ), YE71 (AH83), A-36, Malek-510 (same obverse die), governor's name in Pahlavi (HAKAK Y YWSPAN), VF, **RR** \$1,800 - 2,200

The date can also be read as YANHPTAT for 79, which would correspond to the only year for the other two mints of this type, Bishapur and Yazd. Same reverse die as the example in our Auction 17, Lot 107.

Arab-Sasanian Group Lots

199. **ARAB-SASANIAN: LOT of 7 silver drachms: A-4**, Khusro type, ShY 29 (VF, but much hornsilver on obverse); **A-5**, Khusro with *rabbi*, SK 48 (choice VF); **A-8**, Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan, DA "43" (EF); **A-12**, 'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad, GD 62 (choice VF) and NY 60 (VF, some light porosity); and **A-31**, Muhallab b. Abi Sufra, DA 76 (nice Fine) and ST 76 (VF, some light hornsilver); retail value \$675, **lot of 7 pieces** \$350 - 500
200. **ARAB-SASANIAN: LOT of 7 silver drachms**, type A-12 of 'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad, of the Basra mint (BCLA in Pahlavi): AH56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63; all in VF-EF conditions; retail value \$700, **lot of 7 pieces** \$300 - 400
201. **ARAB-SASANIAN: LOT of 6 silver drachms**, type A-12 of 'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad, of the Darabjird mint (DA in Pahlavi): YE46 (3 pcs), 47, 50, and 52; average VF condition; retail value \$500, **lot of 6 pieces** \$260 - 350
202. **ARAB-SASANIAN: LOT of 5 silver drachms of the rival caliph 'Abd Allah b. al-Zubayr: type A-15: ST AH66; and A-16: DA YE57, DA+GH YE 60; and DA+P YE56 (2 pcs); average VF condition; retail value \$400, lot of 5 pieces** \$200 - 260
203. **ARAB-SASANIAN: LOT of 4 silver drachms: 'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad, BCLA (= al-Basra) AH59 (VF, some adhesions only in the reverse margin); al-Muhallab b. Abi Sufra, BYSh (= Bishapur) AH75 (pleasing F-VF); the caliph 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan, DA+P (= Fasâ) PY65 (scarce date, VF, cleaned); and 'Ubayd Allah b. Abi Bakra, SK (= Sijistan) AH79 (VF-EF, adhesions in the reverse margin and just a little adhesion at the obverse rim); retail value \$350, lot of 4 pieces** \$180 - 240



204. **TABARISTAN: Mihran**, 786, AR ½ drachm (1.37g), Tabaristan, PYE135, A-62, some light porosity, VF, **RR** \$150 - 200



205. **EASTERN SISTAN: Anonymous**, ca. 725-750, AR drachm (3.31g), SK (Sijistan), blundered date, A-78, standard type, with *bism Allah rabbi* in ObQ2-Q3, plus crescent in ObQ1 and star in ObQ4, VF-EF, **RR** \$140 - 180



206. **EASTERN SISTAN: Jannah**, 760s, AR drachm (2.97g), SK (Sijistan), ND, A-81, touch of the usual porosity, but lovely example, VF, **R** \$200 - 300



207. **EASTERN SISTAN: Mujâshi'**, ca. 790s, AR drachm (3.31g), SK (Sijistan), ND, A-M84, one flan crack, some minor porosity as usual, extremely rare governor (none on CoinArchives), VF, **RRR** \$300 - 400



208. **EASTERN SISTAN: Murad**, 770s, AR drachm (3.40g), SK (Sijistan), ND, A-87, very slight porosity, as is so common for this series, VF, **RRR** \$150 - 200



209. **EASTERN SISTAN: 'Abd Allah**, ca. 790s, AR drachm (2.94g), SK (Sijistan), ND, A-89B, very minor porosity, VF, **RRR** \$200 - 300

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210. **AFRIGHID: Azkaswar II**, 771-800+, AR drachm (2.91g), NM, ND, A-98.4, in the name of Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn (= Fadl b. Sahl, the Abbasid vizier), ca. 812-821, thus likely posthumous in the name of Azkaswar II, bent, F-VF, **RR** \$140 - 180

Azkaswar was the last of the Afrighid rulers in Khwarizm (Choresmia).



211. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-697, AE fals (3.98g), al-Ruha, ND, A-3538, the full kalima around the standing caliph on the obverse (the normal type of this mint has only *muhammad rasul Allah* on the obverse), pierced, VF, **RRR** \$130 - 170

This piece appears to be the second known example of this obverse type. Goodwin knew of only the specimen in the ANS collection.



212. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, 692-697, AE fals (2.91g), A-3544, Wolfgang Schulze (pp. 133/34), Goodwin fig.36 (p. 79), uncertain mint; Schulze illustrates 4 examples, all from the same obverse, but different reverse dies, and the same obverse die also known combined with a reverse die citing the mint name Halab, Fine, **RRR** \$160 - 200



213. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Latin Spanish series**, 712-714, AV solidus (4.07g), indiction XI, AH XCI, A-122, Bernardi-30, cf. Walker-181, Latin legends both sides, each consisting of abbreviated words of the Muslim kalima, star in center // name of Spain and the Hijri date around, indiction year in center; the reverse marginal legend is retrograde and the date merely ICX for 94, but without the "V" for the correct version XCIV for 94, nice even strike, choice VF \$900 - 1,200

214. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: LOT of 8 copper Pseudo-Byzantine fulus: A-3304: Standing Emperor type, cursive m on reverse (7 pcs, all in excellent VF or better condition); and A-3306: Imperial Bust type (1 pc, possibly early imitation, or even a rather clumsily engraved actual Byzantine type, EF); an excellent research group; retail value \$400, lot of 8 pieces \$200 - 260**

215. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: LOT of 8 copper Pseudo-Byzantine fulus: A-3504: Standing Emperor type, cursive m on reverse (5 pcs, all in excellent VF or better condition); A-3506: Imperial Bust type (1 pc, style of the common Hims type after the first reform, F-VF); A-3507: Bearded Imperial Bust (1 pc, crude VF); and A-3502: Two Standing Figures, capital M, hexagonal planchet (1 pc, Fine, very interesting); an excellent research group; retail value \$275, lot of 8 pieces \$140 - 170**

216. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: LOT of 8 copper Pseudo-Byzantine fulus: A-3501: Three Standing Figures (1 pc, crude VF) A-3502: Two Standing Figures, capital M (1 pc, Fine) and cursive m (1 pc, VF); and A-3504: Standing Emperor type, cursive m on reverse (5 pcs, all in excellent VF or better condition); an excellent research group; retail value \$275, lot of 8 pieces \$140 - 170**

Early Post-Reform



217. **UMAYYAD: 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.91g), Sabur, AH80, A-126, superb bold strike, choice EF \$180 - 220



218. **UMAYYAD: 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.71g), al-Sus, AH80, A-126, Klat-474, VF \$220 - 280



219. **UMAYYAD: 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.68g), Maysan, AH80, A-126, Klat-628, scarce mint, Fine, **S** \$180 - 240



220. **UMAYYAD: 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.95g), al-Kufa, AH81, A-126, Klat-542, superb strike, choice EF-AU \$240 - 300



221. **UMAYYAD: 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.91g), Marw, AH81, A-126, Klat-583a, lovely strike, choice EF \$200 - 260



222. **UMAYYAD: 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.76g), Jayy, AH81, A-126, Klat-255b, bold strike, VF \$150 - 200



223. **UMAYYAD: 'Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.78g), Abarshahr, AH81, A-126, Klat-5a, date with *ahad* rather than *ihda* for "1", pleasing F-VF \$130 - 170



224. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.92g), Surraq, AH90, A-128, Klat-464, bold strike, AU \$160 - 200



225. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.88g), al-Rayy, AH90, A-128, Klat-100b, bold strike, better date, EF, R \$160 - 200



226. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.89g), Dastawa, AH90, A-128, Klat-309, interesting die-break through the letter "M" of *al-dirham*, EF \$180 - 220



227. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.93g), Sijistan, AH91, A-128, Klat-433, superb example, with much of its original luster, very rare for this mint, choice AU, RR \$200 - 260



228. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.83g), Sarakhs, AH91, A-128, Klat-451a, the last word of the obverse margin engraved as *al-mushrakun* without the letter *waw*, interesting short graffiti below the obverse field and above the reverse field, lovely VF-EF \$150 - 200



229. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.83g), Qumis, AH92, A-128, Klat-519, lightly cleaned, bold VF, R \$160 - 200



230. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.90g), Nahr Tira, AH93, A-128, Klat-641, nearly EF \$130 - 160



231. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AR dirham (2.88g), Arminiya, AH95, A-128, Klat-49, EF \$150 - 200



232. **UMAYYAD: Sulayman**, 715-717, AR dirham (2.84g), Surraq, AH97, A-131, Klat-471, scarce date for this mint, choice VF-EF, S \$160 - 200



233. **UMAYYAD: Sulayman**, 715-717, AR dirham (2.92g), al-Rayy, AH98, A-131, Klat-407, lustrous EF-AU, R \$140 - 180



234. **UMAYYAD: Sulayman**, 715-717, AR dirham (2.81g), Sijistan, AH98, A-131, Klat-440, rare date for mint, choice VF, R \$140 - 160



235. **UMAYYAD: Yazid II**, 720-724, AR dirham (2.87g), Ifriqiya, AH104, A-135, Klat-91, choice EF \$200 - 260

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236. **UMAYYAD: Yazid II**, 720-724, AR dirham (2.93g), al-Andalus, AH105, A-135, Klat-118, both strike, especially on the obverse, EF \$500 - 600



237. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.12g), NM (Dimashq), AH111, A-136, mount expertly removed (barely visible), F-VF \$325 - 375



238. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.25g), NM (Dimashq), AH122, A-136, choice EF \$450 - 550



239. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.22g), NM (Dimashq), AH123, A-136, two tiny scratches on obverse, scarce date, EF-AU, S \$500 - 600



240. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.90g), Dimashq, AH110, A-137, Klat-354, scarce date, choice EF, S \$130 - 170



241. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.93g), Ifriqiya, AH114, A-137, Klat-91, lovely strike, EF-AU \$160 - 200



242. **UMAYYAD: Marwan II**, 744-750, AV dinar (4.25g), NM (Dimashq), AH131, A-141, scarce date, EF, S \$500 - 600



243. **UMAYYAD: AE fals** (3.21g), Sarmin, ca. 700-710, A-154A, standard design (as A-153), but with the mint name added in the reverse margin (fully legible on this piece), and the word *ja'iz* ("current") in the obverse margin, lovely example, VF \$140 - 180



244. **UMAYYAD: AE fals** (3.56g), Madinat Ma'dan Amir al-Mu'minin, ND (ca. 735-745), A-A183, W-349, couple weak spots in the reverse center, otherwise bold strike, VF, RR \$200 - 300

The mint was probably located at or near al-Rusafa in eastern Syria, where the Umayyad caliphs maintained an important palace. Coins of this mint are of the eastern Syrian style, and have mainly been found in the region around Rusafa (now called Resafa, about 30 miles southwest of Raqqa).



245. **UMAYYAD: 'Udayy b. Artâ**, ca. 718-721, AE fals (2.43g), al-Basra, AH101, A-197, W-J.8, one of the earliest Islamic reform copper coins to cite the local governor, who sadly fell into disarray and was beheaded in AH102, lovely strike, VF, R \$150 - 180



246. **UMAYYAD: AE fals** (1.93g), al-Dâybul, 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 a few tiny corrosion spots, unpublished and the lesser quality of the only two known examples, both in this auction, F-VF, RRRR \$450 - 550

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 site is now a national historic park, about 4 km west of the town of Gharo. The modern Port Qasim is located about halfway between Karachi and Gharo, and was also named after Muhammad b. Qasim (about 1972). The river beach within the historic park is known as Debal Beach.

From the consignor: Whatever its ancient history is, the port has considerable significance in Islamic and Arab History due to the fact that pirates who had seized Arab ships sailing between Lanka and Basra were launched from the port of Daybul. Arab conquest of Sind under Muhammad bin Qasim was a consequence of that incident and the refusal of the Sind ruler to pay reparations. Daybul was founded in the 1st century CE, and at one point in time an important trading city in Sindh. During Abbasid rule stone structures including a city wall and a citadel were built, but an earthquake in 893 AD reportedly destroyed the port city of Daybul. The port of Daybul had immense significance in trade since the 8th Century CE onwards. It was an important port for export of indigo pink salt (a product of the sub-continent) which was used in medicines and textiles and it was the port from whence silk and other Chinese products were exported to Arabia, Abyssinia and Egypt. Thus it was linked with the ancient Silk Road. Ships taking those products would move up the Persian Gulf hugging the Persian coast till Basra and on the return trip would bring down Damascene steel products, particularly swords, lances and body armor pieces.

Similar ships would travel down the African coast up to Zanzibar or hugging the coast of Red Sea up to Egypt.
Silver coins from the mint of Daybul are extremely rare and so far only dirhams dated 95 AH are known.
In the Mughal period of Akbar very rare rupees were issued from the same town Dewal Bandar.
However the copper Fals dated 117 AH is a new discovery.
Copper coins are much less preserved than other metals and particularly 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.



247. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.54g), 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 a few tiny corrosion spots, unpublished and the better quality of the only two known examples, both in this auction., **RRRR**, ex M.H. Mirza Collection \$500 - 700



248. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, ca. 720s-740s, AE fals (1.94g), al-Juzjan, ND, A-J203, obverse text *bism Allah / ja'iz*, reverse text *duriba bi'a- / -l-juzjân*; region and city located on the trade route between Marw and Balkh, apparently the first reported fals for the Umayyad period from this mint, much porosity on both sides, Very Good, **RRR** \$200 - 300

The main city in the Juzjan region in the early Islamic period and before was Anbir, known from Hunnic and early Islamic silver coins.



249. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.60g), al-Mansura, ND, A-A204, *duriba hadha al-fals bi'l-mansura ll muhammad / rasul / Allah*, no marginal legends either side, the first issue of al-Mansura, stylistically identical to the brief issue at al-Mahfuza, usual porosity, second known example of this subtype, VG-F, **RRR**, ex M.H. Mirza Collection \$260 - 350

A heavily corroded example of this type, the only other reported example, sold in our Auction 32, Lot 250.



250. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.49g), al-Mansura, AH119, A-A204, almost fully legible, lightly porous surfaces, nice example for this rare mint, pleasing F-VF, **RRR**, ex M.H. Mirza Collection \$180 - 220

The ruins of al-Mansura are adjacent to the village of Brahminabad, about 8 miles SE of Shahdampur, 43 miles NE of Hyderabad, Pakistan.



251. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.75g), al-Mansura, AH122, A-A204, without the name of a governor, relatively little porosity on both sides, VG-F, **RR** \$120 - 150

Another example appeared in our Auction 32, Lot 249. The ruins of al-Mansura are adjacent to the village of Brahminabad, about 8 miles SE of Shahdampur, 43 miles NE of Hyderabad, Pakistan.



252. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.55g), al-Mansura, AH122, A-A204, without the name of a governor, much porosity on both sides, Very Good, **RR** \$120 - 150

A clearer example appeared in our Auction 32, Lot 249.



253. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.11g), al-Mansura, ND, A-A204, kalima divided between obverse & reverse, citing on the reverse the governor Mansur, who is perhaps Mansur b. Jumhur al-Kalbi, governor of Sind circa AH130-134, porous surfaces, large corroded area on the obverse, Very Good, **RRR** \$100 - 130

This piece and lot 254 below confirm that the governor was indeed Mansur. The reverse marginal text is "*bism Allah duriba hadha'l-fils bi'l-mansura mimma amara bihi mansur*" (name mint & governor's name clear). Another example of this type, with the obverse fully clear, but the governor's name partly off flan, was sold in our Auction 31, Lot 285.



254. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.64g), al-Mansura, ND, A-A204, kalima divided between obverse & reverse, citing on the reverse the governor Mansur, who is perhaps Mansur b. Jumhur al-Kalbi, governor of Sind circa AH130-134, porous surfaces, especially on the obverse, Very Good, **RRR** \$120 - 160



255. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.90g), MM, DM/ND, A-A204, in the name of Musa b. Ka'b, who was briefly governor or subordinate governor in Sind (according to Baladhuri), circa 730s or 740s; the style is similar to contemporary issues of al-Mansura, much porosity, appears to be unpublished, Very Good, **RRR**, ex M.H. Mirza Collection \$100 - 150

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256. **UMAYYAD:** AE cast fals (2.95g), Marw, AH109, A-B204.1, circular legend only on both sides, *muhammad rasul Allah marw* on the obverse, *sanat tis' wa mi'a ja'iz* on the reverse, unpublished and probably unique, F-VF, **RRR** \$200 - 250



257. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.79g), Marw, probably undated, A-B204.2, date uncertain, lion in square on obverse, elephant in square on reverse, all legends in the margin (see comments on Zeno-99159), Fine, **RRR** \$200 - 250

This is the only non-Syrian Umayyad copper coin to portray an elephant.



258. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals, al-Mahfuza, ND, A-E204, *duriba hadha al-fals bi'l-mahfuza // muhammad / rasul / Allah*, no marginal legends either side, the only known issue of al-Mahfuza, before the administration was transferred to al-Mansura, decent strike with the usual porosity and some corrosion spots, VG-F, **RRRR**, ex M.H. Mirza Collection \$400 - 500

This is the second known fals of al-Mahfuza, which was founded by al-Hakam b. 'Awana, the second Umayyad governor of Sind. After a few years, al-Hakam replaced al-Mahfuza with his second foundation, the town of al-Mansura, which became the capital of Sind for more than 300 years. The two locations were on opposite sides of a small lake near the town of Shahdampur, Pakistan. The only other example of this mint sold in our Auction 34, Lot 303.



259. **UMAYYAD:** Qutayba b. Muslim, ca. 709-715, AE fals (2.86g), NM, ND, A-D206, Nastich-3, citing the governor as *al-mansur / al-amir qutayba / bin muslim*, ('the victorious, the amir Qutayba b. Muslim'), and the denomination on the reverse, *mi'a wa / 'ashrin / bi-dirham*, "one hundred twenty to the dirham", Fine, **RRR** \$120 - 160



260. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.22g), MM, DM, A-L206, kalima obverse, possibly additional legend in the margin, but off flan on this piece // governor's name, *mimma amara bihi al-manah bin marra*, traces of mint & date formula around, much porosity, with the patronymic name *marra* clear, the interpretation of the name *al-manah* tentative; unpublished and probably unique, Very Good, **RRR**, ex M.H. Mirza Collection \$100 - 150

According to Baladhuri, a commander Rabid b. Marra served in Sind, and led an army deep into the west coast of India, during the time of the caliph Hisham (724-743). At least one other official of the Marra family also served in Sind. The fabric, style, porosity, and source suggests that this must be a fals of the Sind district, perhaps also of al-Mansura.



261. **UMAYYAD:** Hassân b. Khalid, dates unknown, AE cast fals (1.81g), NM, ND, A-M206, obverse legend *mimma / amara al-amir / hassan / bin khalid*, reverse *muhammad / rasul / Allah*, unpublished, style of the Khorasan province, VF, **RRR** \$130 - 170



262. **UMAYYAD:** 'Abd Allah b. Asfar, dates unknown, AE cast fals (1.95g), NM, ND, A-M206, animal left (bull?), peculiar symbol above // the governor's name, unpublished, crude F-VF, **RRR** \$130 - 170



263. **UMAYYAD:** Anonymous, ca. 715-730, AE fals (1.37g), NM, ND, A-M206, religious legends only, tentatively read as *lillah al-hamd wa // wa hadha min muzfaruhu* (reconstructed from this piece and the 2nd piece in the following lot), much weakness, probably from southern Iran or Sistan, crude VF, **RRR** \$120 - 160



264. **UMAYYAD:** Anonymous, ca. 715-730, AE fals (1.27g), NM, ND, A-M206, religious legends only, tentatively read as *lillah al-hamd wa // wa hadha min muzfaruhu* (reconstructed from this piece and the 2nd piece in the previous lot), excellent strike, probably from southern Iran or Sistan, bold VF, **RRR** \$170 - 220



265. **ABBASID REVOLUTION:** Anonymous, 744-745, AR dirham (2.89g), al-Kufa, AH128, A-207.1, Kharijite issue, with the phrase *la hukm illa lillah* in the obverse margin, "there is no judgment but God's", choice VF \$130 - 170



266. **ABBASID REVOLUTION:** 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muslim, AE fals (1.86g), Herat, AH132, A-208A, Zeno-109394 (different dies), citing the anti-Umayyad leader as *abu muslim amir al muhammad* "Abu Muslim the amir of the people of Muhammad", a reference to the prophet Muhammad, the mint & date in words in the obverse field, and the Qur'an verse 42:23 in the reverse margin, excellent strike with all legends fully readable, Fine, **RRR** \$200 - 300

This is the 3rd reported example, the first in a private collection, the second on Zeno, and this piece.



267. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AV dinar (4.09g), NM, AH165, A-214, VF \$200 - 260



268. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AV dinar (4.25g), NM, AH169, A-214, standard type, probably struck in Iraq, VF \$240 - 260



269. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AR dirham (2.96g), Kirman, AH168, A-215.1, bold strike, choice EF-AU \$140 - 180



270. **ABBASID: al-Hadi**, 785-786, AR dirham (2.81g), Ifriqiya, AH169, A-217.1, EF \$150 - 200



271. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.23g), NM (al-Rafiq), AH190, A-218.5, with the letter "R" below the reverse field, assigned to the mint of al-Rafiq (also found on silver dirhams), choice EF-AU, R \$400 - 500



272. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.05g), NM (Egypt), AH170, A-218.6, Khedivial-398-399, Bernardi-63, al-'Ush-1076, anonymous for Harun al-Rashid, with Ali (Ali ibn Sulayman ibn Ali al-Abbasi) cited below reverse, slightly clipped, VF-EF, S, ex Gamal Amer Collection, ex CNG Electronic Auction 312, Lot 280 \$220 - 280

*Ali was governor of Egypt in 169-171 AH.
Known to be minted in Misr (Cairo).*



273. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.21g), NM (Egypt), AH171, A-218.7a, Bernardi-64, with the letter "M" above the reverse field, which almost certainly refers to the Abbasid governor of Egypt, Musa, whose name appears on dinars dated 171-172, magnificent strike, choice AU \$400 - 500



274. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.22g), NM (Egypt), AH171, A-218.7, Khedivial-400, Kazan-84, al-'Ush-1079, Bernardi-65, anonymous for Harun al-Rashid, with Musa (Musa ibn Eissa ibn Musa) cited below reverse, lovely VF-EF, ex Gamal Amer Collection \$300 - 350

*Musa was governor of Egypt in 171-172, 175-176, and 179-180 AH.
Known to be minted in Misr (Cairo).*



275. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.20g), NM (Egypt), AH175, A-218.7 \$200 - 260



276. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.14g), NM (Egypt), AH190, A-218.7, Khedivial-432, al-'Ush-1111, Bernardi-73, with the phrase *li'l-khalifa* below the reverse field, VG-F, ex Gamal Amer Collection \$220 - 280



277. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (3.92g), NM (Egypt), AH173, A-218.8, Khedivial-404 & 405, al-'Ush-1085, Bernardi-66, anonymous for Harun al-Rashid, with Umar cited below reverse, clipped down, Fine, ex Gamal Amer Collection, ex Stack's Auction, 13 April 2005, Lot 243 \$200 - 280

Umar was governor of Egypt in 173.



278. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (3.84g), NM (Egypt), AH174, A-218.9, Khedivial-408, Kazan-85, al-'Ush-1087, Lowick-26, Bernardi-67, anonymous for Harun al-Rashid, with Da'ud cited below reverse, clipped down, clear date & governor's name, Very Good, R, ex Gamal Amer Collection, ex Stack's Auction, 13 April 2005, Lot 244 \$200 - 240

Da'ud was governor of Egypt in 174 AH.



279. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.13g), NM (Egypt), AH176, A-218.10, Khedivial-411, Bernardi-68, anonymous for Harun al-Rashid, with Ibrahim cited below reverse, VF, RR, ex Gamal Amer Collection, ex Islamic Coin Auction 22, Lot 3110 \$500 - 700

Ibrahim was briefly governor of Egypt in 176 AH.

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280. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.27g), NM (Egypt), AH184, A-218.11, Khedivial-423 & 424, Kazan-96, al-'Ush-1099, Bernardi 69, anonymous for Harun al-Rashid, with Ja'far cited below reverse, VF, ex *Gamal Amer Collection* \$220 - 280



281. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.03g), NM (Egypt), AH187, A-218.12, Kazan-102, Khedivial-429, al-'Ush-1105, Bernardi-70, anonymous issue of Harun al-Rashid, Khalid cited below on reverse, clipped, EF, ex *Gamal Amer Collection* \$220 - 280



282. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.80g), al-Haruniya, AH170, A-219.1, Vardanyan-194, citing the caliph as al-Mardi, together with his name Harun, citing Jarir above the reverse, cleaned, VF, RR \$120 - 160



283. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (3.09g), Zaranj, AH182, A-219.5, citing governor Asram, (in office only a few months in 182), *bakh bakh* below the reverse, EF, RR \$120 - 160



284. **ABBASID: al-Amin**, 809-813, AV dinar (4.26g), NM (Egypt), AH195, A-220.2, Khedivial-521, al-'Ush-1120, Kazan-109, Bernardi-76, citing al-Amin, *li'l khalifa* written above reverse, mount removed, EF, ex *Gamal Amer Collection*, ex *Islamic Coin Auction 5, Lot 101* \$240 - 300



285. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.03g), NM (Egypt), AH196, A-222.1, Bernardi-81, al-'Ush-1122, *li'l-khalifa al-imam* on the reverse, clipped, Fine, ex *Gamal Amer Collection* \$260 - 325



286. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.19g), Misr, AH201, A-222.7, Bernardi-89De, Khedivial-558, citing Tahir, with his epithet *dhu'l-yaminin* ("possessor of two right hands"), and the governor al-Sari, couple small scratches on the obverse, F-VF, ex *Gamal Amer Collection* \$220 - 280



287. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.05g), Misr, AH204, A-222.7b, Bernardi-94De, al-'Ush-1164, citing Tahir, the chief general under the caliph al-Ma'mun, and the governor al-Sari, with *al-maghrrib* ("the west") below the obverse, slightly clipped, scarce date, F-VF, S, ex *Gamal Amer Collection*, ex *Stack's Auction, 13 April 2005, Lot 249* \$300 - 400



288. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.19g), NM, AH198, A-222.14a, unknown mint, probably somewhere in Iraq, F-VF, R \$240 - 260



289. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (3.05g), Samarqand, AH197, A-223.4var, citing the vizier Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn (= al-Fadl b. Sahl), and with the hitherto unreported legend above the reverse field, *imam lillah al-'adl* ("Imam, justice is God's"), VF, RRR \$200 - 300



290. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.92g), Wasit, AH200, A-223.4, Lowick-1485, citing al-Hasan below the obverse field, Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn below reverse, very rare mint for al-Ma'mun, choice EF, RR \$260 - 350



291. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (3.04g), Misr, AH203, A-223.4, totally anonymous, with the letter *'ayn* below the reverse field, some obverse graffiti, slightly uneven surfaces, EF, R \$120 - 160



292. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.77g), Madinat Arran, AH214, A-223.4, Vardanyan—, citing the officials Khalid b. Yahya and Ibrahim b. Attab al-Ma'muni (sic), unpublished date (Vardanyan knew of 213 and 215, but not 214), EF, RR \$200 - 300



293. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.94g), Madinat Arran, AH215, A-223.4, Vardanyan-173, citing the officials Khalid b. Yahya and Ibrahim b. Attab, VF, R \$140 - 180



294. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.87g), Fars, AH216, A-223.6, very rare mint for this type, fantastic strike, choice EF-AU, RR \$200 - 280



295. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR heavy dirham (4.29g), Marw, AH200, A-223A, Lowick-2285, citing the vizier Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn, EF, RR \$200 - 280

The reason for this remarkable heavy dirham is unknown.



296. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.34g), 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, appears to have been rather strongly acid-cleaned (causing the pitted surfaces), some original adhesions still noticeable on the edge, crystalized, VF, R \$120 - 160



297. **ABBASID: al-'Abbas b. al-Ma'mun**, in rebellion, 832-834, AR dirham (2.69g), Ma'din Bajunays, AH218, A-T225, Vardanyan—, slightly crude strike, presumably because of the rebellion, the last date of coinage at Ma'din Bajunays (216 is the last year recorded by Vardanyan), and probably unique, VF, RRR \$350 - 450



298. **ABBASID: al Mu'tasim**, 833-842, AV dinar (4.14g), Misr, AH219, A-225, Bernardi-151De, one tiny test cut at the edge, F-VF, R, ex Gamal Amer Collection, ex Stack's Auction, 12 November 2003, Lot 289 \$240 - 350



299. **ABBASID: al Mu'tasim**, 833-842, AR dirham (2.97g), Fars, AH219, A-226, bold strike, AU, R \$120 - 160



300. **ABBASID: al Wathiq**, 842-847, AV dinar (4.17g), Misr, AH227, A-227, Bernardi-152De, al-'Ush-1189, although the date could be read as either 227 or 229, it must be 227 because there is a dot engraved below the "b", for sab' ("7"), EF, ex Gamal Amer Collection, ex Islamic Coin Auction 6, Lot 99 \$260 - 325



301. **ABBASID: al Wathiq**, 842-847, AV dinar (4.03g), Misr, AH229, A-227, Bernardi-152De, attractive VF \$240 - 280



302. **ABBASID: al-Wathiq**, 842-847, AV dinar (4.00g), Misr, AH232, A-227, scruffy surfaces, Fine \$180 - 200



303. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AV dinar (4.06g), Misr, AH235, A-229.1, without heir, minor weakness, mainly on reverse, VF \$220 - 260



304. **ABBASID: al-Mutawakkil**, 847-861, AV dinar (4.15g), Misr, AH239, A-229.2, Bernardi-157De, Kazan-148, citing the caliphal heir apparent Abu 'Abd Allah (later the caliph al-Mu'tazz), EF, ex Gamal Amer Collection \$240 - 350

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305. **ABBASID: al-Musta'in**, 862-866, AV dinar (3.32g), Misr, AH250, A-233.2, Bernardi-161De, Khedivial-604, al-'Ush-1237, citing the heir al-'Abbas, clipped, VF, *ex Gamal Amer Collection* \$180 - 220



306. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tazz**, 866-869, AV dinar (3.94g), al-Shash, AH253, A-235.1, Bernardi-162Qf, nice even strike, VF \$240 - 300



307. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tazz**, 866-869, AV dinar (4.21g), Misr, AH254, A-235.2, Bernardi-162De, al-'Ush-1243, citing the heir 'Abd Allah, VF, **RR**, *ex Gamal Amer Collection*, *ex Islamic Coin Auction 5, Lot 115* \$300 - 400

Very rare type, struck only at Misr, Hims, and Wasit, always with the letter "S" below the obverse field.



308. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tazz**, 866-869, AR dirham (2.71g), Arminiya, AH255, A-236.2, small edge nick, wonderful bold EF \$140 - 180



309. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AV dinar (4.17g), Misr, AH259, A-239.1, Bernardi-173De, Kazan-162, al-'Ush-1283, citing the heir Ja'far beneath obverse field, VF, *ex Gamal Amer Collect.* \$260 - 325



310. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AV dinar (4.11g), Misr, AH263, A-239.1, Bernardi-173De, Khedivial-618, Kazan-163 Lavoix 1022, al-'Ush 1285, citing the heir Ja'far beneath the obverse field, choice VF, **R**, *ex Gamal Amer Collection* \$260 - 350

Although Egypt was effectively under control of the new Tulunid ruler Ahmad b. Tulun by about AH260, he did not strike coins in his own name until 265. Purely Abbasid coins of Misr circa 260-265 are rare.



311. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AV dinar (4.13g), Misr, AH263, A-239.1, citing Ja'far, one small area of weakness, VF \$200 - 260



312. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AV dinar (4.02g), Madinat al-Salam, AH269, A-239.5, Bernardi-177Jh, also citing the eastern heir al-Muwaffaq, with the letter "S" below, which is standard for the official Sa'id b. Makhlad, whose title *dhu'l-wizaratayn* appears on dirhams and dinars of most eastern mints AH270-272, slightly crinkled, VF, **RR** \$240 - 300

This date 269 for Madinat al-Salam was unknown to Bernardi.



313. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AV dinar (4.15g), Samarqand, AH276, A-239.5, Bernardi-177Qe, struck from a fine obverse and a partly deteriorated reverse die, EF \$240 - 300



314. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (2.69g), Bardha'a, AH277, A-240.5, citing the heir al-Muwaffaq, some adhesions, mostly towards the rim, bold strike, EF, **RR** \$200 - 260



315. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.49g), Bardha'a, AH277, A-240.5, citing the heir al-Muwaffaq, mint name Arminiya in the traditional location in the obverse marginal legend, Bardha'a below the reverse field, VF-EF, **RRR** \$400 - 500



316. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (2.96g), al-Ahwaz, AH279, A-240.8, citing the caliph al-Mu'tamid on the reverse, with the caliphal heir al-Mu'tadid below the obverse, lovely strike, VF, **R** \$130 - 170



317. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tadid**, 892-902, AR dirham (3.31g), Hamadan, AH283, A-242, VF-EF, **RR** \$120 - 160



318. **ABBASID: al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AV dinar (4.30g), Misr, AH292, A-243.1, Bernardi-226De, Khedivial-630, al-'Ush-1307, struck during the year of Tulunid collapse and Abbasid restoration in Egypt, Brilliant UNC, **R**, ex *Gamal Amer Collection* \$350 - 500



319. **ABBASID: al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AV dinar (4.11g), Madinat al-Salam, AH292, A-243.1, superb strike, AU \$300 - 350



320. **ABBASID: al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AV dinar (4.30g), Misr, AH294, A-243.1, Bernardi-226De, Khedivial-632, al-'Ush-1308, bold strike, choice EF, **S**, ex *Gamal Amer Collection* \$300 - 400



321. **ABBASID: al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AR dirham (2.56g), Hulwan, AH295, A-244.1, very rare mint for this caliph, choice VF, **RR** \$130 - 170



322. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.21g), Misr, AH302, A-245.2, Bernardi-242De, Kazan-180, Khedivial-660, AU, ex *Gamal Amer Collection* \$240 - 325



323. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.18g), Misr, AH302, A-245.2, EF-AU \$220 - 280



324. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.44g), Hamadan, AH317, A-245.2, Bernardi-242Mu, struck from a fine obverse and a partly deteriorating reverse die, slightly double-struck on both sides, VF-EF \$260 - 300



325. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (3.99g), Qumm, AH317, A-245.2, Bernardi-242Mn, VF \$220 - 260



326. **ABBASID: al-Qahir**, 932-934, AV dinar (3.97g), Hamadan (Hamadhan), AH321, A-250.1, nice strike, broad flan, VF-EF \$240 - 300



327. **ABBASID: al-Qahir**, 932-934, AV dinar (3.28g), Hamadan (Hamadhan), AH321, A-250.1, narrow flan, somewhat shallow strike, VF-EF \$180 - 220



328. **ABBASID: al-Radi**, 934-940, AV dinar (4.21g), Misr, AH323, A-254.1, Bernardi-285De, Lavoix-1231, Kazan-195, Khedivial-694-699, al-'Ush-1350, decent strike, strong EF, ex *Gamal Amer Collection* \$280 - 350



329. **ABBASID: al-Radi**, 934-940, AV dinar (4.22g), Tustar min al-Ahwaz, AH323, A-254.1, some weakness in the margins, otherwise very attractive, EF \$220 - 280

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330. **ABBASID: al-Muttaqi**, 940-944, AV dinar (4.09g), Misr, AH329, A-256E, Bernardi-306De, Khedivial-725, extremely rare variety without the heir Abu Mansur, pierced, attractive VF, **RRR**, ex Gamal Amer Collection, \$600 - 900
ex Islamic Coin Auction 22, Lot 3281

Bernardi knew of only two examples of this type, one dated AH329, the other dated 330. Starting later in 330, coins of Misr bear the name of the Ikhshidid king Muhammad b. Tughj, who had technically ruled since 323, but struck coins only in the name of the Abbasid caliph until some point in 330.



331. **ABBASID: al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AV dinar (7.50g), Madinat al-Salam, AH641, A-275, excellent strike, VF-EF \$500 - 600



332. **ABBASID: al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AV heavy dinar (14.41g), Madinat al-Salam, AH644, A-275, slight weakness, final digit of date somewhat worn, but sufficiently clear, bold VF \$750 - 850



333. **ABBASID: al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AV heavy dinar (11.77g), Madinat al-Salam, AH653, A-275, bold date, VF \$700 - 800



334. **ABBASID: AE fals** (2.54g), al-Yazidiya, AH150, A-313K, distinguished by a star above & below both the obverse and reverse fields, nice strike, pleasant patination, VF, **RR** \$200 - 300



335. **ABBASID: AE fals** (2.34g), Bardha'a, AH165, A-315, Vardanyan—, citing the governor Yazid b. Asad in the reverse margin, and the official Yusuf in the obverse field, divided above & below the main legend, appears to be unpublished, choice VF-EF, **RRR** \$170 - 240



336. **ABBASID: AE fals** (3.68g), Jabal al-Fidda, AH148, A-A326, mint name in center, date in words around // citing the heir apparent al-Mahdi in the center, Qur'an 9:33 around, evenly worn with just a touch of weakness in the reverse center, unpublished and probably unique, Fine, **RRR** \$150 - 200



337. **ABBASID: AE fals** (2.66g), Kish, AH173, A-F328, Zeno-191121 (this piece), Nastich-30, citing the governor Ja'far b. Muhammad, and his subordinate officer al-Hajjaj, very rare Central Asian mint, bold strike, VF-EF, **RRR** \$200 - 300

Nastich knew of only one example, but two more have appeared on Zeno, this piece being one of them.



338. **ABBASID: AE fals** (3.07g), Nasaf, AH157, A-A330, Zeno-102443, Nastich-23, horse in obverse center, prancing left, mint date formula around // citing the governor al-'Abbas b. ..., with a reference to the caliph al-Mahdi, an extremely rare Central Asian mint, VF, **RRR** \$200 - 300

The date is clearly 157, not 159, and this example is superior to all specimens cited by Nastich.



339. **ABBASID: AE fals** (2.13g), al-Saghaniyan, AH166, A-A334, Zeno-93027, Nastich-26, citing the governor 'Amr b. Jamal in the reverse margin, the mint name abbreviated; this is probably the second known specimen of this mint/date combination, excellent VF, **RR** \$130 - 160



340. **ABBASID: AE fals** (2.91g), Samarqand, AH143, A-334, with Qur'an verse 42:23 in the reverse center, the name of the governor Da'ud b. Guraz and his overlord Muhammad, the viceroy to the Abbasid caliphate, all in the reverse margin, superb strike, extremely rare in this quality, EF, **R** \$120 - 160



341. **ABBASID: AE fals** (2.71g), Samarqand, AH144, A-334, citing the governor al-Ash'ath b. Yahya, as vassal of the viceroy to the caliphate, Muhammad al-Mahdi, tamgha of Samarqand below the reverse, lovely deep blue patination, choice EF, **R** \$120 - 160



342. **ABBASID:** AE fals (3.38g), NM, ND, A-338Q, Nastich-24, in the name of Hāshim [al-Muqanna] as the inheritor of the Abbasid revolution from 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muslim, with the reverse legend *mimma amara bihi / hāshim wasiyy / abi muslim*, and *amara Allah / bi'l-wafā wa / al-'adl* on the obverse, nice Fine, **RRR** \$150 - 200

Hisham al-Muqanna' was a Persian rebel after 755, who claimed the caliphate and later tried to overthrow the ruling Arabs, but failed, was imprisoned and committed suicide by poison at Kish in Central Asia ca. 783.

Abbasid Group Lots

343. **ABBASID:** HUGE LOT of 624 silver dirhams, mostly of al-Muqtadir (908-932), but some earlier ones of al-Muktafi and later of al-Radi, also some much earlier Abbasid caliphs, and a few Buwayhid dirhams, about half with legible mint name, some with legible date; the most common mint for the Abbasid dirhams is Madinat al-Salam, but we've seen examples of al-Basra, Shiraz, Wasit, Tustar min al-Ahwaz, Surra man Ra'a, al-Mawsil, and probably many more, and the Buwayhid are mostly Shiraz, but also noted al-Basra and Kurd Fana Khusra, also probably many more mints; there are no rare mints and no higher grade examples, average F-VF condition, only a few nicer, and some worse; retail value \$8000, **lot of 624 pieces** \$3,500 - 5,000
344. **ABBASID:** LOT of 9 silver dirhams, including some scarce to rare varieties: **al-Amin:** Herat AH194 (citing al-Ma'mun as *al-amir*, F-VF); **al-Ma'mun:** Madinat al-Salam 203 (with phrase *haqqan*, VF); al-Samarqand 218 (VF); and al-Shash 199 (F-VF); **al-Mu'tasim:** Marw 220 (VG-F, crinkled); al-Muhammadiya 218 (rare variety in the name of al-Mu'tasim, perhaps muling with leftover die of al-Ma'mun, VF, crinkled); and al-Shash 219 (weak strike, F-VF); **al-Wathiq:** Isbahan 231 (choice VF); and **al-Mutawakkil:** Fars 235 (VF-EF, cleaned); retail value \$625, **lot of 9 pieces** \$325 - 425
345. **ABBASID:** LOT of 23 Abbasid and 7 Umayyad copper fulus: **Abbasid:** al-Basra 174; Halab DM; Hims ND; Istakhr (2 pcs, one undated, the other DM); Jurjan 147 & 190; Kazirum DM; Madinat al-Salam 166; al-Muhammadiya 155; al-Rafiq 208; Sabur 167 (2 pcs); Sijistan DM; and either mint missing or without mint name (9 pcs); and **Umayyad:** Jurjan ND (2 pcs); al-Mawsil ND (2 pcs); and mint missing (3 pcs); average Fine condition, but many with porosity, weakness, corrosion, poorly struck, etc.; an interesting research group; retail value about \$700, **lot of 30 pieces** \$300 - 450
346. **ABBASID:** LOT of 8 silver dirhams of the first period, scarce to rare varieties: Adharbayjan AH166 (VF, slightly wavy surfaces, some corrosion spots on reverse); Arran 18x (probably AH187, VG, crinkled); al-Haruniya 171 (citing the caliph as al-Mardi, Fine); Ifriqiya 175 (F-VF), 170 (citing al-Hadi, Fine), and 176 (citing Nasr, crude Fine); Madinat Marw 194 (citing al-Ma'mun as *al-amir*, VF); and Tabaristan 190 (mount removed, cleaned, Fine); retail value \$500, **lot of 8 pieces** \$300 - 375
347. **ABBASID:** LOT of 27 fulus from Iran, Afghanistan and the Caucasus, as attributed by the consignor: **Abbasid Revolution** (Abu Muslim, no mint) 133, 135, 136, **Ardashir Khurra** 182, **Istakhr** 140, 145, 159, 167 (x3), 182, **Jur** 182, **Jurjan** 145, 190, **al-Muhammadiya** 155, 207, **Sabur** 145 (x2), 156, 167, 183, **Shiraz** 198, **Sijistan** 176, 194, **Balkh** 187, **Herat** 147, **al-Bab** (178); average grade VG-F, almost all with legible mint & date, many listed on Zeno; retail value \$700; **lot of 27 pieces** \$250 - 350
348. **ABBASID:** LOT of 9 silver dirhams, including some scarce varieties: al-Ahwaz AH308 (VF, central weakness); Amid 287 (F-VF, about 15% flat); al-Basra 31(6?) (crude VF); Harran 293 (G-VG); al-Kufa 289 (al-Muktafi, VF-EF, cleaned); Madinat al-Salam 334 (al-Mustakfi, VF-EF, crinkled); Shiraz 302 (weak strike, VF); and Wasit 288 (VF-EF) and 306 (VF, slightly weak); retail value \$475, **lot of 9 pieces** \$240 - 300

349. **ABBASID:** LOT of 18 fulus from the wider Levant, as attributed by the consignor: **Misr** ND (215-217), **'Akka** 200, **Ludd** DM (ca 185), **al-Ramla** 217, **'Amman** ND (ca 133), **Sur/Tyre** ND, **Halab** 138, 146 (x2), **Hims** ND, **Dimashq** 192, 222, **Qinnasrin** 157, **al-Masisa** ND (x2), **Cilicia** ND (x3); average grade VG-F, most with legible mint & date, many listed on Zeno; retail value \$500; **lot of 18 pieces** \$200 - 250
350. **ABBASID:** LOT of 3 silver dirhams and 15 copper fulus, as attributed by the consignor: **Balkh** 189, **Samarqand** 197, 201, **al-Basra** 133, **al-Kufa** 163, 167 (x2), ND (ca 160), **Madinat al-Salam** 157, 166, **al-Jazira** ND (ca 143 x4), **al-Mawsil** ND (ca 134-142), **Irbil** DM (citing al-Mustansir), **al-Rafiq** DM, and **Nisibin** DM; average grade VG-F, many with legible mint & date, many listed on Zeno; retail value \$475; **lot of 18 pieces** \$180 - 230
351. **ABBASID:** LOT of 17 fulus from Central Asia, as attributed by the consignor: **Bukhara** 148, 151, 160 (x2), 173 (x3), 185, 211, ND (ca 160), **Samarqand** 153 (x2), 172, **al-Saghaniyan** (142), 148, **Shash oasis** ND (ca 193), and **Khwarizm** (228: horse under swastika); average grade VG-F, most with legible mint & date, many listed on Zeno; retail value \$450; **lot of 17 pieces** \$170 - 220

Spain & North Africa



352. **UMAYYAD OF SPAIN: al-Hakam I**, 796-822, AR drachm (2.76g), al-Andalus, AH196, A-341, superb strike, gorgeous iridescent toning, delightful EF to About Unc \$140 - 180



353. **AFTASID OF BADAJOZ: al-Mansur Yahya**, 1063-1068, BI dirham (2.30g), al-Andalus, AH456, A-L400, ruler cited as *al-hajib / yahya*, very clear date, VF, **RR** \$240 - 300



354. **ALGARBE: Musa b. Muhammad**, 1234-1262, AR square dirham (1.61g), NM, ND, A-4275 (ex A-I410), Zeno-90961, always without mint & date, *amir al-gharb / al-musta'in bi-llah / musa bin muhammad bin / nasr, ibn mahfuz* // Maghribi formula *allah rabbuna / muhammad rasuluna / al-abbas imamuna* ('God is our lord, Muhammad our messenger, al-'Abbas [i.e., the Abbasid caliph] is our imam'), excellent strike with sharp, bold lettering, one of the finest examples of this popular type, AU, **RR**, *ex Ralph A. Cannito Collection* \$240 - 280

The ruler is entitled amir al-gharb, "amir of the west", i.e., of the Portuguese district of Algarve. It is now presumed that the actual mint was located at Niebla (Labla in Arabic), near the city of Huelva in Spain, near the border with Portugal.



355. **KHARIJITE: Anonymous**, ca. 796-803, AR dirham (2.45g), NM, ND, A-430D, also without mint & date, citing the caliph al-Rashid in the reverse field and the word *'adl* below the reverse, EF-AU, **RR** \$300 - 400

Qur'an verse 9:33 in the obverse margin, 42.23 in the reverse margin.

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356. **ALMORAVID: 'Ali**, 1106-1142, AV dinar (4.14g), Marrakesh, AH527, A-466.2, Hazard-325, citing 'Ali b. Yusuf and heir Sir below kalima, Qur'an 3:85 in margin // citing Imam 'Abd Allah as commander of the faithful, small scratch in reverse field, VF-EF , ex Ralph A. Cannito Collection \$400 - 500



357. **HAFSID: Abu Zakariya' Yahya I**, 1230-1249, AV dinar (4.75g), Tilimsan (Tlemcen), ND, A-499.2, somewhat double-struck on the obverse, fine calligraphic style inherited from the Almohads, struck during brief Hafsid occupation of Tilimsan, ca. 1235-1345, choice EF, RR, ex Lawrence Adams Collection \$700 - 800



358. **HAFSID: Abu Yahya Abu Bakr II**, 1310-1346, AV dinar (4.71g), NM, ND, A-507.2, H-588, bold strike, pierced, VF-EF \$280 - 350



359. **HAFSID: Abu Ishaq Ibrahim II**, 1350-1369, AV dinar (4.60g), uncertain mint, ND, A-509, H-604var, some weakness on the obverse, VF, R \$300 - 375



360. **HAFSID: Abu 'Amr 'Uthman**, 1435-1488, AV ½ dinar (2.38g), Tunis, ND, A-513A, very clear mint name, appears to be unpublished mint for this ruler, despite his 50+ year reign! VF, RRR \$400 - 600



361. **MERINID: Abu Yahya Abu Bakr**, 1244-1258, AV dinar (4.66g), Sijilmasa, ND, A-520, Hazard-690, mintname in tiny letters at bottom, lovely engraving and excellent bold strike, EF-AU , ex Ralph A. Cannito Collection \$600 - 800



362. **'ALAWI SHARIF: Muhammad III**, 1757-1790, AR 10 dirhams (28.35g), Tetuan, AH1195, A-597, KM-37. Dav-46A, 1st standard on 33mm planchet, PCGS graded EF45, RR \$500 - 700

This type has the Quranic verse 9:34 which admonishes those who hoard gold and silver without spending it in a godly manner, first used on the multiple dirhams of the Samanids and their rivals in the late 10th century. Struck only at Tetuan in 1195, either on a broad flan of about 39mm or a narrow and thicker flan of about 32-34mm, of equal rarity. Both this and the earlier type (A-591/592) probably failed because they weighed about 8% more than the already circulating Spanish-American 8 reales silver coins and likely many were melted down for their silver.



363. **'ALAWI SHARIF: Sulayman**, 1793-1822, AV bunduqi, AH1214, A-618, interesting strike, with remarkable edge reeding, some weakness, VF, R \$220 - 300

Egypt & Syria



364. **TULUNID: Ahmad b. Tulun**, 868-884, AV dinar (4.15g), Misr, AH266, A-661, Bernardi-173De, Khedivial-618, Kazan-163 Lavoix 1022, al-'Ush 1285, citing the Abbasid caliph al-Mu'tamid and his heir al-Mufawwad, EF , ex Gamal Amer Collection \$350 - 450



365. **TULUNID: Ahmad b. Tulun**, 868-884, AV dinar (4.08g), Misr, AH270, A-661, Bernardi-173De, Khedivial-907, Grabar-14, citing the Abbasid caliph al-Mu'tamid and his heir al-Mufawwad, EF , ex Gamal Amer Collection \$300 - 400



366. **TULUNID: Khumarawayh**, 884-896, AV dinar (4.08g), Misr, AH274, A-664.1, Bernardi-193De, Khedivial-912-913, Grabar-26, citing the caliph al-Mu'tamid and the western heir al-Mufawwad, VF-EF , ex Gamal Amer Collection \$240 - 350



367. **TULUNID: Khumarawayh**, 884-896, AV dinar (4.33g), Misr, AH281, A-664.3, Bernardi-213De, Khedivial-920var, Grabar-63, citing the caliph al-Mu'tadid, without an extra letter below the reverse field, some very faint scratches in the field, EF, *ex Gamal Amer Collection* \$240 - 300



368. **TULUNID: Jaysh**, 896, AV dinar (3.96g), Misr, AH283, A-666, Bernardi-214De, Grabar-70, Lane-Poole-924, Kazan-410, Lavoix-37-38, Rogers-81-85, citing the caliph al-Mu'tadid, lovely example with just a touch of surface unevenness, EF, **RR**, *ex Gamal Amer Collection* \$1,500 - 2,000



369. **TULUNID: Harun**, 896-905, AV dinar (4.14g), Misr, AH284, A-667.1, Bernardi-215DE, Grabar-72, Khedivial-926var, citing the caliph al-Mu'tadid, EF, *ex Gamal Amer Collection* \$260 - 350



370. **TULUNID: Harun**, 896-905, AV dinar (4.16g), Misr, AH289, A-667.2, Bernardi-215De, Grabar-87, Khedivial-931/932, Lavoix-44, citing the caliph al-Muktafi, letter "b" below the reverse field, slightly uneven surface (as struck, due to die wear), choice AU, *ex Gamal Amer Collection* \$300 - 375



371. **TULUNID: Harun**, 896-905, AR dirham (2.88g), Misr, AH291, A-668, minor weakness, VF, **RR** \$130 - 170



372. **IKHSHIDID: Muhammad b. Tughj**, 935-946, AV dinar (3.62g), Misr, AH331, A-674A, Bernardi-316De, Khedivial-936, Bacharach-25, citing the caliph al-Muttaqi, with the letter "w" below the obverse and hard "t" below the reverse, standing for the name of his father Tughj, bold strike, one of the rarest Ikhshidid dinars of any mint, AU, **RRR**, *ex Gamal Amer Collection* \$600 - 800

Struck only at Misr in AH331. No examples on CoinArchives.



373. **IKHSHIDID: Abu'l-Qasim Unujur**, 946-961, AV dinar (3.76g), Misr, AH342, A-676, Bacharach-60, citing the caliph al-Muti', UNC, *ex Gamal Amer Collection* \$260 - 325



374. **IKHSHIDID: Abu'l-Qasim Unujur**, 946-961, AV dinar (4.33g), Misr, AH343, A-676, Bacharach-61, citing the caliph al-Muti', bold strike, choice AU, *ex Gamal Amer Collection* \$260 - 325



375. **IKHSHIDID: 'Ali b. al-Ikhshid**, 961-966, AV dinar (3.79g), Misr, AH351, A-678, Khedivial-944, Bacharach-92, with the letter *kaf* below the obverse field, fantastic quality, lustrous UNC, **S**, *ex Gamal Amer Collection, ex Islamic Coin Auction 7, Lot 182* \$400 - 600

The letter "kaf" stands for Abu'l-Misk Kafur, who was effectively regent for the young ruler 'Ali b. al-Ikhshid.



376. **IKHSHIDID: Kafur**, 966-968, AV dinar (4.02g), Misr, AH355, A-680.1, citing the ruler only by the first letter of his name, *kaf*, below the obverse field, choice lustrous UNC, **R**, *ex Gamal Amer Collection, ex New York Sale XXIII, Lot 417* \$400 - 600



377. **IKHSHIDID: Kafur**, 966-968, AV dinar (4.12g), Misr, AH356, A-680.1, citing the ruler only by the first letter of his name, *kaf*, below the obverse field, choice AU, **R**, *ex Gamal Amer Collection, ex Morton & Eden Auction, 2 December 2009, Lot 513* \$450 - 650

The date digit is somewhat coarsely engraved and has sometimes been interpreted as "thalath" for "3", but as the final tooth is elevated, it must be "sitt" for "6".

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