# Sixteenth Session, Commencing at 9.30 am

## ANCIENT GOLD COINS

# **GREEK**



4407\*

Thrace, Kingdom of, Lysimachos, (323-281 B.C.), gold stater, (8.19 g), Tomis mint, posthumous issue c.88-86 B.C., obv. diademed head of Alexander the Great to right, wearing horn of Ammon, rev. Athena enthroned to left, holding Nike and resting left arm on shield, transverse spear resting against right side, to right BASIAE $\Omega$ S, to left AYSIMAXOY,  $\Theta$ EM below arm, TO on throne, trident below in exergue, (cf.S.6813, De Callatay p.141 dies D6/R2 (unlisted die combination), SNG Cop.1091, AMNG 2480 var., M.279). Good very fine and nearly as struck.

\$1,500

Ex Decades Collection and Heritage USA, September Long Beach Sale 419 (lot 51039) with their ticket.



lot 4408 (2x)



4408\*

**Thrace**, Kingdom of, Coson, (c.42 B.C.), gold stater, (8.56 g), Northern Greece mint, obv. three togate figures advancing to left, the first and third carrying an axe over left shoulder,  $KO\Sigma\Omega N$  in exergue, Brutus's monogram to left, rev. eagle standing to left on sceptre, holding wreath in one claw, (S.1733, BMC 2, Winkler 4). Slightly off centred on reverse, good extremely fine, virtually as struck, scarce.

\$1,500

Slabbed by NGC as a choice uncirculated.

The Coson coinage was struck around 42 B.C., when Brutus, the exiled assassin of Julius Caesar, was raising troops in northern Greece in preparation for the final confrontation with Caesar's heirs Mark Antony and Octavian. Brutus had his own travelling mint, but this coinage was evidently a gift from an allied Dacian king from the lower Danube region. The king's name Coson appears on the coin and Brutus' name is reduced to a monogram which appears on some issues, including this example. Coson's coin type makes sense in terms of Roman propaganda. The eagle trampling a sceptre and the wreath symbolizes the anti-monarchical sentiments that prompted Caesar's assassination. The obverse type showing a Roman magistrate with his attendants, is copied from the coinage struck by Brutus himself in 54 B.C. It depicts an ancestor of Brutus who overthrew the Tarquin kings and founded the Roman Republic, serving as its first chief magistrate. This design thus serves to emphasize Brutus' attachment to the Republican traditions. See Winkler J., 'Consideratii despre moneda 'Koson',' Etudes et Recherches d'Histore Ancienne

Vol.23, No.2 (1972), pp. 173-199.



4409\*

**Macedon**, Kingdom of, Philip II, (359-336 B.C.), gold stater, (8.57 grams), Pella mint, issued period II, c.340-328 B.C., obv. head of Apollo to right with laureate wreath, rev. galloping biga driven to right by charioteer holding kentron in right hand, reins in left hand, kantharos below, in exergue ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ, (cf.S.6663, cf SNG Cop. 531, cf.Le Rider 144, SNG ANS 141, SNG Munich 76). *Of fine style, some mint bloom, extremely fine, well centred and rare.* 

\$4,000

Ex Colonial Coins & Medals with their ticket.



**Lydia**, uncertain king, issued before 561 B.C. and probably c.575 B.C., electrum trite or third stater, (4.71 g) of Lydian-Milesian (Phoenician standard), probably issued at Sardis, obv. head of roaring lion to right, knob with trace of three rays on forehead, rev. double incuse punch, (S.3398, BMC 7 [p.2], Weidauer Class XVI, SNG Cop. 449-451, ACNAC Rosen 231, ACNAC Dewing 2421-3). *Good very fine and rare.* 

\$3,000

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 79 (lot 3246).

The find of early electrum as a foundation deposit in the earliest temple at Ephesus included numerous third staters of this type. It also contained some inscribed electrum coins with the non-Greek name 'Welwet'. Scholars began identifying this name with Alyattes, king of Lydia. Since then this attribution has been thrown into doubt by the more recent discovery of a parallel name, 'Kali', which does not correspond to any known Lydian king. No one really doubts, however that this prolific coinage was issued by the Lydian royal house. The lion's head was the dynastic badge, and this manner of representation, with the herringbone mane and 'wart' on nose, was introduced into Greek art from Assyria in the second half of the seventh century B.C. It is one of, if not the earliest example of ancient coinage that utilises a design of some type on the obverse. This example is better than most for it is well centred, and free of banker's marks common on this series.



4411\*

Lydia, uncertain king, issued before 561 B.C. and probably c.575 B.C., electrum trite or third stater, (4.66 g) of Lydian-Milesian (Phoenician standard), probably issued at Sardis, obv. head of roaring lion to right, knob with three rays on forehead, rev. double incuse punch, (S.3398, BMC 7 [p.2], Weidauer [Essays to Robinson] Class XVI, Weber 5710 [This Coin], SNG Cop. 449-451, ACNAC Rosen 231, ACNAC Dewing 2421-3, Boston 1768). Good fine with several interesting countermarks and rare a most extraordinary item with so many countermarks coming with a marvellous pedigree.

\$2,500

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 94 (lot 4680) and previously from the Montagu Collection, Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, Auction Sale, March 15-19, 1897 (lot 475 part) and the Sir Hermann Weber Collection (No.5710, p.218, Pl.203), Spink & Son, London, sale March 27, 2002 (lot 58), Wayne Woolmer and Bruce Canning Collections.

See note above

### **ROMAN**



4412\*

**Republic**, Anonymous Issue, (c.from 211 B.C.), gold sixty Asses, Rome mint, (3.35 g), obv. helmeted head of Mars to right, mark of value, arrow X behind, dotted border, rev. eagle with spread wings standing three quarters right on thunderbolt, ROMA below, (S.96, Cr.44/2, Syd.226, BMC 185, M.Bahrfeldt, Die romische Goldmunzenpragung wahrend der Republik und unter Augustus [Halle 1923], No.4). *Bright, good extremely fine and very rare.* 

\$7.500

Ex UBS Gold & Numismatics Auction 55, Sept 16, 2002 (lot 1807), described as almost FDC and previously from Auction Tkalec AG, Zurich February 19, 2001 (lot 181).

In addition to the introduction of the struck bronze as, on the sextanal standard, the currency reform of c.211 B.C. brought into being a whole range of new precious metal denominations. The most important of these was the silver denarius, but the most valuable was a series of small gold pieces, tariffed as being the equivalent of 60, 40 and 20 asses in circulation. Each denomination bore the same types (Mars head and eagle reverse), and each had its mark of value clearly displayed. As it was intended only as an emergency war coinage, the issue of these exquisitely engraved little gold coins was soon discontinued.



4413

**Antoninus Pius**, (A.D. 138-161), gold aureus (7.15 g), Rome mint, issued A.D. 138, obv. around IMP T AEL CAES HADRI ANTONINVS, bare head of Antoninus Pius to left, rev. AVG PIVS P M TR P COS DES II, Pietas standing left, holding box of incense and sacrificing over altar, (cf.S.3999, RIC 13d. Calico 1472). *Nearly extremely fine, rare.* 

\$8,000

Ex Gorny & Mosch, Auction 180, 12 October 2009, (lot 402). Slabbed by NGC XF 5/5 - 4/5, Fine Style. Struck during the first year of Antoninus's reign.



4414\*

**Faustina Senior,** wife of Antoninus Pius, (died A.D. 140/1), gold aureus (7.21 g), Rome mint, struck under Antoninus Pius after A.D. 147, obv. DIVA FAV STINA, draped bust of Faustina to right, hair coiled atop head, rev. AVG-V-STA, Ceres, veiled, standing left, holding torch in each hand, (S.4554, RIC (Antoninus) 357a. BMC (Antoninus) 405 (Pius). *Nicely struck, with light reddish toning, extremely fine and rare.* 

\$8,500

Slabbed by NGC as Choice XF 5/5 - 5/5.



4416\*

Marcus Aurelius, (A.D. 161-180), gold aureus, Rome mint, issued A.D. 162-163, (7.30 g), obv. bare headed draped and cuirassed bust of Marcus Aurelius to right, around M ANTONINVS AVG, rev. around SALVTI AVGVSTOR TR P XVII COS III, Salus standing to left, holding sceptre and feeding snake coiled around the altar to left, (S.-, RIC 77, C.560, BMC 226, Calico 1915). Extremely fine and rare.

\$7,500

Ex Noble Numismatics Auction Sale 70 (lot 3075) and previously from Leu Numismatics AG Auction Sale 83, 6th May 2002 (lot 771).



4415\*

**Faustina Senior**, wife of Antoninus Pius, (d.A.D. 141), issued after 147, gold aureus, Rome mint, (7.11 g), obv. DIVA FAVSTINA around, draped bust of Faustina to right, rev. AVG VSTA, Ceres standing left holding lit torches in each hand, (S.4554, RIC (Antoninus) 357a, BMC 403, C.75). *Extremely fine or better and very rare.* 

\$7,500

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 71 (lot 4523).



## 4417\*

**Faustina Junior**, as Augusta, (A.D. 147-175), gold aureus (6.67 g), Rome mint, struck under Marcus Aurelius, c.A.D. 161), obv. FAVSTINA AVGVSTA, draped bust to left of Faustina, hair waved and fastened in bun on back of head, rev. DIANA LVCIF, Diana Lucifera, wearing crescent on head, draped, standing left, holding transverse, lighted torch in both hands, (S.5237, RIC III 673 (same rev. die), MIR 18, 7-2/20a, pl. 4 (same obv. die), Calico 2051 (same rev. die), BMC 86 (Aurelius and Verus), Biaggi 926 (same rev. die). Nearly Extremely fine with underlying lustre, some marks on edge, rare.

\$10,000



**Lucius Verus,** (A.D. 161-169), gold aureus, issued 161-2, Rome mint, (7.19 g), obv. IMP CAES L AVREL VERVS AVG, bare headed and draped bust of Lucius Verus to left, rev. Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus standing facing each other clasping each other's hand, around CONCORDIAE AVGVSTOR TR P II COS II, (S.1535, RIC 470, C.50, BMC p.411, note +, Calico 2122). *Good very fine or better and rare.* 

\$7,500

Ex Noble Numismatics Auction Sale 70 (lot 3076) and previously from Leu Numismatics AG Auction Sale 83, 6th May

2002 (lot 771).



## 4419\*

**Septimius Severus**, (A.D. 193-211), gold aureus, Rome mint, issued A.D. 207, (7.30 g), obv. laureate head of Septimius Severus to right, around SEVERVS PIVS AVG, rev. around P M TR P XV COS III P P, draped bust of Minerva to right, wearing crested helmet, (S.6226, RIC 206, C.486). *Has been lightly polished, otherwise good very fine.* 

\$4,500

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 78 (lot 4914).



### 4420\*

Constantius II, (A.D. 337-361), gold solidus, Nicomedia mint, issued 348-353, (4.40 g), obv. rosette and pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Constantius to right, around FL IVL CONSTAN TIVS PERP AVG, rev. Roma and Constantinopolis seated enthroned facing, each support between them a shield inscribed VOT/XX/ MVLT/XXX around legend GLORIA REI PVBLICAE, in exergue SMNT, (S.17738, RIC 32 [R3], C.108). Bent flan, with flan crack, otherwise nearly extremely fine and very rare.

\$400



## 4421\*

Constantius II, (A.D. 337-361), gold solidus, Antioch mint, issued 347-355, (4.23 g), obv. pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Constantius to right, around FL IVL CONSTANTIVS PERP AVG, rev. Roma and Constantinopolis seated enthroned facing, each support between them a shield inscibed VOT/XX/ MVLT/XXX around legend GLORIA REI PVBLICAE, in exergue SMANA, (S.17740, RIC 81 [R2]), Good fine and a very rare variety.

\$500

Ex Decades Collection and previously from Noble Numismatics Sale 72 (lot 3594)



## 4422

Valentinian I (A.D. 364-375), gold solidus, Nicomedia mint, issued October 367, (3.94 g), obv. pearl-diademed draped and cuirassed bust to right of Valentinian I around DN VALENTINI ANVS PF AVG, rev. Valentinian standing facing head to right, holding standard with + symbol and Victory, RESTITVTOR REIPVBLICAE around, SMNΘ in exergue, (S.19261, RIC 2e, C.25, Depeyrot 18/1). Has been mounted, surface scratches, otherwise fine.



**Theodosius II**, (A.D. 402-450), gold solidus (4.49 g), Constantinople mint, 10th officina, struck 408-420, obv. D N THEO DOSIVS P F AVC, pearl-diadmed, helmeted, and cuirassed bust facing slightly right, holding in right hand spear over shoulder and shield decorated with horseman motif, rev. CONCORDI A AVCCI, Constantinopolis enthroned facing, head right, foot on prow, holding sceptre in right hand and Victory set on globe in left, star to left, in exergue, CONOB, (S.21127, RIC X 202, Depeyrot 73/2; MIRB 12b). Good extremely fine with areas of underlying lustre.



4426\*

**Justin II**, (A.D.565-578), gold solidus, Constantinople mint, issued 565-578, (4.48 g), obv. bust of Justin II facing, with plume and diadem, two pearls at each side, wearing cuirass, and holding globe surmounted by Victory, D N I VSTI NVS PP AVI around, rev. Constantinople seated looking right, with helmet tunic and mantle, on right shoulder aegis, left hand holds a spear, cross on globe, around VICTORI A AVGGGΘ, CONOB in exergue, (S.345, DOC 4h, BMC 12). *Some mint bloom, extremely fine.* 

\$500



\$600



4424\*

**Valentinian III**, (A.D. 425-455), gold solidus, Ravenna mint, issued 440-455, (4.36 g), obv. diademed, draped and cuirassed bust to right of Valentinian III, around D N PLA VALENTI NIANVS P F AVG, rev. emperor Valentinian III standing facing, holding long cross and Victory, with foot on serpent, VICTORI A AVGGG around, R V across, CONOB below, (S.21265, RIC 2010-1, DOC 841-3, C.19). *Irregular edge, good very fine and rare*.





4427\*

Maurice Tiberius, (A.D.582-602), gold solidus, Constantinople mint, 1st Officina, (4.42 g), obv. helmeted with plume, draped and cuirassed bust of Maurice Tiberius facing, holding globe surmounted by cross, D N MAVRC TIb PP AVG around, rev. VICTORI A AVGGA, around, CONOB in exergue, Angel standing facing holding long staff surmounted by P with cross, and cross on globe, (S.478, DOC.5a). *Good very fine, weak in places.* 

\$500

Ex Decades Collection and Heritage September Long Beach World Coin Signature Auction 419 (lot 51095).

# **BYZANTINE**



4425\*

**Justinian I,** (A.D. 527-565), gold solidus, issue of 545-565, Constantinople mint, (4.36 g), Officina I, obv. helmeted and cuirassed bust facing without pellets on breastplate, holding cross on globe, around DN IVSTINI ANVS PP AVI, rev. Angel standing facing holding long cross with chi-rho at top end, and cross on globe, around VICTORI A AVCCCI, in exergue CONOB, star in right field, (S.140, DOC. 9j, To.39, BMC 18). *Full flan, well centred, good very fine.* 

\$500

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 76 (lot 3095).



4428\*

**Maurice Tiberius**, (A.D.582-602), gold solidus, Constantinople mint, (4.42 g), 9th officina, obv. crowned, draped and cuirassed bust of Maurice Tiberius facing, wearing plumed helmet, holding globe surmounted by cross, D N MAVRC TIb PP AVI around, rev. VICTORI A AVCC $\Theta$ , around, CONOB in exergue, Angel standing facing holding long staff surmounted by P with cross, and cross on globe, (S.478, DOC [5i], R.1011). Weak in places, struck with broad flan, otherwise good very fine.





**Phocas**, (A.D. 602-610), gold solidus, Constantinople mint, (4.50 g), issued A.D. 607-610, 10th Officina, obv. Phocas facing bust, bearded, wearing cuirass, paludamentum and crown, holding cross, around DNN FOCAS PERP AVI, rev. Angel facing, holding in right hand long staff, with partial chi-rho symbol at top, in left hand globe with cross above, around VICTORIA AVGUI, (S.620, DOC 10j, MIBE 9, BMC 22, Berk, Harlan J., "Roman Gold Coins of the Medieval World, 383-1453", No.102b). *Brilliant field, as struck, good extremely fine*.

\$500

An interesting obverse legend variety with dNN at the commencement of the legend. See CNG (926305) for a similar coin with this variety.

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 73 (lot 3169).





4430\*

**Heraclius**, (610-641), gold solidus, Constantinople mint, issued 610-613, (4.38 g), 10th Officina, obv. facing bust of Heraclius wearing cuirass, chlamys, paludamentum and crown, plume with cross inside, around dNN hERAC LI PER AV, rev. cross potent on base and two steps, below CONOB, around VICTORIA AVGUI, (S.731, DOC 1, BMC 4, T.5, R.1282). *Extremely fine and scarce*.

\$550





4431\*

Heraclius, (610-641), gold solidus, Constantinople mint, issued 616-625, (4.48 g), Officina E, obv. facing busts of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine, wearing chlamys and crown, around dd NN hERACLIVS ET hERA CONSt PP AVG, rev. cross potent on base and three steps, below CONOB, around VICTORIA AVGU E, (S.738, DOC 13d, BMC -, T.138). Nearly extremely fine, scarce.

\$500

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 67 (lot 1603).





4432\*

**Heraclius**, (610-641), gold solidus, Constantinople mint, issued 632-635, Officina H, (4.46 g), Class IVA(a), obv. standing figures of Heraclius in centre, Heraclius Constantine on left, and Heraclonas on right, cross above, rev. cross potent on three steps, monogram to to right, around VICTORIA AVGUH, CONOB in exergue, (S.758, DOC [33e], BMC 47-8, T.407). *Very fine or better and scarce.* 

\$450

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 73 (lot 3172).





4433\*

**Constans II,** with Constantine IV, (641-668 A.D.), gold solidus (4.41 g), Constantinople mint, 1st officina, struck circa 654-659, obv. crowned busts of Constans, wearing long beard, and Constantine facing, both wearing chlamys, cross above, rev. cross potent set on three steps, VICTORIA AVGU, CONOB+ in exergue, (S.961, DOC 27 var. (unlisted officina), MIB 27). *Extremely fine, scarce.* 

\$500

Ex Decades Collection.





4434\*

Constans II, with Constantine IV, (641-668), gold solidus, issued, (4.50 g), Constantinople mint, Class VI, issued 661-663, 9th Officina, obv. large crowned long-bearded bust facing of Constans, wearing chlamys and plumed helmet, ornamented with cross, Constantine IV on right wearing crown with cross on top, around dN C..T.., rev. cross potent above three steps, figures of Heraclius on left and Tiberius on right, each holding cross on globe, around VICTORIA A VGU $\Theta$ , in exergue CONOB, (S.964, DOC 30h, MIB 31). Trace of mint bloom, nearly extremely fine, very scarce.



Constantine IV, Pogonatus, (668-685), gold solidus, (4.48 g), Constantinople mint, Class III, issued c.674-681, obv. three-quarter facing bearded bust of Constantine IV, wearing helmet with plume and cuirass, holds spear and shield, around dN COITNUS P, rev. cross potent above three steps, between facing figures of Heraclius on left and Tiberius on right, each holding cross on globe, around VICTOIA VGUH [H like an N], in exergue CONOB, (S.1154, cf.DOC 10g, BMC -, R.-, T.-). Extremely fine, with mint bloom, and rare variant



4438\*

**Constantine V,** (741-775) with Leo IV (from 751), gold solidus, Constantinople mint, issued 751-757, (4.42 g), obv. facing busts of Constantine V and son Leo IV, each crowned bust facing wearing chlamys, cross above, around CONSTANTINOIS S LEON O NEOS, rev. Facing bust of Leo III with short beard holding cross potent, around G LE ON P.A. MUL, (S.1551, DOC 2, BN 6-10, BMC 7-10). Very fine and scarce

\$500

\$550





4436\*

Constantine IV, Pogonatus, (668-685), gold solidus, (4.35 g), Constantinople mint, Class III, issued c.674-681, obv. three-quarter facing bearded bust of Constantine IV, wearing helmet with plume and cuirass, holds spear and shield, around dN O..ANU PP, rev. cross potent above three steps, between facing figures of Heraclius on left and Tiberius on right, each holding cross on globe, around VICTOR VGUH [H like an N], in exergue CONOB, (S.1154, cf.DOC 10g, BMC -, R.-, T.-). Nearly extremely fine, with weakness in legends.



4439\*

Basil I and Constantine, (867-886), gold solidus (4.41 g), Constantinople mint, struck 868-879, obv. Christ enthroned facing wearing nimbus, raising right hand in benediction, also holding Gospels, the throne has curved ornamented arms, around + IhS XPS REX REGNANTIUM\*, rev. bASILIOS ET CONSTANT' AUGG' b' around, facing busts of Basil I wearing loros on left and Constantine wearing chlamys on right, both crowned, between them long patriarchal cross, (S.1704, DOC 2b, R.1858). Good very fine, scarce.

\$500

 $Ex\ Decades\ Collection\ and\ previously\ from\ CNG\ esale\ 86,\ March\ 31,\ 2004,\ (lot\ 102).$ 





4437\*

Constantine IV, Pogonatus, with Heraclius and Tiberius, (668-685), gold solidus (4.36 g), Constantinople mint, struck 674-681, obv. d N CO' T NUS P, bearded facing bust, wearing cuirass and crested helmet with plume and diadem, holding spear over shoulder and shield decorated with horseman, rev. VICTOA A VGU, cross potent on three steps flanked by Heraclius and Tiberius, each beardless, standing facing, wearing crown and chlamys, holding globus cruciger, B+/CONOB in exergue, (S.1156A, DOC II -, MIB III 8a). Good extremely fine, reflective surfaces, rare as such.





4440\*

**Constantine VIII**, (1025-1028), gold histamenon nomisma, (4.35 g), Constantinople mint, obv. Christ bust facing wearing nimbus, in hand the Gospels, around [+ Ih]S XIS REX REgNANTinm rev. Constantine VIII, wearing loros and crown and holding labarum and akakia, around +CWnSTANTIn bASILEVS ROm, (S.1815, DOC 1, R.1969, BMC 3-5). *Good very fine/extremely fine, scarce.* 

\$600

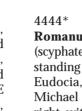
Ex Decades Collection and previously from Triton VII,

January 13-14, 2004 (lot 1107).



**Romanus III**, (1028-1034), gold histamenon nomisma, Constantinople mint, (4.40 g), obv. Christ enthroned facing with nimbus, around +IhS XIS REX REgNANTInm, rev. Virgin with nimbus placing hand on Romanus head crowning emperor, who holds cross on globe, around  $\Theta$ CE bOH $\Theta$  RWMANW, M $\Theta$  above between figures, (S.1819, DOW No.1c, BMC 1-3, R.1972-3). *Nearly extremely fine and very scarce.* 

\$600





**Romanus IV**, (1068-1071), gold histamenon nomisma (scyphate), Constantinople mint, Class II, (4.33 g), obv. Christ standing on footstool, with nimbus crowning Romanus and Eudocia, IC XC, around +PWMAN EVDKIA (sic), rev. Michael in centre, Constantius on left, and Andronicus on right, without footstools, around KWN MX AND, (S.1859, DOC 1, cf.R.2026). *Very fine.* 

\$350

Ex Decades Collection and acquired from CNG esale 79, December 17, 2003 (lot 164).





# 4442\*

**Constantine IX**, (1042-1055), gold histamenon nomisma, (4.40 g), struck at Constantinople mint, scyphate flan, Class III, obv. Bust of Christ facing, with nimbus, rev. Constantine bust facing bearded wearing loros and crown, in right hand long cross, and in left hand globe with pelleted cross, triple border, (S. 1830, DOC 3, BN 4-10), Large flan, extremely fine and scarce.

\$600





4445\*

Michael VII, (1071-1078), electrum gold histamenon nomisma (scyphate), Constantinople mint, (4.27 g), obv. bust of long bearded Christ Pantokrator facing, wearing nimbus, raising right hand, in left hand the Gospels, IC XC across, double dotted border, rev. +ΜΙΧΑΗΛ ΒΑCΙΛ Ο  $\Delta$ , around bust of Michael facing, bearded wearing crown and loros, holding labarum without pellet on shaft and globe with cross, (S.1868, DOC 2d, BMC 3, R.2032). *Good bust of bearded Christ, good very fine.* 

\$400

Ex Decades Collection.





## 4443\*

Constantine X, (1059-1067), gold histamenon nomisma (scyphate), Constantinople mint, (4.33 g), obv. Christ seated facing on throne with straight arms, wearing nimbus, raising right hand, in left hand the Gospels, IhS XIS REX REgNANTInm around, rev. +KWN RAC  $\Lambda$   $\Delta$ OVKAC, around standing figure of Constantine facing, bearded, wearing crown, saccos and loros, holding labarum no pellet on shaft and globe with cross, (S.1847, DOC 1a, BMC 3, R.2010). *Good very fine.* 

\$400

Ex Decades Collection and acquired from Noble Numismatics Sale 76 (lot 3107).





4446\*

**John II Comnenus**, (1118-1143), gold Hyperpyron (4.32 g), Constantinople mint, first coinage, circa 1118-1122, obv. seated facing figure of Christ Pantokrator IC XC across at top, rev. half-length facing busts of John and the Theotokos, holding labarum between themselves, manus Dei above John, (S.1938, R.2094-5, Hendy Pl.9, 1-3, BMC 10-14). *Broad flan, extremely fine*.



**Manuel I,** (1143-1180), gold hyperpyron (scyphate), Constantinople mint, (4.33 g), obv. Christ bust facing, beardless wearing nimbus, IC XC over to left +KERO, to right HΘEI, rev. facing figure of Manuel standing wearing crown, holding patriarchal cross to right 'manus Dei' legend to left MΛ/NΩ/YHΛΔ/EC/ΠΟ /TH to right Π/ΟΡ/Φ/ΥΡ/ΟΓΕ/ NH/T/Ω, (S.1956, Hendy Pl.12, 1-11, BMC 1-13, R.2111-4). *Brilliant, extremely fine and rare.* 

\$600

Ex Decades Collection and acquired from Noble Numismatics Sale 74 (lot 4367).



#### 4448\*

Andronicus II and Michael IX, (1295-1320), gold hyperpyron (scyphate), Constantinople mint, (2.83 g), obv. bust of Virgin within city walls and four towers, control letters M to left, uncertain letter to right, rev. Andronicus II and Michael IX to left and right with Christ standing between both emperors, traces of partial legend around each emperor, (S.2396, Bendall cf.PCPC 128, var. cf.type sigla 149, cf.DOC 488). Small flan, weak in places as usual, flan appears clipped in places and of light weight, otherwise very fine and scarce.

\$200



# 4449\*

Andronicus II and Andronicus III, (1325-1328 or later), joint reign, gold hyperpyron (scyphate), Constantinople mint, (3.30 g), obv. bust of Virgin within city walls and four towers, control letters N X to left and right, rev. Andronicus II and Andronicus III to left and right with Christ standing between the emperors, traces of partial legend downwards of each emperor, (S.2461, Bendall PCPC cf.185 var.15, DOC 503). Small flan, very weak in places as usual, otherwise fine - very fine.

\$250

Ex Maurice Collection.



### 4450\*

**Sasanian Kingdom**, kings of, Varhran (Bahram) II (A.D. 276-293), gold dinar, (7.43 g), obv. diademed and draped bust of Varhran II right with winged crown (curved wing) and korymbos decorated with pellets, rev. fire altar, flanked by two attendants, attendant on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, attendant on right wearing mural crown, plain below altar (SNS type I(1)/1(1a), G bl+ I/1; Saeedi -; cf Sunrise 765B). *Lovely style, extremely fine and very rare*.

\$10,000

## **GREEK SILVER & BRONZE COINS**



# 4451\*

Celtic, Eastern Europe, imitation of Philip II of Macedon, silver tetradrachm (13.49 g), 4th-3rd century B.C., Vollstandiger Legende (Complete Legend) type, Struck in central Dacia, obv. laureate head of Zeus to right, dotted border, rev. horseman riding right, around  $\Phi I\Lambda I\Pi V$ ,  $\Lambda$  above torch, below horse, dolphin below foreleg, (cf.OTA 4, Lanz 359-360, CCCBM I 3, cf.KMW 960). Nearly very fine and very scarce.

\$250



## 4452

**Italy**, Lucania, Metapontum, (c.480 B.C.), silver stater, (8.02 g), obv. six grain ear of corn, META upwards on left, rev. six grain ear of corn, incuse, (cf.S.238, Noe 155, SNG ANS 223, HN Italy 1482). *Good very fine and very rare.* 

\$1,000

Decades Collection and CNG Triton VII, 13-14 January 2004 (lot 23) with ticket.



**Italy,** Lucania, Thourioi (Thurium), (c.320 B.C.), AE 34, (40.46 g), obv. Head of Athena right, wearing crested helmet decorated with Skylla hurling a stone, rev. bull standing right, above ΘΟΥΡΙΩΝ,  $\Delta$ AMΩN below, (magistrate), serpent in exergue, (S.-, SNG ANS 1183, HN Italy 1916). Good very fine, mottled multicolor patina, obverse slightly double struck, light corrosion on crest, reverse fields tooled, a very rare and very heavy example of fine style.

\$750

Ex Decades Collection and CNG Auction Sale No.57, May 21, 2003 (lot 63) with ticket, coming from the John Bergman Collection CNG Auction Sale 57, 4 April 2001, (lot 55) and Numismatica Ars Classica 13, 8 November 1998, (lot 178).



4454\*

Italy, Bruttium, Croton (Kroton), (500-460 B.C.), silver stater or nomos (7.86 g), obv. tripod, crane to left on right, QPO upwards to left, rev. tripod, incuse, (S.256, SNG ANS 262, Gale 13, SNG Cop. 1750). Slightly of centred on reverse, weak in places, otherwise very fine/good fine and scarce.

\$500

This was a period when the issues were crudely struck on small dumpy flans, the tripods particularly on the reverse were very crude. An interesting step in the evolution to the next series of eagles on the reverse.



4455\*

Italy, Bruttium, Rhegion, (c.450 B.C. [Arnold-Biucchi chronology]), silver tetradrachm, (16.94 g), obv. lion's head facing, within dotted border, rev. Iokastos the traditional founder of the city naked to waist and seated to left, holding staff and resting left hand on hip, all within laurel wreath, legend around anti-clockwise, [R]ECI NOS, (S.498, Herzfelder, H., "Catalogue des Tetradrachmes et Drachmes de Rhegion" No.1i [This Coin], [obv.D1, rev. R1 same dies], Pl.XX 1q for reverse die break illustration, [Revue Numismatique (RN) 1956], Munzhundlung Basel Sale 4 (390) [This Coin], cf.Arnold Biucchi 7-10 [Same Dies], SNG ANS 635). Some light scratches in the region of the interesting die crack on the reverse, original obverse die somewhat rusted, otherwise good very fine/very fine and very rare.

\$4,000

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 86 (lot 3264) and Sale 63 (lot 3450) and previously from the Collection of Prince W. sold at Munzhandlung Basel Sale No.4 1st October 1935 (lot 390, illustrated).

ANS Numismatic Studies 18 "The Randazzo Hoard 1980 and Sicilian Chronology in the Early Fifth Century B.C." illustrates similar examples (see p.17-9, 48). These coin dies are the first dies used at Rhegion for this type. Some four tetradrachms of this city from these dies were present in the Randazzo Hoard, and Herzfelder cites a further 19 others from this same pair of dies (including this coin). The reverse die shows a breaking up and a similar example with the same degree of die-breaking occurs on Plate XX No.1q in RN 1956. Herzfelder in his extensive study on this coinage knew of only 19 examples of this coin from these dies of which 9 were from the same state of die deterioration. The two additional examples from the Randazzo Hoard makes 21 known pieces (Herzfelder lists the references of all the known examples). Many of the examples known are in public collections. For all dies Herzfelder was only able to find 46 coins of this type together with the four from Randazzo make only 50 surviving examples today. A most important coin with a superb pedigree.



4456\*

Italy, Calabria, Tarentum (Taras), (272-235 B.C.), silver stater or nomos, (6.22 g), obv. naked rider on stationary horse to right, Nike flying to right above crowning him from behind, below traces of  $\Delta AMOKPITO\Sigma$ , above to right EY, rev. Taras astride a dolphin to right, holding a cornucopiae and trident, to left monogram of  $I\Omega\Pi\varsigma$ , TAPA  $\Sigma$  below, (cf.S.374, cf.Vl.914, cf.SNG ANS 1233, SNG Cop.935). With some original find patination, toned, very fine, a die combination not in Vlasto.

\$250

Ex CNG esale 211, June 3, 2009 (lot 127) and previously from the Colin E. Pitchfork Collection (with his packet), who acquired it from Guido Bernardi, Trieste by private purchase January 8, 1998.



4457\*

**Sicily,** Akragas (Agrigentum), (c.500-480 B.C.), silver didrachm, Jenkins Group IV, (8.37 g), obv. eagle with closed wings standing to right, AK behind, RA in front, rev. crab within circular incuse field, (A)  $\Sigma$  below, (cf.S.709A, cf.Jenkins (Gela) Pl.37,15/17, SNG ANS 960 [similar dies]). Very fine/fine with surface roughness on reverse, a rare variety.

\$300



4458\*

**Sicily**, Akragas (Agrigentum), (c.422-406 B.C.), AE 28 (or hemilitron), (24.04 g), obv. eagle with open wings standing to left on hare, rev. crab with crayfish to left below, six pellets around, vine leaf above between claws, (cf.S.1022, SNG ANS 1029 [similar dies]). *Dark green patina, earthern edge patination, nearly very fine and a rare type*.

\$100

Ex Decades Collection.



4459\*

**Sicily**, Akragas (Agrigentum), AE 21, trias, (425-406 B.C.), (8.86 g), obv. eagle to right holding hare in talons, [AKPA] behind eagle, rev. crab, three dots below, with a crayfish below dots, (S.1023, Calciati I p.181 No.54/3, SNG ANS 1041, cf.SNG Morcom 523). *Dark green patina, attractive very fine.* 

\$80

Ex Decades Collection.



# 4460\*

**Sicily**, Centoripae, (344-336 B.C.), AE drachm or litra, (32.25 g), (one of the largest ancient Greek bronzes), obv. head of Kore-Persephone crowned with ears of corn, four dolphins around to left, rev. crouching panther with arched back walking left with raised right paw, (S.1080, SNG ANS 1305, Calciati III, 165, 1). Good fine and well centered with pleasing dark green patina, rare.

\$750

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 86 (lot 3581), previously from Baldwins New York Sale, January 2007 (lot 32), with ticket.





## 4461\*

Sicily, Gela, (c. 465-450 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.96 g), obv. slow quadriga driven left (only two horses are shown), by male charioteer holding reins, a column behind with heavy capital, ketos to left in exergue, dotted border, rev. forepart of man headed bull to right with long beard, to right around  $\Gamma E \Lambda A \Sigma$ , Nike flying above to right, (cf.S.795, Jenkins 219, obv. 58, rev. 117 [notes two examples known of these dies], SNG ANS 48). Attractive grey tone, a distinctive pair of dies, very fine or better on a broad flan, a rare die combination.

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 85 (lot 1416).



### 4462\*

**Sicily**, Kamarina, (c.420-405 B.C.) AE tetras, 17mm, (3.64 g), obv. Gorgoneion facing, rev. owl standing left, head facing, grasping lizard with talon [K]AMA upwards to left, three pellets (mark of value) in exergue, (S.1062, Westermark & Jenkins 195, CNS 21, SNG ANS 326). *Good very fine, scarce.* 

\$100

Ex Decades Collection.



# 4463\*

**Sicily**, Leontinoi, (c.425 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.93 g), obv. laureate head of Apollo to left, dotted border, rev. head of lion to left, around three barley grains and olive leaf behind, around AEONTINON, (cf.S.833, SNG ANS 256-7 same dies). *Heavy obverse porosity, otherwise very good/very fine and scarce.* 

\$250



**Sicily**, Messana, (450-446 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.05 g), issued 455-451 B.C., obv. biga of mules driven to right by seated male charioteer, Nike flying above crowning horses, in exergue bay leaf with fruit, rev. MESSAN I ON (S letters reversed), hare running to right, B above, (cf.S.847, Caltabiano 323 [obv.die 142, rev. die 134, Randazzo 184 [same dies], SNG Cop. 394 [same dies], Caltabiano notes and records 12 coins from these dies]). *Nearly very fine and rare*.

\$300

Ex Decades Collection.



4465\*

Sicily, Messana, (445-439 B.C.), silver drachm, (4.14 g), obv. biga of mules driven to right by seated male charioteer, Nike flying above crowning horses, in exergue dolphin to right [ivy leaf has been suggested], dotted border, rev.  $\text{ME}\Sigma\Sigma\Lambda$  NION, hare running to right, all within olive wreath, (cf. S.848, Caltabiano Series IX, 388.6 [**This Coin**, illustrated plate 24, obv.die 175, rev. die 168], Jameson 651 [**This Coin**], McClean 2391, SNG Lockett 120 [same dies]). *Toned, good very fine and very rare in this condition*.

\$1,500

 $\rm Ex~Noble~Numismatics~Sale~86~(lot~3270)$  and previously from the Sir Arthur John Evans and R. Jameson Collections and subsequently acquired by A. Moretti.



4466\*

Sicily, Messana under the Mamertinoi, (220-200 B.C.), AE 27 a pentonkion, (11.90 g), obv. laureate head of Zeus to right, rev. naked warrior charging right holding spear and large circular shield  $\Pi$  in field to right, on left [MA]MEPTIN[ $\Theta$ N], (cf.S.1144, Sarstrom p.175 Series XVI, Group A, type c, 338-43, BAR Issue 28, CNS 41 Ds 2, HGC 2, 853, SNG Cop. 464). Good fine, some roughness on obverse.

\$100

Ex Decades Collection.



4467\*

**Sicily,** Morgantina, (c.340 B.C.), AE dilitron (23 mm), (14.62 g), obv. [MOPΓANTINΩN], helmeted head of Athena right, wearing triple crested helmet decorated with serpent and spiral, owl and  $\Gamma$  behind, rev. lion right, tearing at stag's head, monogram in exergue, (S.1148, SNG ANS 466, Calciati III p.243, 1/3, SNG Cop.473, SNG Morcom 641, Laffaille 181, Virzi 1264ff). Attractive very fine and rare.

\$250

Ex Decades Collection.



4468\*

**Sicily**, Syracuse, Dionysios I, (405-367 B.C.), AE drachm, 28mm, (32.91 g), obv. head of Athena wearing Corinthian helmet to left bound with olive wreath, to left traces of  $\Sigma$ YPA, rev. starfish between two dolphins with central pellet, (S.1189, Boehringer Finanzpolitik Pl.39, 44, Calciati CNS 62, BMC 287, SNG ANS 454-469, Weber 1630). *Brown patina, good fine and very scarce*.

\$100

Ex Decades Collection.

Dionysios I or Dionysios the Elder (c.432 - 367 B.C.), was a Greek tyrant of Syracuse. He conquered several cities in Sicily and southern Italy, opposed Carthage's influence in Sicily and made Syracuse the most powerful of the Western Greek colonies. He was regarded by ancient writers as an example of the worst kind of despot-cruel, suspicious and vindictive.



4469

**Sicily,** Syracuse, period of Timoleon, (344-336 B.C.), AE litra, AE 26, (19.00 g), obv. head of Zeus Eleutherios laureate to left, around traces of IEYΣ ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΟΣ, rev. free horse prancing to left, around traces of ΣΥΡΑΚΟΣΙΩΝ, (S.1191, BMC 311-312, SNG ANS 533-541, Weber 1651). *Brown patina, very fine portrait and very scarce.* 

\$200



**Sicily,** Syracuse, period of Timoleon, (344-336 B.C.), AE hemilitron, AE 23, (14.60 g), obv. head of Zeus Eleutherios laureate to right, around IEYΣ  $E\Lambda[EY\Theta EPI]O\Sigma$ , rev. thunderbolt, eagle standing to right in right field, around ΣΥΡΑΚΟ ΣΙΩΝ, (S.1192, BMC 313, SNG ANS 477-488, Calciati 71, Weber 1653). *Dark brown tone, well centred, nearly extremely fine and very scarce.* 

\$200

Ex Decades Collection.



4471\*

**Sicily**, Syracuse, time of Timoleon, (344-306 B.C., Calciati dates 405-395 B.C.), AE 19, (7.31 g), obv. head of Athena to left, wearing Corinthian helmet,  $\Sigma$ YPA downwards before, rev. Hippocamp to left with curled wings, (S.1193, BMC 292, SNG ANS 426-433). *Brown patina, very fine and scarce.* 

\$100

Ex Decades Collection.



4472\*

**Sicily**, Syracuse, Agathokles, (317-289 B.C.), silver tetradrachm (17.04 g), struck circa 310-306/5 B.C., obv. KOPAΣ, wreathed head of Kore to right, dotted border, rev.  $A\Gamma A\Theta OK AEO\Sigma$ , Nike standing right, in the process of erecting trophy, holding nail in left hand and hammer in right, triskeles to lower left, dotted border, (S.974, cf.M. Ierardi., "Tetradrachms of Agathocles of Syracuse" in AJN 7-8 (1995-6) No. 135-184, BAR issue 23, SNG ANS 679, HGC 2, 1536). *Toned, very fine/good very fine, scarce.* 

\$750

Ex Decades Collection



4473\*

**Sicily**, Syracuse, reign of Hieron II (275-215 B.C.), AE 34, (36.41 g), struck c.265 B.C., obv. diademed head of Hieron II to left, rev. IEPΩNOΣ in exergue, Nike driving galloping biga right, N below, (S.1220, Calciati II pg. 393, 196, R1 4 = Virzi 1838 = Laffaille, "Choix de Monnaies Grecques en Bronze," 89 [**This Coin**], SNG Morcom 816, SNG ANS 908 var. [A below]; SNG Lloyd 1553, SNG Copenhagen 832 var. [monogram]). Good very fine, black patina, light smoothing on the obverse and some encrustation around the devices, very rare.

\$2,000

Ex Decades Collection and CNG Triton VII, 12 Jan 2004 (lot 115) with ticket, from the David Freedman Collection, CNG Triton V, 15-16 January 2002, (lot 265), previously from the J. Malter Sale 1, 9-11 November 1973, (lot 64), coming from the Tom Virzi Collection.

In 265 BC, Hieron II routed the Mamertines at the river Longanus west of Messana. This rare issue of about 36 grams may commemorate this victory and, if comparison is made with Mamertine bronze coins, is the equivalent of an octuple bronze piece (cf. SNG ANS Mamertini 401 [double of about 9 grams] and 402-409 [quadruples of about 18 grams]).

Hieron was sufficiently realistic to abandon his early imperial ambitions in favour of loyalty to Rome and the prosperity and well-being of his people. His system of taxation, adopted by Rome after her annexation of Sicily in 241 BC, and monetary reforms on both the international Attic and local litrai standards, eventually led to the introduction of the Roman denarius (equivalent of an Attic drachm of about 4.3 grams) at the time of the siege of Syracuse in 212/1 BC, and the abandonment of large cast bronze aes grave in favour of Greek-like fiduciary struck bronze.



4474\*

**Sicily,** Syracuse, reign of Hieron II, (275-215 B.C.), AE 27, (15.78 g), obv. diademed head of Hieron beardless to left, dotted border, rev. horseman prancing to right, holding spear couched, beneath  $\Phi$ , in exergue IEP $\Omega$ NO $\Sigma$ , (S.1221, Calciati II, [p.383, 195], SNG Morcom 824, SNG ANS 944). *Dark tone, nearly extremely fine and a rare variety.* 

\$200



Thrace (Moesia Inferior), Istros, (400-350 B.C.), silver stater, (5.68 g), obv. two young male heads facing, side by side, left upright, right inverted, rev. sea-eagle standing to left on dolphin to left, which it attacks with its beak, above IΣΤΡΙΗ, Δ below eagle, below dolphin monogram PAX, (cf. S.1669, SNG BMC 243, SNG Stancomb 146). Bright, nearly extremely fine.

\$400



4476\*

Thrace, (Moesia Inferior), Marcianopolis, Septimius Severus, (A.D. 193-211), AE 26, (7.24 g), obv. laureate, draped, and cuirassed bust to right of Septimius Severus, around AV K Λ CEΠ CEYHROC, rev. around YI + AYCTINIANOY MAPKIAN, in exergue [OII]OΛΙΤΩΝ, Cybele seated left, lions at feet, (S.-, Varbanov 780, AMNG I 566). Dark patination, very fine or better, scarce, with collector's envelope.

\$150



4477\*

Thrace (Moesia Inferior), Marcianopolis, Septimius Severus, (A.D. 193-211), AE 27, (11.64 g), obv. Septimius Severus laureate head to right, rev. Cybele enthroned left, between two lions, holding phiale and resting on drum, (Varbanov 782, Pfeiffer 27); Caracalla and Julia Domna, (A.D. 198-217), AE 27 or five assaria, (13.65 g), obv. Caracalla laureate bust to right and Julia Domna bust to left, rev. Zeus seated left holding patera and sceptre, E in field to left, (Varbanov 1059, Pfeiffer 150), (illustrated); Severus Alexander and Julia Maesa, (A.D. 222-235), AE 27, (14.95 g), obv. Severus Alexander laureate and cuirassed bust right facing Julia Maesa bust diademed and draped to left, rev. Homonoia standing left holding patera and cornucopia, E in field to left, (Varbanov 1871, Pfeiffer 600), (illustrated). Fine - very fine, attractively toned, the Caracalla and Severus Alexander rare. (3)

\$180





4478\*

Thrace (Moesia Inferior), Marcianopolis, Macrinus and Diadumenian, (A.D. 217-218), AE 27, (12.93 g), obv. Macrinus laureate head to right facing Diadumenian head to left, rev. Asklepios standing left, holding serpent-staff, (Varbanov 1166, Pfeiffer 246), (illustrated); Elagabalus and Julia Maesa, (A.D. 218-222), AE 27 or five assaria, (13.68 g), obv. Elagabalus laureate bust to right and Julia Maesa bust to left, around legend AVT K M AVP ANTONEINOC AVΓΙΟΥΛΙΑ MAICA AVΓ, rev. Hygieia standing left feeding serpent from patera, E to right (Varbanov 1637, Pfeiffer 479), (illustrated); Severus Alexander and Julia Mamaea, (A.D. 222-235), AE 27, (11.66 g), obv. Severus Alexander laureate and cuirassed bust right facing Julia Mamaea bust diademed and draped to left, rev. Nemesis standing to left, holding scales and cornucopia, wheel at feet, E in field to right, (Varbanov 1834, Pfeiffer 624). Toned, fine - nearly very fine and scarce, the Elagabalus very rare. (3)

\$180

With collector's packets and descriptions.



4479\*

Thrace, (Moesia Inferior), Marcianopolis, Macrinus and Diadumenian, (A.D. 217-218), AE 27, (13.49 g), obv. Macrinus laureate head to right facing Diadumenian head to left, rev. Tyche standing facing, head left holding rudder on globe and cornucopia, E in field to right, (Varbanov 1224, Pfeiffer 277); Elagabalus and Julia Maesa, (A.D. 218-222), AE 27 or five assaria, (13.52 g), obv. Elagabalus laureate bust to right and Julia Maesa bust to left, around legend AVT K M AVP ANTONEINOC AVT IOYAIA MAICA AVT, rev. Hermes standing left holding purse and caduceus, E to right, (Varbanov 1652, Pfeiffer 473), (illustrated); Gordian III and Tranquillina, (A.D. 238-244), AE 27, (12.92 g), obv. Gordian III laureate draped and cuirassed bust right facing Tranquillina bust to left, rev. Homonoia standing left, wearing kalathos, holding patera and cornucopia, E in field to left, (Varbanov 2044, Pfeiffer 726). Fine - very fine, attractively toned, the Macrinus rare. (3)

\$180

With collector's packets and descriptions.



# 4480\*

**Thrace**, Abdera, (375/3-365/360 B.C.), silver drachm, (2.36 g), obv. Griffin springing to left of base with both forelegs raised, below ΠΑΥΣΑΝΙΩ, rev. within linear square with Apollo laureate head to right, in field around ABΔ HP[I TEΩ]N, (cf.S.1552, May [Coinage of Abdera] 482-493, BMC 57). Short on flan, good very fine and very scarce.

\$150

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 99 (lot 3342).



### 4481\*

**Thrace**, Hadrianopolis, Gordian III, (A.D. 238-244), AE 25, (7.95 g), obv. radiate, draped, and cuirassed bust to right of Gordian III around AVT K MAN T ΓΟΡΔΙΑΝΟC AV, rev. city gate with open door, battlemented tower to left and right each with conical roof, around ΑΔΡΙΑΝΟΠΟΛΕΙΤΩΝ, (S.3652, Varbanov 3754, BMC 44, Mouschov 2701). *Very fine and rare*.

\$150

An important and interesting architectural view of the city gate.



#### 4482\*

**Thrace**, Pautalia, Caracalla, (A.D. 198-217), AE 30, 15.32 g), obv. laureate head to right, around AVT K M CE [ANTΩNINOC], rev. city view: acropolis surmounted by main civic temple, four temples around, figure in grotto to upper left, statuary group of three nymphs to lower right, around [ΟΥΛΠΙ]AC ΠΑΥ, ΤΑΛΙΑC in exergue, (S.-, Ruzicka 713 var. (obv. legend), Varbanov 5256-7 var. (same, both R7). *Fine, weak in places, a very rare type.* 

\$500





## 4483\*

Thrace, Kingdom of, Lysimachos, (323-281 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.10 g), Amphipolis mint, issued 288/7-281 B.C., obv. head of Alexander to right, with diadem and horn of Ammon, within dotted circle, rev. Athena enthroned to left, supporting Nike, spear behind, caduceus to inner left, bee in outer right area, to right BASIAEOS downwards, to left  $\Lambda Y SIMAXOY$  downwards, (cf.S.6814, Thompson 190). Bright, a few minor surface marks, otherwise good very fine and rare.

\$1,500

Ex CNG Electronic Auction No.347 March 25, 2015 (lot 90).

By 285 BC, Pyrrhos' rule over the western portion of Macedon had become onerous to the population, and they called on Lysimachos for help. Lysimachos, a long time friend of the Macedonians, easily occupied the area and incorporated it into his growing kingdom. The historical mints in this region, Amphipolis and Pella were quickly converted to produce Lysimachos type coinage, and subsequently produced a significantly large output of both staters and tetradrachms. It remained a loyal subject until Lysimachos' death.





Thrace, Kingdom of, Lysimachos, (305-281 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.11 g), Pella mint, issued 286/5-282/1 B.C., obv. head of Alexander to right, with diadem and horn of Ammon, within dotted circle, rev. Athena Nikephoros enthroned to left, supporting Nike, transverse spear behind,  $\Pi XE$  monogram in wreath to left, AP monogram in exergue, to right  $BA\Sigma IAE\Omega\Sigma$ , to left  $AY\Sigma IMAXOY$ , (cf.S.6814, Thompson 250, Meydancikkale -, Armenak -, cf.M.304 var.). Lightly toned, about extremely fine and very rare.

\$1,800

Ex CNG Triton XIII January 5-6, 2010 (lot 1075).



4485\*

Thrace, Kingdom of, Lysimachos, (323-281 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.74 g), Byzantium mint, issued 190-110 B.C., obv. head of Alexander to right, with diadem and horn of Ammon, rev. Athena enthroned to left, supporting Nike, spear behind, on throne BY, to left in field monogram  $Z\Omega$ , to right  $BA\Sigma IAE\Omega\Sigma$ , to left  $AY\Sigma IMAXOY$ , trident in exergue, (cf.S.6814, Thompson -, Muller -). Attractive portrait, nearly extremely fine and excessively rare, apparently unpublished with this monogram.

\$400

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 56 (lot 1829) and previously from Glendining's London, auction sale December 14, 1993 (lot 102).



4486\*

**Thrace**, Kingdom of, Lysimachos, (305-281 B.C.), silver drachm (3.58 g), of the types of Alexander III of Macedon, struck at Abydos mint, c.299/8-297/6 B.C., obv. head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin, rev. Zeus Aetophoros seated left, in left field, lion forepart left above monogram, below throne, head of griffin to left, to right  $\Delta Y \Sigma IM \Delta X [OY]$ , (S.6812, Thompson 67, Price L18, M ller -). *Toned, nearly very fine, rare with this monogram and griffin head.* 

\$200

 $\rm Ex\ CNG\ Esale\ 351\ May\ 20,\ 2015\ (lot\ 40),\ coming\ from\ the\ Nicholas\ Sicurella\ Collection.$ 





4487\*

**Sarmatia**, Olbia, (c.438-410 B.C.), AE cast, 70mm, Aes Leve (109.8 g), obv. Gorgoneion head facing, rev. eagle standing to left with head to right, standing on a dolphin, (cf.S.1682, SNG BM Black Sea 391, Thurlow & Vecchi pl. 1. [similar type illustrated]). *Good fine, very rare.* 

\$1,000

Ex Decades Collection with brochure



4488\*

**Macedon**, Akanthos, (480-470 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.02 g), obv. bull kneeling to left, looking back, attacked by lion to right on his back, in exergue below exergual line of dots a bull's horn, rev. quadripartite incuse square, (S.1362, cf.BMC 3, Desneux [Les tetradrachmes d'Akanthos] cf.No.24, [cf. rev. die R22, also almost the same as obverse D22], cf.SNG Lockett 1285). *Good very fine and very rare* 

\$3,300

Akanthos was one of those cities that produced a very prolific coinage serving an international need in the archaic and classical period. They were minted on the Attic weight standard [17.2 grams for the tetradrachm], and formed an issue that could circulate with contemporary Athenian coins on equal terms.

4489

**Macedon**, Kingdom of, Philip II, (359-336 B.C.), AE 16, uncertain Macedonian mint, (5.29 g), probably lifetime issue c.345-336 B.C., obv. Apollo head to right with tainia, dotted border, rev. naked youth on horse, above ΦΙΛΟΠΠΟΥ, below mast, (cf.S.6696, cf.SNG ANS 868); Kingdom of, Alexander III, (336-323 B.C.), AE 17 (6.19 g), uncertain Macedonian mint, issued 336-323 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right wearing lion skin with dotted border, rev. bow, quiver and club, above Δ, grape bunch below,  $AAE\Xi AN\Delta POY$  between, (cf.S.6739, Price 284). *Attractive green patina, nearly very fine.* (2)

\$100



4490\*

**Macedon**, Kingdom of, Alexander III, (336-323 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.92 g), Macedonian mint probably Amphipolis, issued 323-320 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right wearing lion skin, rev. Zeus seated on throne to left, eagle in outstretched hand, to left BAΣ IΛΕΩΣ and monogram ΠΑΘ, ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ to right, (cf.S.6713, Price 121, BMC 121a-e, M.860, SNG Munich 281, SNG Cop.686). Very fine/ good very fine and scarce.

\$500



4491\*

**Macedon,** Kingdom of, Alexander III, (336-323 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.17 g), Amphipolis mint, issued c.315-294 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right wearing lion skin with dotted border, rev. Zeus seated on throne to left, eagle in outstretched hand,  $\Lambda$  above torch all to left, monogram of AP under throne, to right  $\Lambda\Lambda E \Xi \Lambda \Lambda \Delta POY$ , (cf.S.6713, Price 446, BMC 446). *Nearly extremely fine.* 

\$600

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 50 (lot 2074).





4492\*

**Macedon**, Kingdom of, Alexander III (336-323 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.68 g), Mesembria mint, issued c.175-125 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right, wearing lion skin, rev. Zeus seated on throne to left, eagle in outstretched hand, BAΣIΛΕΩΣ to right, AΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ to left, Corinthian helmet to right above MA in left field, KO under throne, (cf.S.6713, Price 1077, BMC 1077a-b, M.482, Karayotov type 42 No.174-180). Large flan, lightly toned, extremely fine and very scarce.

\$1,000

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 89 (lot 3809).



4493\*

**Macedon,** Kingdom of, Alexander III, (336-323 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.20 g), Odessus mint, issued c.125-70 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right, with lion skin, rev. Zeus seated to left, eagle in outstretched hand, to left AΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, to right [B]AΣΙΛΕΩΣ, to left under arm ΘΕ, below throne a monogram, (S.-, Price 1181, M.419, BMC 1181, SNG Cop.723-4). Large flan with centred obverse, distinctive head and lion skin, type of very late style, off-centred reverse, otherwise extremely fine and rare.

\$400

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 50 (lot 2075).



4494\*

**Macedon,** Kingdom of, Alexander III, (336-323 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.81 g), Temnos mint, issued before 188-170 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right wearing lion skin with no border, rev. Zeus seated on throne to left, eagle in outstretched hand, amphora between arching vine in left field,  $\Pi A$  and E in left field, to right [A]ΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ. (cf. S.6713, Price 1676, BMC 1676a-b, M.956). Well centred, large, toned, good very fine and a rare issue.

\$400

Ex Decades Collection and Heritage USA, September Long beach Sale 419 (lot 51010) with their ticket.





**Macedon,** Kingdom of, Alexander III, (336-323 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.75 g), Ionia, Miletos mint, issued c.190/170 - 165/150 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right wearing lion skin with dotted border, rev. Zeus Aetophoros seated left, in left field, star above lion standing left, head right, MI monogram the civic monogram with additional two monograms to inner left, and right field,  $AAE\Xi AN\Delta POY$ , dotted border (S.6713, Price 2167 [p.238 variety with differing second monogram on right], M.-). Well centred, grey patination, good very fine, probably unique, unpublished.

\$750

Ex Freeman & Sear, 25th June 2009 (lot 13).



4496\*

**Macedon,** Kingdom of, Alexander III, (336-323 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.85 g), 'Babylon mint', issued c.317-311 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right wearing lion skin with dotted border, rev. Zeus seated on throne to left, eagle in outstretched hand, monogram MTP in wreath, H below throne, in exergue BAΣΙΛΕΩΣ, [A]ΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ to right, (cf.S.6713, Price 3704, BMC 3704a-c, M.714, Armenak Hoard No.135). *Bright, extremely fine.* 

\$800





4497\*

**Macedon**, Kingdom of, Alexander III, (336-323 B.C.), silver drachm, (4.23 g), Lampsacus mint, issued 323-317 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right wearing lion skin, rev. Zeus seated on throne to left, eagle in outstretched hand, buckle to left, AΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ to right, under throne  $\Lambda/\Omega$ , (S.6730, Price 1375, BMC 1375a-e, M.623, SNG Fitz. 2239). Nearly extremely fine.

\$200

Ex Maurice Collection.



4498\*

**Macedon**, Kingdom of, Alexander III, (336-323 B.C.), silver drachm, (4.35 g), Magnesia ad Maeandrum mint, issued 319-305 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right wearing lion skin with dotted border, rev. Zeus seated on throne to left, eagle in outstretched hand, ΣΙΟ monogram in left field, ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ to right, A/T monogram under throne, (cf. S.6730, Price 1970, BMC 1970a-c, M.793). *Toned, very fine* 

\$200





4499\*

**Macedon**, Kingdom of, Antigonos Gonatas, silver tetradrachm, 277-239 B.C., (16.87 g), obv. Pan's head to left, with pedium on shoulder, all within Macedonian shield, rev. Athena Alkidemos advancing to left, with thunderbolt and shield, Macedonian helmet in field to left, HΛ monogram to right, to right BAΣIΛΕΩΣ, to left ANTIΓONOY, (S.6783, SNG Greece II (Alpha Bank) 986, SNG Cop 1199, Mathiesen ANS MN 26 [1981] p.111 [for monogram], Pl.21 36). Surface scratches on reverse, otherwise very fine and scarce.

\$750

Ex Decades Collection, from Noble Numismatics Sale 87 (lot 4216) and previously from Astarte, Lugano Auction Sale XI, Dec. 12-3, 2002 (Lot 327).





4500\*

**Macedon**, Kingdom of, Antigonos Doson, (229-221 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.02 g), probably struck at Amphipolis mint, 227-225 B.C., obv. head of Poseidon to right, dotted border, rev. nude Apollo holding bow, seated left on prow, below BAΣΙΛΕΩΣ and ANTIΓΟΝΟΥ, monogram below, (S.6789, SNG Ash 2363-6, SNG Cop.1204, SNG Berry 386, SNG Alpha Bank 1046, ACNAC Dewing 1206-7, Boston 714-5). Well centred on obverse and reverse, bright, minor surface marks, otherwise good very fine and rare in this condition (with dealer ticket).

\$1,500

Ex Decades Collection.

A cousin of Demetrios II, Antigonos surnamed Doson, undertook the government of the country, initially as regent, and later, in recognition of his successes, as king. Doson did in fact repulse the barbarians, restore Macedonian suzerainty in Thessaly and Macedonian influence in central

Greece, and placed a large part of Caria in Asia Minor under Macedonian control. His greatest success however consisted in obliging the Achaians to enter into an alliance with him, surrender Acrocorinth, and collaborate with him in organizing a Symmachy (alliance), in which participated the Epirotes, Phokians, Boiotians, Akarnanians, Thessalians, Achaians and Macedonians (224 BC). In 222 BC at the battle of Sellasia, as 'hegemon' (leader) of the Symmachy, Antigonos defeated the reformist Spartan king Kleomenes III, thus securing the ascendancy of the Macedonian kingdom over southern Greece. He died in 221 BC, leaving the Macedonian throne to the seventeen-year-old Philip V, who had to confront the invasions of the Illyrians.



### 4501\*

Macedon under Romans, Amphipolis (158-149 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.91 g), obv. Macedonian shield, at centre of which is a bust of Artemis Tauropolos to right with bow and quiver at her shoulder, rev. ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΩΝ ΠΡΩΤΗΣ in two lines, club between, AP monogram above, all within oak wreath, to left a thunderbolt, (S.1386, AMNG 159 [p.54, 41 noted], SNG Ash.3290-2, SNG Cop.1310, Hunter 2, BMC 2 [p.7], Mionnet I, 48 [p.456]). Lightly toned, nearly extremely fine and a scarce variety.

\$1,100

After the defeat of Perseus at the battle of Pydna in 168 BC, the Romans divided Macedonia into four separate autonomous administrative regions (merides), the first (\$\Pi P \Omega T E \Sigma\$) lay east of the Strymon with its capital at Amphipolis, the second (\$\Delta EYTEPA \Sigma\$) between the Strymon and Axios with its capital at Thessalonica, the third between the Axios and Peneos with its capital at Pella, and the fourth included most of Upper Macedonia with its capital at Heraclea Lynci. Livy informs us that initially all commerce between the regions, exploitation of the silver and gold mines and the importation of salt were forbidden. Almost all the coinage of this period is struck in the name of the first region and runs parallel to the mass coinages of Thasos and Maroneia from about 158 BC. No silver is known from the third and fourth regions, and only a small number of rare tetradrachms from the second region. These four regions only lasted until 148 BC when the country was finally united to constitute a Roman Province and proceeded to issue coins under the authority of its legatus pro praetore.



# 4502\*

**Macedon under Romans,** Amphipolis (158-149 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.80 g), obv. Macedonian shield, at centre of which is a bust of Artemis Tauropolos to right with bow and quiver at her shoulder, rev. MAKEΔΟΝΩΝ ΠΡΩΤΗΣ in two lines, club between, AP monogram above, all within oak wreath, to left a thunderbolt, (S.1386, AMNG 159 [p.54, 41 noted], SNG Ash.3290-2, SNG Cop.1310, Hunter 2, BMC 2 [p.7], Mionnet I, 48 [p.456]). *Lightly toned, extremely fine, a scarce variety.* 

\$60

Ex Decades Collection and Heritage USA, September Long Beach Sale 419 (lot 51016) with their ticket.

See note above.



### 4503\*

**Macedon**, Koinon of Macedon, Pseudo-autonomous issue probably under the period of Gordian III, A.D. 238-244, AE 25, (11.56 g), obv. helmeted head of Alexander the Great to right around AΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, rev. warrior or a representation of Alexander the Great on horse (Bukephalos) riding right, preparing to hurl spear, around KOINON MAΚΕΔΟΝΩΝ (cf.S.4808, AMNG III 770, SNG Cop.1376). *Dark green with earthern patina on edge, very fine and rare.* 

\$500

Ex DNW Auction Sale 190, April 9, 2008 (lot 190).

As one of his chargers, Bukephalos served Alexander in numerous battles. The value which Alexander placed on Bukephalos emulated his hero and supposed ancestor Achilles, who claimed that his horses were 'known to excel all others - for they are immortal'.



4504

**Thessaly,** Larissa (under Macedonian domination), (370-360's B.C.), silver drachm, (6.00 g), obv. facing head of nymph Larissa three-quarter to left, rev. horse and foal standing to right, above ΛΑΡΙΣΑΙ,  $\Omega$ N downwards on right, (S.2122, See Leu 7 [9 May 1973] 157 = Hess - Leu [11], 24 March 1959, 181, see also M+M FPL 209 (March 1961) 9 (both from the same pair of dies), BCD [Triton XV] lot 297 [similar dies and realised \$1100 +15% US). *Toned, very fine and a very rare variety with a charming reverse type.* 

\$900



4505

Thessaly, Thessalian League, (c.mid - late 1st century B.C.), silver stater or double victoriatus, (22mm, 6.10 g), Italos and Diokles, magistrates, obv. head of Zeus right, wearing laurel wreath, ITAAOY to left, rev.  $\Theta E \Sigma \Sigma A \Lambda \Omega N$  to left and right, Athena Itonia striding right, hurling spear held in her right hand, shield on her left arm, ITA- $\Lambda$ O $\Sigma$  above spear, NI in inner right field,  $\Delta$ IOK $\Lambda$ H $\Sigma$  in exergue, (cf.S.2233. McClean 4802-4 var. [these magistrates, names engraved differently], BCD 876.1 [Triton XV]). Bright, nearly extremely fine and rare.



**Island off Epeiros,** Corcyra, (Colony of Corinth), (350-300 B.C.), silver stater, (8.65 g), obv. Pegasos with pointed wing flying to right, K below, rev. head of Athena to right in Corinthian helmet over a leather cap, with vine branch and leaf and  $\Lambda$  behind head,  $\Lambda\Gamma$  below neck, (S.2021, Calciati 9 [p.379]). *Toned, nearly extremely fine and very rare.* 

\$1,500

Ex Del Parker and previously from Antiqua (Steve Rubinger) USA,. 1995 (no. 95)



4507\*

Akarnania, Anaktorion (Colony of Corinth), (350-300 B.C.), silver stater, (8.00 g), obv. Pegasos with pointed wing flying to left, AN monogram below, rev. head of Athena to left in Corinthian helmet over a leather cap, omphalos and AN monogram behind head, (cf.S.2248, Calciati 36, BMC 42-45, SNG Cop. 392). Weakness of strike on reverse with slight surface roughness from cleaning, otherwise fine/very fine and rare.

\$200

Ex Spink & Son with tickets.

The omphalos stone at Delphi was regarded as the 'navel' or centre of the earth. A later carved stone is currently displayed at that site. Its representation on this coin as a additional symbol is probably linked to the close proximity of the city Anactorium to Delphi.



4508\*

**Akarnania**, Leukas (Colony of Corinth), (350-300 B.C.), silver stater, (8.32 g), obv. Pegasos with pointed wing flying to right,  $\Lambda$  below, rev. head of Athena to right in Corinthian helmet over a leather cap, with amphora and grapes and A behind head, (S.2281, Calciati 128 [p.426-7], BMC 87-88, SNG Cop.355). *Very fine and very scarce.* 

\$200

Ex Maurice Collection.



lot 4509

### 4509\*

**Akarnania**, Leukas (Colony of Corinth), (350-300 B.C.), silver stater, (7.98 g), obv. Pegasos with pointed wing flying to left,  $\Lambda$  below, rev. head of Athena to left in Corinthian helmet over a leather cap, with stylis (mast and yard arm) and  $\Lambda$  behind head, (cf.S.2282, Calciati 133 [p.428], cf.BMC 97-102, cf.SNG Cop.357). *Fine/nearly very fine and very scarce variant, porous fields from cleaning.* 

\$150



4510\*

**Locri Opunti Epiknemidia**, (369-338 B.C.), silver stater, (12.18 g), obv. head of Persephone to left, wreathed with corn, wearing ear-ring, rev. Ajax son of Oileus, naked but for helmet, advancing to right, holding sword and large shield, decorated with snake, twig below, around O $\Pi$ ONTI $\Omega$ N, (cf. S.2326, BMC -, SNG's Fitz 2801 (same rev. die), McClean -). *Toned, nearly extremely fine and very rare.* 

\$4.000

Ex CNG Mail Bid Sale 64 24 September 2003 (lot 177) and previously the New York Sale III, 7 December 2000, (lot 135).



4511\*

**Boiotia**, Haliartos, silver stater, (475-450 B.C.), (12.26 g), obv. Boiotian shield, rim divided into eight segments, rev. incuse square with anticlockwise mill-sail pattern, boxed H in centre, (S.1797, BCD 156a [Triton IX Sale, same dies], SNG Lockett 1720 [same reverse die], cf.Traite I, 1335 [Pl. XLI, 18], cf.SNG Lewis 643, BMC 6 [p.48, cf.Pl.VII, 13 and 14], cf.Head "Boeotia" [P.14, cf.Pl.I, 4], cf.SNG Lewis 643, cf.Pozzi 1374). *Nearly extremely fine, toned and very rare.* 

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 87 (lot 3252) from the BCD Collection who purchased it from the A. Hess Auction Sale, No.253, 8 March 1983 (lot 176 illustrated) and there realised 2200 + 15% SFr., and previously from L. Hamburger Auction Sale No. 11 June 1930 (lot 745 where it realised 60 Reichmarks). The same dies examples in BCD Sale lot 156 with a fragment realised \$3250 + 15%US.

Haliartos was an ancient Greek city, placed in the middle of Boiotia near Lake Kopais. The place was already known in Mycenian times and known then for its meadows (Iliad 2.503). It joined the Boiotian League late in the 6th century B.C. and issued coins with Thebes and Thespiai utilising the Boiotian shield on the obverse. The mint letter "heta" H in Archaic form was placed on the coin initially on the obverse but latter in the centre of the reverse as in this example. The close association with Thebes is noted by this coinage. In 480 B.C. Xerses I destroyed Haliartos for its support of the Greek cause, but it was soon rebuilt. Athens invaded the region in 456 B.C. and Haliartos was forced to establish a pro-Athenian democracy. In 395 B.C. Haliartos joined with Lebadeia and Koroneia to form a unit of the Boiotian League. Haliartos was again destroyed in 171 B.C. during the Third Macedonian War. On the Acropolis of the city are building remains from the Mykenaian period (pre 1200 B.C.). In the highest place was a temple of the Athena dating from the 6th century B.C.



**Boiotia,** Thebes, (425-395 B.C.), silver stater, (12.12 g), obv. Boiotian shield, rev. amphora in incuse circle, with ivy leaf hanging outwards from left handle, across field  $\Theta$  E either side, (cf.S.2389, BCD 390, Traite 247, [Pl.CC,16],cf. Myron Hoard 222-245 [Pl.B, 26], BMC 74, cf.SNG Cop. 307). Bright, good very fine and a rare type.

\$500



### 4513\*

**Euboia**, Histiaia, (c.350-340 B.C.), silver drachm, (2.99 g), obv. head of nymph Histiaia right wreathed in ivy, rev. cow standing to right, vine with two bunches of grapes, I $\Sigma$ TI in exergue, AY $\Gamma$  monogram to right, (S.2494, BMC 4, Lanz BCD Catalogue No.111, [lot 375, realised hammer 350 Euros], SNG Cop.516). *Toned, porous, cleaned, nearly very fine and rare.* 

\$150

Ex BCD Collection with ticket.



# 4514\*

**Attica,** Athens, (449-413 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.15 g), issue c.430 B.C., obv. head of Athena to right wearing ivy crested helmet, eye in profile, rev. owl standing to right, head facing, in erect posture, olive twig and crescent behind, to right,  $A\Theta E$ , all in incuse square, (S.2526, BMC 62, cf.Starr Pl.XXII). *Toned, extremely fine, scarce so nice*.

\$1,200

Ex Decades Collection.



# 4515\*

Attica, Athens, (449-413 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.05 g), issue c.430 B.C., obv. head of Athena to right wearing ivy crested helmet, eye in profile, rev. owl standing to right, head facing, in erect posture, olive twig and crescent behind, to right,  $A\Theta E$ , all in incuse square, (S.2526, BMC 62, cf.Starr Pl.XXII). Lightly toned, nearly extremely fine, scarce so nice.

\$1,000





### 4516\*

**Attica,** Athens, (449-413 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.18 g), issue c.430 B.C., obv. head of Athena to right wearing ivy crested helmet, eye in profile, rev. owl standing to right, head facing, in erect posture, olive twig and crescent behind, to right,  $A\Theta E$ , all in incuse square, (S.2526, BMC 62, cf.Starr Pl.XXII, 6, SNG Cop. 31). *Toned, gash on reverse, otherwise nearly extremely fine.* 

\$600



### 4517\*

Attica, Athens, (449-413 B.C.), silver hemidrachm, (1.94 g), imitative issue c.5th century B.C., obv. head of Athena to right wearing ivy crested helmet, eye in profile, rev. owl standing to right, head facing, in erect posture, olive twig and crescent behind, to right,  $A\Theta E$ , all in incuse square, (cf.S.2527, BMC -, See Gorny & Mosch Auction Sale 14th October 2014 [lot 1472 from the same dies realised 250 euros]). *Toned, good very fine and a rare variety.* 

\$250

This Attic hemidrachm is a contemporary imitation and is extremely rare. The reverse with the frontal standing owl is characteristic of the fractional issues diobols of Athens. However early Bactrian hemidrachms like this coin come from the period of Sophytes (SNG ANS 9ff.) and are thematically identical but stylistically unique from the post-classical period. They are also of a lighter weight. This coin has clearly archaic style features and is probably an early imitation, probably coming from the East. The Gorny & Mosch example comes from the same dies and makes this coin interesting and worthy of more research.



# 4518\*

Attica, Athens, (166-57 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.97 g), issued 168-167 B.C., (Thompson date) but probably 136-5 B.C. (revised chronology), obv. head of Athena Parthenos to right wearing triple-crested Athenian helmet, ornamented with Pegasus, rev. owl standing to right, head facing, in erect posture, on prostrate amphora, club, lion's skin and bow in left field, K on amphora, legend across A  $\Theta$ E, to left lion skin and bow in case, across HPA, API– $\Sigma$ TO $\Phi$  / BA $\Sigma$ I/ $\Delta$ EI,  $\Gamma$ A below, all within wreath, (cf.S.2555, Thompson 335/339a (obverse die/reverse die). Surperb extremely fine and very rare, unpublished.

\$1,500

Ex Decades Collection and CNG stock (737454).

These magistrates with month K are published with obverse die 335, but with control AN (cf. Thompson 335g), not  $\Gamma\Lambda$ .





Attica, Athens, (166-57 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.79 g), issued 168-167 B.C., (Thompson date) but probably 136-5 B.C. (revised chronology), obv. head of Athena Parthenos to right wearing triple-crested Athenian helmet, ornamented with Pegasus, rev. owl standing to right, head facing, in erect posture, on prostrate amphora, club two torches to right,  $E/\Delta$  on amphora, legend across  $A \Theta E$ , to left lion skin and bow in case, across HPA,  $API-\Sigma TO\Phi / \PiOAYM$ ,  $\Gamma A$  below, all within wreath, (cf.S.2555, cf.Thompson 333b, cf.Sv.45, 3). Slightly off centred obverse, otherwise nearly extremely fine and rare.

\$1,100





4520\*

Attica, Aegina, (490-480 B.C.), silver stater, (12.04 g), obv. smoothed shell sea turtle without row of dots down dorsal spine, several countermarks, including D and O and three lines from central point, rev. 'proto-skew', [one or more lines wedge shaped], (S.1857, Asyut Group VIc 'late thin collar', cf.533-540, SNG Delepierre 1681). Countermark very fine, host coin nearly fine, interesting and important countermarks.

\$200

Asyut hoard suggests the chronology to be 500/490-480 B.C.





4521\*

**Bithynia**, Kalchedon, (c.240-220 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (12.86 g), obv. veiled head of Demeter to right, wreathed in corn, rev. naked Apollo seated to right, on omphalos, holding arrow and bow, before AI, in exergue KAΛX, (S.3746, cf.SNG BMC Black Sea 133, cf.BMC 19). *Toned, very fine, apparently unpublished, very rare.* 

\$1,000

Ex CNG Mail Bid Sale, No.53 March 15, 2000 (lot 424) with ticket.





4522\*

**Bithynia**, Kios, (c.350-300 B.C.), silver hemidrachm, (2.49 g), obv. Apollo laureate head to right, rev. prow of galley to left ornamented with a star, magistrate name MIAH  $TO\Sigma$  above and below, (cf.S.3757, SNG Cop. 370, Le Rider, Propontide Hoard 334-352). *Very fine and very scarce.* 

\$180





4523

Bithynia, Nicomedia, Septimius Severus, (193-211 A.D.), medallion, AE 36, (28.16 g), obv. around AY KA CEΠ CEYHPOC Π C, radiate head right, rev. around NIKOMH -  $\Delta$ E $\Omega$ N Severus, holding spear, on prancing horse to right, below, fallen enemy and scattered arms, in exergue,  $\Delta$ IC NE $\Omega$ KO / P $\Omega$ N, (S.-, Cf.Waddington, Recueil General des Monnaies Grecques d'Asie Mineur, I, 1- I, 4, pl. XCIII, 2 [obverse] and 21 [reverse, Julia Domna], see NFA Auction Sale 29 [lot 571]). Extremely rare (missing in all major collections) of brown patination and good very fine/good fine, with dealer ticket.

\$300

Ex Decades Collection.





4524\*

Bithynia, kingdom of, Nikomedes III Euergetes, (127-94 B.C.), silver tetradrachm (16.47 g), dated 177 BE (124/3 B.C.). obv. diademed head to right of Nikomedes, rev. Zeus Stephanephoros standing left, to inner left, eagle standing left on thunderbolt above monogram and ZOP (date), to left ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ/ ΝΙΚΟΜΗΔΟΥ, to right BAΣΙΛΕΩΣ, (S.7274, cf.Callatay p. 54 [D30/R1], RG p. 230 var. [monogram], SNG Cop.647 var. [date]). Even dark find patina, nearly extremely fine and very rare, the second known with this date-monogram combination (the other is in the Ashmolean).

\$1,500

Ex CNG Triton XI, January 8-9, 2008 (lot 202).



**Pontos and Bosporus,** Polemo II, (c.A.D. 38-64), silver drachm, (3.01 g), issued year 20 = A.D. 57-58 obv. young head of Polemo diademed right, around BACIΛΕΩC ΠΟΛΕΜΩΝΟC, rev. laureate head of Nero to right ETOYC K around, (cf.S.5425, RPC 3832, SNG von Post 131 [**This Coin**]). *Fine and very rare.* 

\$250

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 54 (lot 1715) coming from the Von Post Collection



4526\*

**Troas,** Alexandria Troas, (c.3rd century A.D.), AE 21, (3.77 g), obv. turreted head of City-Goddess to right, behind vexillum inscribed CO over AV, around CO ALE[XA TRO], rev. eagle wings spread standing to right, on head of bull in talons, around COL A VG, in exergue TRO, (S.4917,Bellinger 490, cf.BMC 53/54). *Dark green patina, nearly extremely fine.* 

\$100



4527\*

Mysia, Pergamon, Kingdom of, Eumenes I, (263-241 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.50 g), Pergamon mint, issued c.263-255 B.C., obv. head of Philetairos to right, laurel-wreath and diadem entwined, dotted border, rev. Athena enthroned to left, supporting shield with ivy leaf under arm,  $A\Theta$  monogram on throne, bow and  $\Phi$ IAETAIPOY to right, (S.7218, ACNAC Dewing 2207, SNG Cop.334, BMC 31, SNG Von Aulock 7453, Meydancikkale Hoard 3005). Attractively toned, extremely fine, struck in high relief with a portrait full of character in high relief, rare.

\$2,000

Ex Decades Collection and Antiqua (Steve Rubinger) on January 18, 2004 from his list (No.55), lot includes ticket and invoice.

Lysimachos entrusted the Pergamene treasury to the eunuch Philetairos, but Philetairos changed his allegiance to Seleukos shortly before the Battle of Korupedion in 281 BC, when Seleukos defeated and killed Lysimachos. Seleukos was assassinated the following year, but Philetairos continued to acknowledge Seleukid suzerainty, as reflected by a series of tetradrachms struck at Pergamon under Philetairos for Antiochos I bearing the portrait of Seleukos I. The Pergamene kingdom enjoyed considerable autonomy under the Seleukids, but in 261 BC, with the encouragement of Ptolemy II, who was at war against the Seleukids, Eumenes I revolted, and defeated Antiochos I in

battle near Sardis in Lydia. The remainder of his reign saw an expansion of Pergamene power, including the foundation of a number of cities. Pergamene expansion was always at the expense of the Seleukids, and the two kingdoms remained in opposition. This opposition reached a climax during the reign of Eumenes II, who allied with the Romans during their war against the Seleukid king Antiochos III 'the Great.' This alliance directly contributed to the defeat of the Seleukids at the Battle of Magnesia in 190 BC. In gratitude for his assistance, the Romans gave Eumenes control of Phrygia, Lydia, Lycia, and Pamphylia, and sought to strengthen the Pergamene kingdom as a buffer state between themselves and Seleukids.

The coinage of the Pergamene kingdom is highly conservative, as their tetradrachms employed the same types for the entirety of its existence. The obverse featured the portrait of the founder of the kingdom, Philetairos, and the reverse featuring their patron goddess, Athena. Differentiating the issues of the kings is dependent upon the various subsidiary symbols, monograms, and other details on the coins as noted in Westermark's seminal survey of the kingdom's coinage (with a few later modifications, particularly those noted in the analysis of the Meydancikkale hoard).



4528\*

Mysia, Pergamon, (104-98 B.C.), silver cistophoric tetradrachm (12.60 g), obv. cista mystica in wreath, rev. bow in case two serpents  $\Delta I/\Pi EP\Gamma$  monogram, thyrsus, (S.3948, Kleiner 12, Pinder -); another (123-104 B.C.), silver cistophoric tetradrachm (12.45 g), obv. cista mystica in wreath, rev. bow in case two serpents ΠΑ/ΠΕΡΓ monogram, thyrsus, (S.3948, Kleiner 7, Pinder 101). *Fine - nearly extremely fine.* (2)

\$250

Ex Maurice Collection.



4529

**Aeolis,** Cyme, (after 165 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.58 g), obv. head of Amazon Cyme to right with hair bound with ribbon, rev. horse pacing to right, one handled vase at feet, all within laurel wreath, before KYMAI $\Omega$ N, below in exergue EYKTHM $\Omega$ N, (cf.S.4183, Oakley Issue 55 [ANSMN 27]). *Toned, good very fine.* 

\$500





**Aeolis,** Myrina, (c.155-145 B.C.), silver tetradrachm (17.00 g), Stephaneophoric type, obv. laureate head of Apollo to right, rev. Apollo Grynios standing right, holding branch and phiale, omphalos and amphora at feet, XAT monogram to left, also MYPINAI $\Omega$ N, all within laurel wreath. (Sacks Issue 27, SNG Cop. -, BMC 14-5, De Luynes 2533). *Extremely fine with attractive even pearl grey tone.* 

\$1,500





4531\*

**Aeolis**, Myrina, (after 165 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.82 g), obv. laureate head of Apollo of Grynion to right, rev. Apollo Grynios standing to right, holding phiale and laurel branch, omphalos and amphora at feet, AY/ $\Pi$ qE monogram behind, also MYPINAI $\Omega$ N, all within laurel wreath, (cf. S.4216, ANSMN 30, cf.Sacks 37.67 [one other reported an that in Vienna Museum]). With some mint bloom, good extremely fine and rare.

\$1,200

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 76 (lot 3320)





### 4532\*

Ionia, Achaemenid Period, uncertain satrap, (Circa 350-333 B.C.), silver drachm 14mm, (2.99 g), uncertain mint, obv. the Persian king, wearing kidaris and kandys, in kneeling-running stance right, holding spear in right hand, bow in left, rev. incuse rectangle, containing pattern possibly depicting relief map of the hinterland of Ephesos, (S.-, CNG Triton XVIII [lot 606] publishes a very similar example probably from the same reverse die, cf.BMC 324 [two and a half sigloi], cf.Traite Pl.89, 8 [tetradrachm]). Very fine porous surface, with cleaning marks, the second known example.

\$800

Ex Pars Coins with his ticket.

Johnston has interpreted this remarkable reverse design as a relief map of the hinterland of Ephesos, which would make it the earliest Greek map and first physical relief map known. On the right (north) are the mountains Tmolos and Messogis between the river valleys of the Ca ster and Maeander, to the left of which are three mountain ridges (Madranbaba Dagi, Karincali Dagi, and Akaba Tepesi). Johnston follows Six in suggesting that the coins were probably struck at Ephesos under the Persian general Memnon of Rhodes, circa 336-334 BC, in order to pay his army after he had captured the city, but before his defeat by Alexander at the Battle of Granicus in 334. Some issues have names on the obverse, which Six and Johnston think were city magistrates who authorized some issues for Memnon. However, the theory of Six and Johnston has been the subject of some doubt, most recently by Leo Mildenberg.





# 4533\*

**Ionia**, Ephesos, (390-330 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (14.99 g), obv. bee with straight wings dividing E -  $\Phi$ , rev. forepart of kneeling stag to right, looking back, palm tree behind, to right magistrate's name APXE $\Lambda$ OXO $\Sigma$  (Archelochos), (cf. S.4373, Coin Hoards IX Pixodarus Hoard Class G [p.204] obv. die 113). Lightly toned, dark mark on reverse, otherwise good very fine.

\$700





## 4534\*

**Ionia**, Ephesos, (202-c.150 B.C.), silver drachm, (4.16 g), obv. bee with straight wings dividing  $E - \Phi$ , dotted border, rev. stag standing to right, palm tree behind, to right magistrate's name [ $\Pi$ ]AY $\Sigma$ ANIA[ $\Sigma$ ] (Pausanias) (cf.S.4387, Kinns Num. Chron. 1999 [p.89], SNG von Aulock 1850). *Toned, very fine and rare.* 

\$200

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 109 (lot 3640) and from the Clive Shute Collection and Paul Munro Walker, Bournemouth (Coin Dealer), 8.12.1971.



**Ionia,** Heraclea ad Latmun, (after 150-145 B.C.), tetradrachm (stephanophoros), (15.27 g), obv. helmeted head of Athena to right, wearing triple-crested Athenian helmet, adorned in front with foreparts of five horses, behind raised cheekpiece with Pegasus running and at back with tendril, also with triple-pendant ear-ring and pearl necklace, rev. oak-wreath enclosing club, above HPAKΛΕΩΤΩN, below Nike standing to left holding wreath all between two monograms ΣΚΑ and  $\Omega\Delta$ IP, (cf.S.4453, SNG Lockett 2823 [Pl.XLIX], Pozzi Collection [lot 2452]). Heavy patination, of light weight, weak in places on the reverse, otherwise nearly extremely fine, rare.

\$1,200

The city of Heraclea, situated at the head of the Latmic Gulf about fifteen miles east of Miletus, was best known for a cave which was regarded as the tomb of Endymion. Heraclea joined with other Ionian and Aeolian cities in the issue of "stephanephori" around 160-150 B.C., its issue being much smaller. Heraclea's obverse type for these broad flanned tetradrachms seems borrowed from the New Style coinage of Athens. The club on the reverse is a symbol of Heraclea, the city's namesake.



4536\*

**Ionia,** Magnesia on the Maeander, (after 165 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.91 g), obv. diademed bust of Artemis to right with bow and quiver at shoulder, rev. Apollo standing to left on meander pattern, holding branch and resting left elbow on tripod surmounted by quiver, to left MAΓNHTΩN, to right EYΦHMOΣ and ΠΑΥΣΑΝΙΟΥ, all within laurel wreath, (cf.S.4485, Jones [ANSMN 24], [p.104-5], Nos.8-25, Weber 6003, SNG Lewis 931, SNG Berry 1068). *Superb, extremely fine or better and rare.* 

\$3,000

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 97 (lot 3316) and 74 (lot 4535).



4537\*

**Ionia,** Miletos, silver hemidrachm, mid 4th century B.C., (1.62 g), obv. Apollo head left, rev. lion left looking back, star above, MI monogram to left,  $[\Gamma]PO\Xi ENO[\Sigma]$  (cf.S.4503, BMC 71). Very fine with dark hoard patination.

\$100

Ex Noble Numismatics Sale 103 (lot 3513 part) and previously from the Alan Jordan Collection and purchased from Noble Numismatics Sale 83 (lot 3280 part).





4538\*

Caria, Carian Islands, Rhodos (Rhodes), (304-167 B.C.), silver didrachm, (6.76 g), obv. radiate head of Helios three-quarter face to right with hair loose, rev. rose, with bud on right, to left Athena to left with right hand raised holding an aplustre, P O across, above MNAΣIMAXOY, all within dotted border, (S.5048, cf.BMC 145-6 [p.244], cf.SNG Cop.765, cf.SNG Finland 537-9 [similar dies]). Lightly toned, off-centred obverse, nearly extremely fine, rare.

\$700

The literature also describes the figure on the reverse as Athena but appears to be a standing female goddess. This personification is very much like the other examples illustrated in the SNG noted above.





4539\*

Caria, Carian Islands, Rhodos (Rhodes), (230-205 B.C.), silver tetradrachm (13.32 g), issued c.300 BC, obv. radiate head of Helios facing, rev. rose, bud r., PO $\Delta$ IAN, AMEIN IA $\Sigma$ , (S.5046, BMC 120 [p.241, Pl.xxxviii, 1], SNG Cop.752, SNG Finland 542, Ashton 212). *Toned, nearly extremely fine/extremely fine.* 

\$4,000

Ex Noble Numismatics privately.





4540\*

Caria, Carian Islands, Rhodos (Rhodes), (c.250-230 B.C. Ashton chronology), (SNG Keckman [Finland] chronology c.230-205 B.C.), silver didrachm, (6.61 g), obv. radiate head of Helios three-quarter face to right, hair loose in locks, rev. inside a dotted circle, rose with bud to right, above PO $\Delta$ ION, below across field EVKPA TH $\Sigma$ , to left an inverted anchor, (S.5049 var., Ashton [Money in Ancient Greek world] 220 [p.106], SNG Keckman [Finland 1] 549 (Pl.19), BMC 141, SNG Cop.760 [Pl.18]). Bright, very fine and rare.



Caria, Caunos (Kaunos), (c.309-189 B.C.), silver obol (Sear suggests a trihemiobol), (0.80 g), obv. diademed head of Alexander III of Macedon to right, rev. K - AX monogram above a lyre and a cornucopia between, (S.4817, SNG Finland [Keckman] 75 [Pl.4], cf.SNG von Aulock 8099, cf.BMC 11). Toned, good very fine and rare.

\$200

Ex David Worland Collection.



4542\*

Caria, Caunos (Kaunos), uncertain ruler, (c.490-470 B.C.), silver stater, (11.55 g), obv. Iris with curved wings and outstretched hands in kneeling-running position to right, rev. rough triangular shape on crude incuse square, (S.-, Koray Konuk "The Early Coinage of Kaunos" in Essays Price, No.14, [similar dies to obv. 12, rev.11, 2 known, Pl.47], Hyla Troxell "Winged Carians" in Essays Thompson, cf.No.10 [similar dies], Giessener Munzhandlung Sale 96 7 June 1999 [lot 195 same dies]). Off centred slightly on the reverse, very dark tone, otherwise nearly very fine and a very rare pair of dies.

\$350

The attribution of these anonymous archaic coins has been given to Kaunos by Konuk. In a detailed argument on the reading of the Carian script on the later issues of similar type to this archaic issue, the dies used on this coin are however very different to those noted by Konuk.



4543\*

**Phrygia**, Aezani, Hadrian, (A.D. 117-138), silver cistophorus, 28mm, (9.91 g), Struck AD 128-138, obv. bareheaded, draped, and cuirassed bust to right, dotted border, around HADRIANVS AVGVSTVS P P, rev. Zeus standing left, holding eagle in right hand and sceptre in left hand, dotted border, (cf.S.3441, RPC III, 1390 [notes 7 examples known], RIC II 497 var. (bust type), Metcalf, 'The Cistophori of Hadrian' [NS 15], type 49 (unlisted dies), RSC 275b). *Very fine, lightly toned, evidence of overstriking and very rare.* 

\$900

The attribution of this issue to Aezani is based on style, as Metcalf notes that the mint employed one engraver who cut uniformly broad heads with large noses and thick necks. His lettering in large and crude but consistent throughout. The issue is very rare, Metcalf could only find 13 coins from all types for this mint of which only 7 came with the draped and cuirassed bust. The issue all appear to be overstruck on worn Augustus cistophorii.



4544\*

**Pamphylia**, Aspendos, (385-370 B.C.), silver stater, (10.97 g), obv. two naked athletes as wrestlers grasping each other by the hands, plain between, dotted border, rev. slinger advancing to right about to discharge his sling, triskeles before, behind [E] $\Sigma$ TFE $\Delta$ II[Y $\Sigma$ ], all within square dotted square, (S.5390, cf.SNG von Aulock 4509, 4531, cf.SNG France 3, 52-57, BMC 18). *Slightly off centred on reverse, toned and good very fine, and scarce.* 

\$500

Ex Numis Europa, Texas, USA, listing with ticket [US\$550]).



4545\*

**Pamphylia**, Side in alliance with Perga, Gordian III, (A.D. 238-244), AE 38, (25.02 g), obv. laureate, cuirassed and draped bust to right of Gordian III, around AVT KAI M ANT ΓΟΡΔΙΑΝΟC CEB, rev. Athena on left facing right with spear facing Artemis on right to left, holding spear with buck, altar between and pomegranate above,  $\text{CIΔHT}\Omega\text{N}$  ΠΕΡΓΑΙ $\Omega$ N, in exergue OMONOIA, (S.-, SNG von Aulock 4330 [Pl.157]). With attractive reverse surface patina, fine/good very fine and very rare.

\$450

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 72 (lot 3336) and Sale 71 (lot 4664).



4546\*

Cilicia, Kelenderis, silver stater, c.425-400 B.C., (10.77 g), obv. naked rider with whip in right hand seated sideways on horse prancing to right from which he is about to dismount, dotted border, rev. goat kneeling to right, looking back, above KΕΛΕΝ, dotted exergue line, dolphin in exergue, (cf. S.5533, SNG Levante 23 [same dies] = SNG von Aulock 5631 = Kraay Kelenderis 25a (NC 1962), cf.SNG France 2, 69). Light patination, very fine/good very fine and very rare.

\$1,250

Ex Numis Europa, Texas, USA, listing with ticket [US\$1950]).



Cilicia, Mopsus, Antoninus Pius, (138-161 A.D.), AE 30mm (17.84 g), dated civic year 207 = 139/140 A.D., obv. around AVT KAIC T AIΛ ANTWNEINOC CEB EVC PP, bare head right, rev. AΔPIANWN MOΨΕΑΤWN, Artemis standing facing left with head to right, drawing arrow from quiver while holding bow, stag at feet, ET ZC (date) across field, (cf. S.1482, SNG Levante 1335 (This Coin), SNG France 1971, BMC Lycaonia pg.105, 13, SNG Cop.-, SNG von Aulock -). Good very fine, emerald green patina, somewhat rough.

\$300

Ex Decades Collection and CNG Triton Auction Sale VII, January 13-14, 2004 (lot 779).



4548\*

Cilicia, Syedra, Salonina, wife of Gallienus, Augusta, (254-268 A.D.), AE 11 Assaria, 29mm, (16.33 g), obv. around KORNHΛIA CAΛΩNINA CEB, diademed and draped bust to right of Salonina, IA in right field, rev.  $CVE\Delta PE\Omega N$ , Demeter walking right, wearing calathus and holding two lit torches, (S.-, SNG Levante 447 (**This Coin**), SNG France -, BMC Lycaonia pg. 160, 20, SNG Cop. 255, SNG von Aulock -). Good Very fine with attractive green patina.

\$200

Ex Decades Collection and CNG Triton VII, January 13-14, 2004 (lot 793) with ticket



4549\*

Cilicia, Tarsus, Antoninus Pius, (138-161 A.D.), AE 34 (22.90 g), obv. laureate, draped, and cuirassed bust right of Antoninus Pius, around AVT TΠΟC.... KAICAR ANTΩNINOC CE, rev. Decastyle temple with eagle in pediment, KΟΙΝΟC ΚΙΛΙΚΙΑC in architrave, around ΑΔΡΙΑ [ΤΑΡ]CΕΩΝ, in exerque ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΕΩC, (s-, Cf.SNG Levante 1014, SNG France 1446). Very fine, with black patina under an earthen encrustation, very rare.

\$400

 $\rm Ex$  Decades Collection and CNG Mail Bid Sale 63, 21st May 2003 (lot 1029) with ticket.



4550\*

Cilicia, Tarsus, Caracalla, (198-217 A.D.), AE 36, (15.05 g), obv. laureate head right of Caracalla, around AVT KAI M AVP CEVHPOC ANTΩNEINOC CEB, Π Π across field, rev. Athena seated left, holding Nike and spear, shield on ground behind, around A ΛΡ CEVHP ΑΝΤΩΝΕΙΝΟVΠΟ ΓΒ, in exergue TAPCOV MHTΡΟΠ, in centre left field in four lines, KΟΙΝΟΒΟVΛΙΟΝ, (S.-, SNG Levante -, SNG Levante Suppl. 263 (This Coin), SNG France 1489 (same dies), SNG von Aulock -). Very fine with light grayish-green patina, rare.

\$200

Ex Decades Collection and CNG Mail Bid Sale 66, May 19, 2004 (lot 1182).



4551\*

Cilicia, Tarsus, Gordian III, (238-244 A.D.), AE 39 (26.59 g), obv. around AVT K M ANT ΓΟΡΔΙΑΝΟC CEB PP, radiate, draped, and cuirassed bust right of Gordian III, rev. T APCOV M H TRΟΠΟΛΕΨC GB AM K, radiate figure of Gordian on horseback right, spearing lion, (S.-. SNG Levante 1133 (This Coin), SNG France 1698 (variety in legend), BMC Lycaonia -, SNG Cop.-, SNG von Aulock 6041 var. (legend). *Good very fine and rare.* 

\$500

 $\,$  Ex Decades Collection and CNG Triton VII January 13-14, 2004 (lot 807) with ticket.



Cilicia, Tarsus, Trajan Decius, (A.D. 249-251), AE 33, (21.62 g), obv. laureate draped bust of Trajan Decius to right, border of dots, around AV KAI Γ MEC KVIN  $\Delta$ [EK]IOC [TPAIANOC], Π Π across field, rev. Herakles standing to left holding club and lion skin, around TAPO[COV MHTP]ΟΠΟΛΕΩ C AMK, Γ B across field, (cf.S.4392, cf.SNG Levante 1157 (Pl.77, same obverse die), SNG France 2,1756 [Pl.94, same obverse die]). *Porous flan, nearly fine and rare.* 

\$100

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics, Sale 74 (lot 4554).



4553\*

Cilicia, Satrap of Cilicia, Datames, (378-362 B.C.) silver stater, (10.74 g), Tarsus mint, obv. female head three-quarter face to left, wearing sphendone and necklace, rev. male head to right (Ares?), bearded wearing crested Athenian helmet, before Aramaic legend "Trdmw" = Datames, (S.5644, BMC 28, SNG Levante 79, SNG Paris 259 [same obverse die]). Toned, struck from worn dies, slightly off centred, with interesting die crack on the reverse, very fine/extremely fine and rare.

\$700

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 74 (lot 4555) and previously from an "Old Private Collection", Superior Stamp and Coin Auction 2-3 June, 1998 (lot 6474) and Noble Numismatics Sale 59 (lot 1910)

In 379 B.C. Pharnabazos, satrap in Bithynia was given the task of reconquering Egypt for the Persian Empire. Datames, satrap of Cappadocia was later appointed to assist him. To finance this undertaking large quantities of silver staters were struck at Tarsus. He was left in sole command of this campaign after Pharnabazos death in 374 B.C. A few years later he became involved in the revolt of the satraps against the Persian king. The obverse of this coin is derived from Kimon's Arethusa on the coinage of Syracuse.



4554\*

Cilicia, Satrap of Cilicia, Mazaios, (361-334 B.C.) silver stater, (10.62 g), Tarsus mint, obv. Baal of Tarsus enthroned to left holding corn ear with bunch of grapes and lotusheaded sceptre, behind Aramaic legend "Baal tarz", below and left of throne other letters, torso facing, holding eagle in right hand, lotus-tipped sceptre in left; 'O' left, dotted border, rev. lion left on the back of a bull kneeling left which it attacks with jaws and claws, above Aramaic legend "Mazdai", all within circle of dots, (S.5650, SNG France 2, 338 var., BMC 57, SNG Levante 101). Lightly toned, light porosity on obverse, slightly off centred on the obverse, otherwise very fine/good very fine and a rare variety.

\$300

Ex Decades Collection.

Mazaios had been appointed satrap of Cilicia around 361 BC. Later, with the addition of Syria. Lebanon, and Israel to his territories, he became one of the Persian king's most powerful subordinates; during this period he put down a Phoenician revolt, which had the support of both the Pharaoh of Egypt, Nectanebo II, and 4,000 Greek mercenaries. For his services, Darius III promoted him to the overlordship of Mesopotamia and sealed it with the promise of marriage to the king's daughter, Barsine, or Statira. At Gaugamela in 331 BC, Mazaios' extraordinary abilities did little to ward of the advance of Alexander III of Macedon, as the flight of the Persian king signalled the collapse of the Persian army and Macedonian victory. Mazaios withdrew his forces to protect Babylon, and on the assurance that the city would not be plundered, the city surrendered. Mazaios proved himself indispensible to the new government through his hospitality and sagacity. Alexander III of Macedon appointed him satrap of Babylonia, the first Persian to be so rewarded by the Greeks. He continued to be rewarded with favorable appointments until his death in 328 BC.



4555

**Cappadocia**, kings of Ariarathes VII Philometor, (c.112/0-100 B.C.), silver tetradrachm (16.60 g), struck in the name of Antiochos VII of Syria, (138-129 B.C.), Ariaratheia or Eusebia-Tyana mint(?), struck circa 104-102 B.C., obv. diademed head of Antiochos VII to right, fillet border, rev. Athena standing to left, holding Nike bearing a Nike to left in left hand, right hand on shield with Medusa head and holding spear, BAΣIΛΕΩΣ ANTIOXOY, and to left EYEP ΓΕΤΟΥ, to extreme left monogram of ΔI over A, to O to left, Λ to right of Athena, (S.7092, SC 2061.4c [p.364], Lorber & Houghton [Num. Chron, 2006] series 1, issue 3 [obv. die A3], SNG Spaer 1872 (Antiochos VII), SMA 298 (Antiochos VII). *Extremely fine and very scarce.* 

\$500



Syria, Kingdom of, Seleukos I, (312-280 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (17.10 g), Seleucia on Tigris mint, issued c.300-290 B.C., obv. head of Herakles to right wearing lion skin with dotted border, rev. Zeus seated on throne to left, eagle in outstretched hand, NO to left, to right  $\Sigma E \Lambda E Y K O Y$ , in exergue [B] $\Lambda \Sigma I \Lambda E [\Omega \Sigma]$ , (cf.S.6829, SC 117,6a, HGC 9, 12i, Newell ESM 24, SNG Israel (Spaer) I 121). Toned, very fine and very scarce.

\$500

Newell counted five coins coming from two obverse and four reverse dies for this type.



4557\*

Syria, Kingdom of, Antiochos VII, (138-129 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.31 g), Antioch mint, obv. diademed head of Antiochos VII to right, fillet border, rev. Athena standing to left, holding Nike bearing a Nike to left in left hand, right hand on shield with Medusa head and holding spear, BASIAE $\Omega\Sigma$  ANTIOXOY, and to left EYEP FETOY, to left monogram of DI over A, O to right of Athena, (S.7092, SC 2061.4c [p.364], SNG Israel I (Spaer) 1864, SMA 290, ACNAC Houghton 265). *Toned, cut on head on obverse, otherwise very fine, and scarce.* 

\$200



4558\*

**Syria,** Kingdom of, Antiochus VIII, (121-96 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.74 g), Antioch mint, issued 121-113 B.C., obv. diademed head of Antiochus VIII to right, fillet border, rev. Zeus Uranius with crescent above standing to left, holding star and sceptre, on right, BAΣΙΛΕΩΣ and ANTΙΟΧΟΥ and to right ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, to left IE over A, to right between figure and inscription N, (cf.S.7143, SC 2298.2e, HGC 9, 1197e. Newell 367, Hunterian No.8, BMC 10, Houghton ACNAC 322). *Extremely fine and scarce*.

\$500

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 50 (lot 2156).





4559\*

Syria, Roman Province of Syria, after Seleukid kingdom of Philip Philadelphos, dated by Caesarean era, issued in year 4=46-45 B.C., silver tetradrachm, (15.54 g), Antioch mint, obv. head of Philip to right, with diademed, fillet border, rev. Zeus seated to left, on throne holding Nike, ANT (Antioch) monogram to left,  $\Delta$  exergue, legends left and right [B] $\Delta\Sigma$ I $\Delta$ E $\Delta$ E $\Delta$ E $\Delta$ I $\Delta$ IIIIIOY ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ [ΦΙ] $\Delta$ A $\Delta$ E $\Delta$ ΦO[Y], (S.7215, cf.BMC 7, RPC 4128, Dura V (NNM 38) No.1). Toned, grey patina, extremely fine, rare, one of the finest known.

\$300

Ex Baldwins Auction Sale 47, 25 September 2006 (lot 140). RPC note 10 examples.





4560\*

Syria, Roman Province of Syria, after Seleukid kingdom of Philip Philadelphos, dated by Caesarean era, issued in year 6=44-43 B.C., silver tetradrachm, (15.69 g), Antioch mint, obv. head of Philip to right, with diademed, fillet border, rev. Zeus seated to left, on throne holding Nike, ANT (Antioch) monogram to left, S in exergue, legends left and right [B]ASIAEQS ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ [ΦΙ]ΛΑΔΕΛΦΟ[Υ], (S.7215, cf.BMC 7, RPC 4130, Dura V (NNM 38) No.2). Toned, blue patina, extremely fine or better, very rare, probably the finest known.

\$600

Ex Baldwins Auction Sale 47, 25 September 2006 (lot 141).

RPC note only 2 examples.

# Mark Antony & Cleopatra Portrait Tetradrachm Rarity



4561\*

**Syria**, Seleucis and Pieria, Antioch, Mark Antony and Cleopatra, (36 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, 26mm, (14.48 g), obv. BACIΛΙCCA ΚΛΕΟΠΑΤΡΑ ΘΕΑ ΝΕΩΤΕΡΑ, diademed bust of Cleopatra right, wearing earring, necklace, and embroidered dress, rev. ANTWNIOC AVTOKPATWP TRITON TPIWN ANΔPWN, bare head of Antony right, (S.-, McAlee 174, Prieur 27, BMC 53, RPC I 4094, HGC 9, 1361). Good fine, porous surface, a great rarity and most important.

\$9,000

After Caesar's assassination, Cleopatra set her sights on the dashing Roman general Mark Antony. The two began an affair, resulting in twins in 40 B.C. Antony wed Cleopatra in 36 B.C., and appointed his new wife ruler of Egypt, Cyprus, Crete, and Cyria. This abuse of power so outraged the Roman Senate that they denounced him a traitor. After losing a major battle at sea, Antony and Cleopatra were forced to flee to Egypt in 31 B.C. In desperation, Cleopatra spread rumors of her own suicide. Antony, unaware of her plan, stabbed himself to death. When Cleopatra heard of this, she took her own life by inducing a poisonous snake to bite her.



4562\*

Syria, Seleucis and Pieria, Antiochia ad Orontem (Antioch), Augustus, (27 B.C. - A.D. 14), issued year year 27 = 5-4 B.C., silver tetradrachm, (14.76 g), obv. laureate head of Augustus to right, around KAISAPOS SEBASTOY, rev. city goddess seated right on rock, holding palm branch river god swimming right at feet, to right monograms and date IB, around ETOYS ZK NIKHS, (S.106, RPC I, 4152, Wruck 3, McAlee 181, Prieur 51, DCA 400). *Toned, nearly extremely fine and rare.* 





4563

**Syria,** Seleucis & Pieria, Antioch, Trajan, (A.D. 98-117), AE 26, dupondius, (12.24 g), Rome mint, for circulation in Syria, Dated COS. II (A.D. 98-99), obv. laureate head to right, around AYTOKP KAIC NEP TPAIANOC CEB  $\Gamma$ EPM, rev.  $\Delta$ K $\Omega$ EP $\Sigma$  / E $\Xi$  Y $\Pi$ ATP B in two lines within laurel wreath, (S.1069, McAlee 498, Sydenham, Caesarea 91, SNG Cop 185, BMC 97 [Caesarea], Asolati 173A [Rome mint dupondius for Cyrenaica]). *Near extremely fine/very fine, scarce.* 

\$150

Ex Decades Collection and CNG Auction Sale 63, May 21, 2003 (lot 1076) with tickets





4564\*

Syria, Seleucis & Pieria, Antiochia ad Orontem (Antioch), Gordian III (A.D. 238-244), billon tetradrachm, (12.24 g), obv. laureate bust of Gordian III to right, around AYTOK K M ANT ΓΟΡΔΙΑΝΟC CEB, rev. eagle standing facing, head to left, wreath in beak, between legs crescent over ram, around ΔΗΜΑΡΧ ΕΞ ΥΠΑΤΟ B, (S.3779, McAlee 872, BMC 501, [p.211], SNG Von Post 618, Prieur 295). Extremely fine or better, coppery patination on the reverse.

\$300





4565\*

Syria, Seleucis & Pieria, Antiochia ad Orontem (Antioch), Philip II (A.D. 247-249), silver tetradrachm, (8.58 g), issued 244-247, obv. bare headed draped bust of Philip II to right, around MAP IOVAI ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟC KECEP, rev. eagle standing to right, head to right, wreath in beak, ANTIOXIA/S C in exergue, around ΔΗΜΑΡΧ ΕΞΟΥCIAC VΠΑ ΤΟ  $\Gamma$ , (cf. S.4146, McAlee 1022, Prieur 392 corr.). Toned, good very fine, scarce.

\$150



**Commagene**, Antiochos IV Epiphanes, (A.D. 38-72), AE 27, 12.87 g), Lakanatis (Cilicia) mint, obv. Diademed and draped bust to right, around traces of BAΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΜΕ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΣ ΕΠΙ, rev. scorpion within wreath, around KOMMAΓΗΝΩΝ, (S.5507, RPC I 3864, AC 202, BMC 1 [p.106]). *Nearly very fine and with earthern patination.* 

\$120

Ex CNG esale 271, January 11, 2012 (lot 960 part).



4567\*

**Phoenicia**, Arados, (2nd-1st century B.C., but dated year 192 = 68/67 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (14.81 g), obv. turreted and veiled bust of Tyche to right dotted border, rev. Nike standing to left, holding aphlaston and palm-branch, APAΔIΩN to right, to left Bqp (year 192 = 68-67 B.C.), over "aleph" over AΣ, all within laurel wreath, (S.5992, BMC 266, Kromann "Studies in Ancient History and Numismatics to Rudi Thomsen p.112 notes 7 specimens of this date and variety). *Toned, slightly off centred on the reverse, good very fine and very scarce.* 

\$300

Ex Decades Collection.

The study of this series of tetradrachms of Arados by Kromann in Thomsen as above shows that these civic tetradrachms began in 138/7 B.C., and continued until 44/3 B.C. She records only about 150 examples in her extensive survey.



4568\*

**Phoenicia,** Tyre, (c. 2nd century B.C. - 1st century A.D.), silver shekel or tetradrachm, (14.19 g), Tyre mint, issued year 32 = 95-94 B.C., obv. laureate head of Melqarth beardless to right, dotted border, rev. eagle to left with closed wings, carrying a palm, standing on prow of ship, club to left, above BA, monogram HAP in right field, around TYP OY [IEPAS K]AI ASYAOY, dotted border, (S.5918, Cohen [p.504, reports date as C], BMC 120 [p.241], H.1618 [817]). Lightly toned, very fine/good very fine.



See note below.



4569\*

**Phoenicia,** Tyre, (c.2nd century B.C. - 1st century A.D.), silver shekel or tetradrachm, (14.33 g), Tyre mint, issued 80-79 B.C., obv. laureate head of Melqarth beardless to right, rev. eagle to left with closed wings, carrying palm, standing on prow of ship, club to left, to left SM (= 46 [= 81-80 B.C.], to right  $\Phi\Lambda$  monogram, Phoenician letter between legs, around TYPOY IEPAS KAI ASYAOY, (S.5918, cf.BMC 139, H.917 [305]). Bright, attractive round flan with sharp legends, slightly off centred, as struck good extremely fine or better and a rare date, and very rare variety.

\$1,500

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 76 (lot 3490).

The shekels and half shekels of Tyre are of special interest to this series of Ancient Jewish and Biblical coins as Jews had to pay an annual sum to the Jerusalem Temple of one half shekel and the only acceptable money were the shekels of Tyre. They were widely available in Jerusalem and well known for their true weight and good silver. It is also believed that the "thirty pieces of silver" paid to Judas were these Tyre shekels. (See Hendin pages 288-293).



4570\*

**Phoenician or Egyptian weight,** struck on a square flan in lead, 23x24mm, (12.96 g) (of Egyptian tetradrachm weight or two shekels), with incuse diagonals dividing it into four quarters (drachms?). *Very fine and rare.* 

\$100

Ex Bonhams, London April 20, 2011 (lot 574 part).



4571\*

**Judea**, issued in the Persian Period (c.380-332 B.C), silver half gerah, (0.26 g), obv. head of the Persian king wearing jagged crown facing right, rev. falcon, wings spread, head right, in right field, [YHD] off-flan a retrograde legend going outwards), (Hendin, 1059a, Meshorer 9). *Toned, very fine and rare.* 

\$400

Ex Antiqua (Steve Rubinger), USA and previously from NAC auction No 64, May 17-18, 2012 (lot 1705).



**Palestine,** Roman Procurator of Judaea, Marcus Ambibulus under Augustus, (A.D. 9-12), copper prutah, (2.10 g), obv. ear of barley surrounded by Greek inscription, KAICA POC, rev. eight branched palm tree, across L M = year 40 = A.D. 10, (S.5608, H.637 [102], AJC II Supplement V, No.4, Meshorer 218). Slightly off centred on the reverse, very fine with a very clear date reading.

\$100

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 74 (lot 4626) and previously from the Harry Abramowitz family collection, sold Superior Galleries (USA) auctions December 8, 1993 (lot 456 part).

4573

Palestine, Roman Procurator of Judaea, Valerius Gratus under Tiberius, (A.D. 15-26), copper prutah, (1.94 g), obv. within a wreath, a Greek inscription, KAI CAP, rev. two crossed cornucopiae with caduceus between, above TIBEPIOY date [L]  $\Gamma$  across, L $\Gamma$  = year 3 = A.D. 16, (S.5613, H.1334, AJC II Supplement V, No.10, Meshorer 222); Roman Procurator of Judaea, Antonius Felix under Claudius, (A.D. 52-59), copper prutah, (2.38 g), obv. in wreath tied with X at bottom in four lines, [IOY/  $\Lambda$ IA] A $\Gamma$ / PI $\Pi$ \Pi $\Pi$ I/ NA, (Julia Agrippina wife of Claudius), rev. two crossed palm branches, around [TI ΚΛΑΥΔΙΟC] KAICAP [ΓΕΡΜ] (Tiberius Claudius Caesar Germanicus), below date across L I $\Delta$ , L I $\Delta$  = year 14 = A.D. 54), (S.5625, H.1347, AJC II Supplement V, No.32, Meshorer 232); Procurator of Judaea, Porcius Festus under Nero, (A.D. 59-62), copper prutah, (1.82 g), obv. in wreath tied with X at bottom in three lines, N(reversed)EP/WNO/[C], (Nero), rev. palm branch, around LE KAIC [APOC] (Caesar year 5), LE = year 5 = A.D. 58), (S.5627, H.1351,, AJC II Supplement V, No.35, Meshorer 234). Weak in places, otherwise fine - very fine, second coin with green patination. (3)

\$150

Ex Maurice Collection and the Harry Abramowitz family collection, sold Superior Galleries (USA) auctions December 8, 1993 (lot 455 part).



4574\*

**Palestine**, Judaea, King Agrippa II under Vespasian, (A.D. 56 [50] - 95), AE 26, (20.47 g), Provincial coinage acknowledging Roman rule, probably struck at Caesarea Paneas, issued year 26 of Agrippa's first era = A.D. 74-75, obv. laureate head to right of Vespasian, around AYTOK PA OYEC[ΠΑCΙ ΚΑΙCΑΡ]Ι CEBACTΩ, starting upper right, rev. Tyche standing to left on base holding ears of corn and cornucopiae, across ETOY KC BA/ [A]ΓΡΙΠΠ[A], (S.5582, RPC II 2274, AJC II 30 [p.254, Pl.14], H.1282, Meshorer 158b [p.143, Pl.XIV]. *Nearly very fine/good fine and very rare.* 

RPC notes only five. This example is heavier than all the published pieces. The denomination of this coin is uncertain and RPC groups the issue to the heavier group. RPC places the issue to 85-86 although Vespasian died in 79 A.D.. and the issue is clearly not a Divi issue of Vespasian. The current thinking places the issue as beginning in 50 A.D. with the accession of Agrippa in that year.



4575\*

**Parthia**, Mithradates II, (121-91 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.01 g), Seleucia mint, obv. bearded bust to left in diadem, dotted border, rev. archer seated right on omphalos, four line inscription, BAΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΣΑ ΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ, TV below, (S.7365, Sellwood 24.4, BMC 3 [p.23], Shore 67). *Large flan, extremely fine and rare.* 

\$1,500



4576\*

**Parthia**, Mithradates II, (121-91 B.C.), silver drachm (4.07 g), Ekbatana mint, obv. diademed and draped bust left, wearing tiara with ear flap, long beard, and torque ending in sea-horse, all within pelleted border, rev. BAΣIΛΕΩBΑΣ IΛΕΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ/ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥ (S retrograde), archer (Arsakes I) seated right on throne, holding bow. (S.7372, cf.Sellwood 28.3; cf. Shore 97). *Extremely fine, lightly toned*.

\$500

 $\rm Ex\ CNG\ Triton\ XIII,$  January 5-6, 2010 (lot 575) and comes from the Todd A. Ballen Collection.



4577\*

**Parthia,** Vologases III, (c.A.D. 105-147), silver drachm, Ecbatana mint, (3.72 g), obv. pointed bearded bust to left, wearing diadem, hair in three waves, rev. archer enthroned to right, mint mark below, (S.5831, Sell.78.4). *Off centre obverse, otherwise extremely fine.* 

\$120

With descriptive ticket.



Parthia, Vologases IV, (147-191 A.D.), billon tetradrachm (13.05 g), Seleukeia on the Tigris mint, dated Seleukid era Daisios 497 (May, 186 A.D.), obv. diademed bust left, tapering beard, earring visible, wearing tiara, B behind, rev. [BACIΛEWC BAC]IΛΕ[WN APCAKOY] ΟΛΟΓ[ACOY ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ Ε]ΠΙΦ[ΑΝΟΥC ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟC], Vologases seated left on throne, Tyche standing right before him, presenting a diadem and holding sceptre, ZqY (year) above, ΔΑΙC[...] (month) below, (S.5856, Sellwood 84.13, Shore 427 var. (legend), BMC Parthia pg. 225, 6 (Vologases III); MACW 684). Lightly toned, good very fine.

\$200

Ex Decades Collection and CNG, Triton VII, 13-14 January 2004 (lot 503), with ticket.



4579\*

**Bactria**, Kingdom of, Eukratides I, (170-145 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (16.97 g), obv. pith helmeted head of Eukratides to right with dotted border ornamented with bull's horn and ear, rev. the Dioskouroi on horseback prancing to right, each holding spear and palm, monogram of HΔTM, in exergue EYKPATIΔΟΥ, around above BAΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ, (cf. S.7570, Mitchiner 1.177.ee, Bopearachchi Series 6E, SNG ANS 465). As struck light golden tone about FDC, in high relief, one of the finest known of this type.

\$3,000

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 72 (lot 3358).



4580\*

**Persis,** kings of, Darios (Darev) II, issued mid 1st century B.C., silver drachm (4.14 g), obv. diademed and draped bust left, wearing Parthian-style tiara with crescent, one pellet behind, rev. Darios standing left, holding scepter, sacrificing before altar, (S.6206, Alram 564, BMC 11 [p.217]). *Extremely fine and very scarce.* 



4581\*

Characene, kings of, Attambelos I, (c.47-24 B.C.), billon tetradrachm (10.01 g), obv. diademed head of king to right, rev. BASIA[E\OmegaS] ATTAMBH[AOY] SOTHPOS [K]AI EYEPFET[OY], Herakles seated left on rock, holding club, PAN monogram above arm, Z above thigh, [date in exergue], (S.6182, Hill, NNM 14, 9, cf.Nicolet-Pierre, Thionesis pl. III, 5, Alram -, cf.BMC Arabia p.291, 1, De Morgan -). Toned, good very fine with partial flat strike, rare.

\$300

 $Ex\ Decades\ Collection\ and\ CNG\ Triton\ VII,\ January\ 13-14,\ 2004\ (lot\ 515).$ 



4582\*

Elymais, kings of, uncertain king or ruler, (late 1st century B.C. - early 1st century A.D.), billon tetradrachm (15.33 g), obv. diademed bust left, behind, eight-pointed star in crescent above pellet and anchor symbol below, rev. crude diademed bust left, degraded legend around, (S. cf.Alram p.146 NB 1, cf.Le Rider Suse Pl. LXXIII, 3, BMC Arabia -, cf. De Morgan pl. XXXVI, 1-2 (Kamnaskires D -- called C in text). Good very fine, rare.

\$250

Ex Decades Collection and Prof. Dr. Robert Gobl Collection, Peus Sale 369, 26 April 2000, (lot 5080) and recently sold in CNG Triton VII auction Sale January 13-14, 2004 (lot 529).



4583\*

**Egypt,** Kingdom of, Ptolemy II Philadelphus, (285-246 B.C.), silver decadrachm, (31.48 g), Alexandria mint, obv. veiled head of Arsinoe to right, wearing stephane, behind uncertain letter, rev. double cornucopiae, bound with fillet, around [AP]ΣΙΝΟΗΣ ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛ[ΦΟΥ], (cf.S.7770, cf.Svoronos 477, cf.BMC 15). Oxidation and porosity on obverse at edge, and with some broken surfaces on left side of obverse, otherwise nearly very fine and rare.

\$750

Ex Decades Collection and Noble Numismatics Sale 75 (lot 1872), Sale 57 (lot 1014) and Sale 45 (lot 2079).



**Egypt,** Kingdom of, Ptolemy IV, (221-205 B.C.), AE 39, Alexandria mint, issued 221-205 B.C., (40.18 g), obv. diademed head of Zeus Ammon to right, dotted border, rev. eagle to left with closed wings, head to right, standing on thunderbolt holding cornucopiae on shoulder, part around BAΣIΛΕΩΣ ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ, between legs E, (S.7815, Sv.974, SNG Cop.224-6, Pitchfork 44-48). *Good very fine, brown patina.* 

\$250

Ex Decades Collection and CNG stock (251484), previously from the Spink Auction 36, 30-31 May 1984, (lot 66 part of) and the R.C. Lockett Collection, Glendining, 21-23 February 1961, (lot 3015 part of).



4585\*

**Egypt,** Kingdom of, Ptolemy IV, (221-205 B.C.), AE 36, Alexandria mint, issued 221-205 B.C., (44.43 g), obv. diademed head of Zeus Ammon to right, dotted border, rev. eagle to left with closed wings, head to right, standing on thunderbolt holding cornucopiae on shoulder, part around BAΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ, between legs E, (S.7815, Sv.974, SNG Cop.224-6, Pitchfork 44-48). *Nearly very fine, brown patina.* 

\$100

Ex Decades Collection.



4586\*

**Egypt**, Kingdom of, Ptolemy XII, (80-51 B.C.), silver tetradrachm, (14.55 g), Alexandria mint, issued year 8 = 74-3 B.C., obv. diademed head of Ptolemy I to right, with dotted border, rev. eagle to left with closed wings, standing on a thunderbolt, to left around ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ, to left LH, to right ΠΑ, (S.7945, SNG Cop. 381, Sv.1855). *Toned, very fine and scarce.* 



4587\*

**Egypt,** Alexandria, Tiberius and Divus Augustus, (A.D. 14-37), billon tetradrachm, year Z=7=A.D. 20-1, (13.53 g), obv. laureate head to right of Tiberius, around ΤΙΒΕΡΙΟΣ [ΚΑΙΣΑΡ ΣΕΒ]ΑΣΤΟΣ, LZ before, rev. radiate head of Augustus to right, around ΘΕΟΣ ΣΕΒΑΣ[ΤΟΣ], (cf.S.312, RPC 5089, Koln 48, Dattari 78, RPC 5089, BMC 36-38, cf.Milne 52). *Toned, nice metal, wonderful portraits, good very fine and rare as such.* 

\$750

Ex Decades Collection and CNG Mail Bid Sale 67, September 22, 2004 (lot 1164) with ticket.



4588\*

Egypt, Alexandria mint, Hadrian, (A.D. 117-138), AE diobol, 31mm, (13.49 g), dated Year 13 (A.D. 128/9), obv. laureate, draped, and cuirassed bust right of Hadrian as seen from behind, around AVT KAI TPAI A∆IA CEB, rev. Euthenia reclining left on sphinx, holding grain ears, L TPIXAI (date) in exergue, (cf.S.3753, Koln 999, cf. Dattari 1710, Hunter 318, Milne 1279). Very fine, brown patina, some roughness.

\$150

Ex Decades Collection and CNG esale October 29, 2003, 76 (lot 34), noted as being from the T. R. McIntosh Collection.



4589\*

**Egypt**, Alexandria, Probus, (A.D. 276-282), billon tetradrachm, year 2 = (278-279), (9.18 g), obv. laureate draped and cuirassed bust of Probus to right, around A K M AVP ΠΡΟΒΟC CEB, rev. eagle standing to left, head to right holding olive branch, L B across the field, (S.12123, BMC 2427, Milne 4545, Koln 3126). *Good very fine/extremely fine* 

\$80

Ex Decades Collection.

370





Sasanian, kings of Persia, Bahram II, with Queen and Prince 4, (276-293 A.D.), silver drachm, (4.15 g), obv. degraded Pahlavi legend, jugate busts of Bahram, crowned and cuirassed, and his queen, wearing a bonnet with a boar's head and cuirass, right, facing the cuirassed bust of his son (Prince 4) left, who wears a bonnet with an eagle's head and presents wreath, rev. degraded Pahlavi legend, fire altar with attendants, the right one presents wreath, three pellets on central column, fravahr (wreath) and taurus symbols flanking flames, (Gobl X/3, Paruck 149 var. (no pellets), Alram 744, MACW 847, De Morgan p.673, 51). Toned, good very fine, rare.

\$250

Ex Decades Collection and CNG Triton VII. 13-14 January 2004 (lot 600) and previously from Sotheby's, London, 21 July 1983, (lot 86).





4591\*

Sasanian, kings of Persia, Shahpur II, (309-379), silver drachm (3.96 g), Western (Aspahan?) mint, obv. degraded Pahlavi legend, crowned and cuirassed bust right, rev. degraded Pahlavi legend, fire altar with attendants and ribbon, taurus and fravahr (wreath) symbols flanking flames, (Gobl, Kushan 1247, Gobl Ib/2, Paruck 200, Alram 778, MACW 871, De Morgan pg. 688, 113). Good very fine, scarce of good style.

Ex Decades Collection and previously from CNG Triton VII Auction, 14-14 January, 2004 (lot 614).

Shahpur II was a minor upon his succession, so his mother served as regent, but real power devolved upon the nobility. Suprisingly, Shahpur was able to assert his control when he came of age. Internally, he saw a reinvigoration of the state religion, resulting in a new round of persecutions of other religions, Christianity in particular

Like his previous namesake, Shahpur took aggressive action against Rome. In 346 AD, he renewed pressure on the eastern Roman borders, which had remained relatively quiet since the Galerius' defeat by Narse in 297 AD. While Shahpur was victorious in minor battles, he failed to secure the town of Nisibis, which provided the Romans a base of operations deep in Mesopotamia. After a respite of two years, Constantius II renewed the war in the hopes of finally ending the troubles with Persia, but Shahpur captured the Roman-held town of Singara. Because of trouble in the west, Constantius was forced to leave command of the war to his subordinates. Seizing this opportunity, Shahpur once again tried to take Nisibis, but was again thwarted. Due to pressure from the Huns, he soon withdrew, but renewed the conflict in 358 AD. At the same time, the new Roman emperor Julian, wishing to emulate and surpass Trajan, embarked on a massive Persian campaign. He reached Ktesiphon, but was mortally wounded in a skirmish. His successor, Jovian, sued for peace and surrenderd four of the five provinces that Galerius had gained over sixty years earlier. These, added to Armenia, which Shahpur's forces had captured, formed a new zone of buffer states for the Sasanians. This peace endured for the remainder of Shahpur's reign.





4592\*

Sasanian, kings of Persia, Yazdgard I, (399-420), silver drachm (4.32 g), BBA (Court) mint, obv. degraded Pahlavi legend, crowned and cuirassed bust right, crescent on forehead, rev. degraded Pahlavi legend, fire altar with attendants and ribbon, crescents above pellets flanking flames, mint signature to right, (Gobl I/1, Paruck 309, Alram 854, MACW 947 corr., De Morgan p. 701, 164c var. [mint]). Darkly toned, extremely fine, scarce.

\$200

Ex Decades Collection and previously from Triton VII, January 13-14, 2004 (lot 632).





4593\*

Sasanian, kings of Persia, Yazdgard II, (438-457), silver drachm, (3.11 g), GW or GO (Qumm) mint, obv. "The Mazda worshipper, the divine, the fortunate, Yazdgard" in Pahlavi (crude), crowned and cuirassed bust right, rev. "Fire" in Pahlavi to left, mint signature to right, fire altar with attendants, holding staves, and ribbon, no legend on central column, (G bl I/1 var. [legend on column], Paruck 336 var. (legends), Alram 869, MACW 970 var. (mint), cf. De Morgan p.705, 169b). Toned extremely fine.

\$150

Ex Decades Collection and from CNG Triton VII 13-14 January, 2004 (lot 638) and previously from Tkalec & Rauch, 14-15 April, 1986 (lot 205).





4594\*

Sasanian, kings of Persia, Yazdgard II, (438-457), silver drachm (4.04 g), Uncertain (NWKY?) mint, obv. "[...], the fortunate, Yazdgard" in Pahlavi (crude and partially degraded), crowned and cuirassed bust right, rev. "Yazdgar[d]" to left, "Adorer" to right in Pahlavi, fire altar with attendants, holding staves, and and ribbon, "ras[t]" in Pahlavi on central column, (G bl I/1, Paruck 336 var. (legends), Alram 869, MACW 971, cf. De Morgan p.705, 169b). Lightly toned, extremely fine.

\$150

Ex Decades Collection and previously from Triton VII, January 13-14, 2004 (lot 641).



**Sasanian**, kings of Persia, Peroz, (457/9-484), silver drachm (4.14 g), AW (Ahwaz) mint, obv. degraded Pahlavi legend, crowned and cuirassed bust right, ribbons rising from shoulders, rev. "Peroz" in Pahlavi (crude) to left, mint signature to right, fire altar with attendants and ribbon, star and crescent flanking flames, (Gobl III/1; Paruck 348 var. (legends), Alram 885, cf.MACW 981, De Morgan p.706, 174b). *Toned, good very fine, small dig on obverse.* 

\$100

Ex Decades Collection and from Triton VII, January 13-14, 2004 (lot 643) and previously from Schweizerischer Bankverein 33, 20-22 September, 1993 (lot 430).



4596\*

**Sasanian**, kings of Persia, Peroz, (457/9-484), silver drachm (3.93 g), AY (Susa?) mint, obv. "The Mazda worshipper, the fortunate, Peroz" in Pahlavi (crude), crowned and cuirassed bust right, rev. "Peroz" in Pahlavi (crude) to left, mint signature to right, fire altar with attendants and ribbon, (Gobl I/1, Paruck -, Alram 876, MACW -, De Morgan -). *Toned, good very fine and a rare early issue.* 

\$200

Ex Decades Collection and from Triton VII, January 13-14, 2004 (lot 644) and previously from Spink Numismatic Circular, December 1997 (lot 5487).

See Malek, "A Survey of Research on Sasanian Numismatics," in Num. Chron. 1993, p.240, for the reattribution of this mintmark from AB to AY.



4597\*

Sasanian, kings of Persia, Balash, (484-488), silver drachm (4.08 g), AY (Susa?) mint, obv. "The good king Bala[sh]" in Pahlavi, crowned and cuirassed bust right, ribbon rising from right shoulder, flame on left, rev. degraded Pahlavi legend to left, mint signature to right, bust of Balash in front of fire altar with attendants and ribbon, star and crescent flanking flames, (Gobl I/1, Paruck 359, Alram 888, MACW 1003 corr., De Morgan p.707, 177 [Vologeses]). Lightly toned, nearly extremely fine.

Ex Decades Collection and from Triton VII, 13-14 January, 2004 (lot 647) and previously from Giessener Munzhandlung 22, 25 May, 1982 (lot 219).

See Malek, "A Survey of Research on Sasanian Numismatics," in Num. Chron 1993, p.240, for the reattribution of this mintmark from AB to AY.

Balash was chosen by the aristocracy to be king after his brother Peroz was killed in battle against the Hephthalites. He is notable for his diplomacy; he secured the northeastern border by a large tribute payment to the Hephthalites, and pacified tumultuous Armenia by allowing Christians to practice openly and outlawed the practice of Zoroastrianism there. These moves may have been too much for the nobility, as they deposed him after only four years of rule.



4598\*

Sasanian, kings of Persia, Khusru I, (531-579), silver drachm, (4.06 g), Aylan (Susa?) mint, dated year 21 (551/2), obv. "Khosrau" to right, "prosperity" to left in Pahlavi, crowned and cuirassed bust right, crescent and ribbon over each shoulder, stars flanking crown, rev. Fire altar with attendants and ribbon, star and crescent flanking flames, regnal year to left, mint signature to right, (Gobl I/2, Paruck 424, Alram 907, MACW 1036 var. [mint], De Morgan p.715, 195). Good very fine.

\$120

Ex Decades Collection and previously from Triton VII,

January 13-14, 2004 (lot 654) and previously Monetarium (Switzerland), List 35, Summer 1981, (lot 190).



4599\*

**Sasanian**, kings of Persia, Khusru II, (591-628), silver drachm (4.07 g), ML = Mesham mint. Dated year 4 (595 AD), obv. beardless bust of child-king to right with winged headress typical of Khusru II issues, double dotted margin, name in outer margin, star and crescents on three sides, rev. fire altar with attendants within double or triple dotted margin, (Sellwood 74, BMC 2937-9, Gobl 234-235, cf.M.1251-1256). *Dark tone, good very fine and scarce.* 

\$80





**Hunnic Tribes,** Alchon Huns, Khingila, (c.440-490), silver drachm (3.89 g), Gandhara mint, obv. bust right, wearing diadem and close-fitting cap, flames over shoulders, ribbon and "ShOYO" in Bactrian to left, tamgha and "ALChONO" in Bactrian to right, rev. fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, (Alram, Alchon 7, Gobl, Dokumente Em. 60). *Toned, very fine and rare.* 

\$250

Ex Decades Collection and similar to Triton V, January 16, 2002 (lot 641) from the same dies

## **ROMAN SILVER & BRONZE COINS**

## REPUBLIC



4601\*

**L. Furius Purpurio,** AE As c.179-170 B.C., AE 28 (24.96 g.), obv. laureate head of Janus, rev. Prow to right, above, PVR ligated, before, mark of value I and below ROMA, (S.686, Babelon 8. Syd.331. Cr.155/2); **L. Roscius Fabatus**, (c.64 B.C.), plated silver denarius, Rome mint, (2.68 g), obv. Juno Sospita head to right wearing goat's skin, symbol scales behind, L. R[OSCI] below, rev. female standing right feeding serpent erect before her, box symbol behind, FABATI in exergue, (S.363, Cr.412/1, Syd.915, RSC.Roscia 3) (illustrated). *Very good with oxidation; good very fine with copper showing in places.* (2)

\$150

4602

**L. Saufeius**, (152 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (4.18 g), obv. Roma helmeted head right, X behind, rev. Victory in biga to right, L.SA[VF] monogram below, ROMA in exergue, (S.83, Cr.204/1, Syd.384); **Septimius Severus**, (A.D. 193-211), silver denarius, Rome mint, issued A.D. 196, (2.59 g), obv. laureate head of Septimius Severus to right, around L SEP SEV PERT AVG IMP VIII, rev. around [AR]AB ADIAB COS II P P, Victory advancing left, holding wreath and trophy, (S.6265, RIC 76, RSC 51). *Fine - very fine, first off centred reverse.* (2)



4603\*

M. Aufidius Rusticus, (140 B.C.), silver denarius (3.86 g), Revaluation issue, Rome mint, obv. helmeted head of Roma right, XVI (mark of value) behind RVS before, rev. Jupiter driving a galloping quadriga to right, holding a whip, sceptre and reins, M AVF below, ROMA in exergue, (S.105, Cr. 227/1, Sydenham 446, RSC Aufidia 1). Very fine or better and rare.

\$400



4604

**A. Spurilius,** (139 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.92 g), obv. Roma helmeted head right, X behind, rev. Diana in biga to right, A. SPVRI below, ROMA in exergue, (S.107, Cr.230/1, Syd.448, RSC Spurilia 1). *Very fine and scarce*.

\$100



4605\*

M. Marcius, Mn.f., (134 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.85 g), obv. Roma head right, \* below chin, modius behind, rev. Victory in biga, M.MAR C monogram below divided by two corn ears, RO MA in exergue, (S.122, Cr.245/1, Syd.500, RSC Marcia 8). Original mint bloom, good extremely fine and rare as such.

\$500

A son of Mn. Marcius, who during his aedileship c.154 B.C., was the first to distribute corn to the people at one per modius. The symbols on the obverse and reverse refer to this event.



4606\*

**M. Porcius Laeca**, (c.125 B.C.), silver denarii, Rome mint, (3.91 g), obv. Roma helmeted head right, \* below chin, LAECA behind, rev. Libertas in quadriga to right, crowned by Victory, M.PORC below, ROMA in exergue, (S.146, Cr.270/1, Syd.513, RSC Porcia 3). *Very fine, lightly toned*.



**Q. Fabius Labeo,** (c.124 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.81 g), obv. Roma helmeted head right, X below chin, LABEO before, ROMA behind, rev. Jupiter in quadriga to right, prow below, Q.FABI in exergue, (S.148, Cr.273/1, Syd.532, RSC Fabia 1); Cn. **Domitius Ahenobarbus**, (116-115 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.82 g), obv. Roma helmeted head right, ROMA before, X behind, rev. Jupiter in walking quadriga to right, CN DOMI in exergue, (S.161, Cr.285/1, Syd.535, RSC Domitia 7). *First with banker's mark on cheek, otherwise fine - very fine.* (2)

\$160



4608\*

**C. Porcius Cato**, (c.123 B.C.), silver denarius (3.88 g), obv. Roma helmeted head to right, X behind neck, rev. Victory in biga to right, C. CATO below, ROMA in exergue, (S.149, Cr.274/1, Syd.417, RSC Porcia 1). *Very fine*.

\$100



4609\*

**M. Sergius Silus**, (116-115 B.C.), silver denarius, (3.89 g), obv. Roma helmeted head right, EX SC before, ROMA \* behind, rev. horseman galloping left, with sword and barbarian head, Q/M.SERGI below, SILVS in exergue, (S.163, Cr.286/1, Syd.534, Sergia 1). *Nearly very fine, scarce.* 

\$100



4610\*

M. Sergius Silus, (116-115 B.C.), silver denarius, (3.87 g), obv. Roma helmeted head right, EX SC before, ROMA \* behind, rev. horseman galloping left, with sword and barbarian head, Q/M.SERGI below, SILVS in exergue, (S.163, Cr.286/1, Syd.534, Sergia 1); Man. Aemilius Lepidus, (114-113 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.76 g), obv. Roma laureate and diademed head to right, ROMA before, \* behind, rev. equestrian statue on triumphal arch, LEP between arches, MN. AEMILIO around, (S.168, Cr.291/1, Syd.554, RSC Aemilia 7). First with obverse scratches, second trace of mount marks, otherwise fine and both scarce. (2)



4611

**Anonymous Issue,** (c.115-114 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.76 g), obv. Roma helmeted head to right, *X* behind, ROMA below, rev. Roma seated right, wolf and twins before, two birds in field, (S.164, Cr.287/1, Syd.530, RSC. 176); another **anonymous issue**, (86 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.87 g), obv. laureate head of Apollo to right, thunderbolt below, rev. Jupiter in quadriga to right, (S.266, RSC 226, Cr.350A/2, Syd.723). *Fine - very fine.* (2)

\$150



4612\*

**M. Cipius,** M.F., (115-114 B.C.), silver denarius, (3.81 g), obv. Roma helmeted head right, M. CIPI M.F. before, X behind, rev. Victory in biga to right, rudder below, ROMA in exergue, (S.166, Cr.289/1, Syd. 546, RSC Cipia 1). *Nearly very fine, bankers mark on helmet.* 

\$100



4613\*

C. Fonteius, (114-113 B.C.), silver denarius, (2.83 g), obv. Janus head, T in left field, \* to right, rev. galley with pilot and three rowers, C.FONT ligated above, ROMA in exergue, (S.167, Cr.290/1, Syd.555, RSC Fonteia 1); Q. Titius, (c.90 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.77 g), obv. head of young Bacchus wearing ivy wreath to right, rev. [Q.]TITI on tablet from which springs Pegasus to right, (S.239, Cr.341/2, Syd.692, Titia 2); L. Marcius Censorinus, (c.82 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.44 g), obv. Apollo head laureate to right, dotted border, rev. Satyr Marsyas, standing left, with wine skin on shoulder, behind him a column with figure at top, L.CENSOR before, (S.281, Cr.363/1d, Syd.737, RSC Marcia 24). First with some hoard patination and banker's mark in obverse field, second toned, third with die damage on obverse, all fine or better. (3)

\$200



**P. Nerva,** (113-112 B.C.), silver denarius, (3.80 g), obv. Roma helmeted bust to left, \* before. crescent above, [ROMA] behind, rev. [P. N]ERVA above, three citizens voting in the comitium, (S.169, Cr.292/1, Syd.548). *Nearly very fine/fine and rare.* 

\$100



4615\*

**Ti. Quinctius,** (112-111 B.C.), silver denarius, (3.75 g), obv. Hercules bust to left from behind, wearing lion's skin, holding club at shoulder, rev. Desultor galloping left, a second horse beside, TI Q divided by a rat, below D.S.S on tablet, (S.174, Cr.297/1, Syd.563, B.Quinctia 6). *Surface spotting from hoard patination, otherwise nearly very fine, scarce.* 

\$100



4616\*

**L. Thorius Balbus**, (c.105 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.89 g), obv. Juno of Lanuvium, wearing goat's skin to right, I.S.M.R behind, rev. bull charging to right, L.THORIVS below, BALBVS in exergue, I above, (S.192, Cr.316/1, Syd.594, RSC Thoria 1). *Toned, good very fine.* 

\$200



4617\*

**Q. Thermus M.f.,** (c.103 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (4.00 g), obv. Mars helmeted head to left, rev. two warriors fighting, fallen warrior below, Q.THERM MF in exergue, (S.197, Cr.319/1, Syd.592, Minucia 19). *Scratch on obverse, otherwise about very fine, scarce.* 

\$100



4618\*

**P. Servilius M.f. Rullus**, (c.100 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.79 g), obv. Minerva helmeted head to left, RVLLI upwards behind, rev. Victory in biga to right, P below horses, P.SERVILI.M.F. in exergue, (S.207, Cr.328/1, Syd.601, RSC Servilia 14). *Golden highlights, otherwise nearly extremely fine and very scarce.* 



4619\*

L. Calpurnius Piso Frugi, (90 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.83, 3.85 g), obv. laureate head of Apollo to right, one with symbol behind, dotted border, rev. horseman galloping to right, holding palm, L PISO FRVG plain exergue, monogram below other with V above, dotted border, (S.235, B.Calpurnia 11, Cr.340/1). Very fine, one with flat area. (2)

\$150



4620\*

**L. Calpurnius Piso Frugi**, (90 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.85 g), obv. Apollo laureate head to right, arrow symbol behind, dot before, rev. naked horseman galloping to right holding palm, L.PISO FRVG, (S.235, Cr.340/1, RSC Calpurnia 11). *Slightly off centred, otherwise nearly very fine.* 

\$100



4621\*

**L. Calpurnius Piso Frugi,** (90 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.97 g), obv. laureate head of Apollo to right, S and symbol behind, O before, rev. horseman galloping to right, holding palm, L PISO FRVG plain exergue, O above, (S.235, B.Calpurnia 11, Cr.340/1). *Very fine.* 

\$100



4622\*

**L. Calpurnius Piso Frugi**, (90 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.98 g), obv. laureate head of Apollo to right, amphora before, dotted border, rev. horseman galloping to right, holding palm, L PISO FRVG plain exergue, CXVT below, dotted border, (S.235, B.Calpurnia 11, Cr.340/1). *Good very fine, banker's mark on neck*.



Q. Titius, (c.90 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.82 g), obv. head of Mutinus Titinus to right with diadem, rev. Q.TITI on tablet from which springs Pegasus to right, (S.238, Cr.341/1, Syd.691, Titia 1); L. Julius Bursio, (c.85 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.90 g), obv. Genius (or Apollo Vejovis) bust laureate to right, trident and symbol left behind, rev. Victory in quadriga to right, XXV above, [L].IVLI.BVRSIO in exergue, (S.268, Cr.352/1c, Syd.728c, RSC Julia 5b); Mn. Fonteius (85 B.C.), silver denarius, (3.82 g), obv. Vejovis laureate head to right, MN FONTEI C F behind, ROMA monogram before, thunderbolt below, rev. winged infant Genius seated to right on goat, (S.271, Cr.353/1a, Syd.724, RSC Fonteia 9). Fine - very fine, some off centred. (3)

\$200



4624\*

**Q. Titius,** (c.90 B.C.), silver denarii, Rome mint, (3.70, 3.95, 3.97 g), obv. head of young Bacchus wearing ivy wreath to right, rev. Q.TITI on tablet from which springs Pegasus to right, (S.239, Cr.341/2, Syd.692, Titia 2). *Fine - very fine, varying off centredness.* (3)



4625\*

**C. Vibius C.f. Pansa**, (90 B.C.), silver denarii, Rome mint, (3.61, 3.72, 3.88 g), obv. mostly large laureate head of Apollo to right, PANSA behind [not on two examples as of flan], symbol under chin [on one example], rev. Minerva in quadriga to right, C. VIBIVS C F. in exergue, (S.242, Cr.342/5b, Syd.684, B.Vibia 2). Weak in places, otherwise good fine - very fine. (3)

\$150



4626\*

**C. Vibius C.f. Pansa**, (90 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.77 g), obv. laureate head of Apollo to right, PANSA behind, lituus under chin, rev. Minerva in quadriga to right, C. VIBIVS C [F]. in exergue, (S.242, Cr.342/5b, Syd.684a, B.Vibia 1a). *Very fine*.

\$100



4627\*

C. Vibius C.f. Pansa, (90 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.95 g), obv. laureate head of Apollo to right, PANSA behind, IIV under chin, rev. Minerva in quadriga to right, C. VIBIVS C F. in exergue, (S.242, Cr.342/5b, Syd.684a, B.Vibia 1a). Off centred obverse, otherwise very fine/good very fine.

\$100



4628\*

**L. Titurius L.f. Sabinus**, (89 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.85 g), obv. bare head of King Tatius to right, SABIN behind, trace of TA monogram before, rev. two Roman soldiers each carrying a woman in his arms, [L.T]ITVRI in exergue, (S.249, Cr.344/1a, Syd.698a, B.Tituria 1). *Toned, very fine, slightly off centred.* 

\$100



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L.Titurius L.F. Sabinus, (89 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.74 g), obv. bare head of King Tatius to right, [SABIN] behind, TA monogram before, rev. two Roman soldiers each carrying a woman in his arms, L.TITVRI in exergue, (S.249, Cr.344/1a, Syd.698a, B.Tituria 1) (illustrated); C.Licinius **L.f.Macer**, (84 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.61 g), obv. diademed bust of Apollo to left, viewed from behind, brandishing a thunderbolt, rev. Minerva in quadriga to right, [C L]ICINIVS L F / [MA]CER in exergue, (S.274, Cr.354/1, Syd. 732, B.Licinia 16) (illustrated); A.Licinius Nerva, (c.47 B.C.), silver plated denarius, Rome mint, (3.45 g), obv. Fides laureate head to right, FIDES before, NERVA behind, rev. horseman galloping right dragging captive by the hair, III VIR above, A. LICINIVS below, (S.430, Cr.454/1, Syd.954, B.Licinia 24). First coin with off centred obverse, some scratches, second and third coins plated with scratches and pitting, fine - nearly very fine. (3)

\$150



4630\*

L. Titurius L.f. Sabinus, (89 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.90 g), obv. bare head of king Tatius to right, SABIN behind, rev. Tarpeia facing, buried to her waist in shields, with raised hands, trying to thrust off two soldiers casting their shields at her, [palm before], star in crescent above, [L.]TITVRI in exergue, (S.252, Cr.344/2b, Syd.699, RSC Tituria 4). Slightly off-centred, otherwise very fine and scarce.

\$100

Tarpeia, a virgin of the period of Romulus's war with Tatius and the Sabines, was supposed to have sacrificed her country for her love of gold. She opened the gate, the price of her treason being the bracelets of gold on the Sabine arms. The enemy soldiers were disgusted with her treachery and buried her in a pile of their own shields.



4631\*

L. Titurius L.f. Sabinus, (89 B.C.), silver denarii, Rome mint, (3.79, 3.99 g), obv. bare head of king Tatius to right, SABIN behind [palm before], rev. Tarpeia facing, buried to her waist in shields, with raised hands, trying to thrust off two soldiers casting their shields at her, star in crescent above, L.TITVRI in exergue on one example, (S.252, Cr.344/2b, Syd.699, RSC Tituria 4). Slightly off-centred reverse, otherwise fine - very fine, scarce. (2)

\$120



4632\*

**Cn. Lentulus Clodianus,** (88 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.78 g), obv. Mars helmeted bust right, seen from behind, rev. Victory in biga to right, CN LENTV[L] in exergue, (S.254, Cr.345/1, Syd.702, RSC Cornelia 50). *Nearly very fine.* 

\$100



4633\*

Cn. Lentulus Clodianus, (88 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.80 g), obv. Mars helmeted bust right, seen from behind, rev. Victory in biga to right, CN LENTVL in exergue, (S.254, Cr.345/1, Syd.702, RSC Cornelia 50); L. Antestius Gragulus, (136 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.73 g), obv. Roma helmeted head right, \* below chin, GRAG behind, rev. Jupiter in quadriga to right, L.ANTES (ANTE as a monogram) below, ROMA in exergue, (S.115, Cr.238/1, Syd.451, RSC Antestia 9). Nearly very fine; fine, scarce. (2)

\$200

A new mark for the value is used on this coinage for the first time. It resembles a star but is probably XVI as a monogram for the second coin.



1631

**C. Marcius Censorinus**, (88 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.58 g), obv. Apollo head to right, dotted border, rev. free horse galloping right, A above, C.C[ENSORI] below horse, (S.257, Cr.346/2b, Syd.714c, RSC Marcia 19c). *Nearly very fine, rare.* 

\$100



4635\*

**L. Rubrius Dossenus**, (87 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.87 g), obv. Jupiter laureate head to right, sceptre and DOS[EN] behind, rev. triumphal chariot to right with small Victory standing on it, L RVBR[I] in exergue, (S.258, Cr.348/1, Syd.705, RSC. Rubria 1). *Nearly very fine, scarce.* 

See note above. \$100

4636

**L. Rubrius Dossenus**, (87 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.77 g), obv. Jupiter laureate head to right, sceptre and DOSSEN behind, rev. triumphal chariot to right with small Victory standing on it, L RVB[RI] in exergue, (S.258, Cr.348/1, Syd.705, RSC. Rubria 1). *Toned, nearly very fine and scarce.* 

\$80



4637\*

**L. and C. Memmius Galeria,** (c.87 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (4.07 g), obv. Saturn laureate head to left, below neck EX.SC and symbol below chin, rev. Venus in biga to right, Cupid flies above, L.C.MEMMIES L F/GAL in exergue, (S.262, Cr.349/1 var., Syd.712, RSC Memmia 8a). *Toned, very fine, very scarce.* 

\$100



4638\*

**L. Julius Bursio**, (c.85 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (4.14 g), obv. Genius (or Apollo Vejovis) bust laureate to right, trident and cithera behind, rev. Victory in quadriga to right, TVII above, L. IVLI. BVRSIO in exergue, (S.268, Cr.352/1c, Syd.728c, B.Julia 5a). *Slightly off centred, toned and good very fine*.

\$150



4639\*

**L. Julius Bursio**, (c.85 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.68 g), obv. Genius (or Apollo Vejovis) bust laureate to right, trident and uncertain symbol behind, rev. Victory in quadriga to right, RO above, L.IVLI.BVRSIO in exergue, (S.268, Cr.352/1c, Syd.728c, RSC Julia 5b). *Nearly very fine/fine*.

\$100



4640\*

**Mn. Fonteius C.f.**, (85 B.C.), silver denarius, (4.25 g), obv. Vejovis laureate head to right, MN FONTEI C F behind, ROMA monogram before, thunderbolt below, rev. winged infant Genius seated to right on goat, (S.271, Cr.353/1a, Syd.724). *Bright, very fine.* 



4641\*

Mn. Fonteius C.f., (85 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.89 g), obv. Vejovis laureate head to right, [MN FONTEI CF] behind, monogram of Roma below chin, thunderbolt below head, rev. infant winged Genius seated to right on goat, caps of dioscuri above, thyrsus below, all within laurel wreath, (S.271, Cr.353/1c, Syd.724a, RSC Fonteia 9). *Lightly toned, nearly very fine, scarce.* 

\$100

In the temple of Vejovis in Rome there was a statue of a goat bearing a winged genius. This coin recalls that statue.



4642\*

**C.Licinius L.f.Macer**, (84 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.87 g), obv. diademed bust of Apollo to left, viewed from behind, brandishing a thunderbolt, rev. Minerva in quadriga to right, [C.]LICINIVS L F / MACER in exergue, (S.274, Cr.354/1, Syd.732, B.Licinia 16). *Very fine, scarce.* 

\$100



4643\*

**C.Licinius L.f.Macer**, (84 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.73 g), obv. diademed bust of Apollo to left, viewed from behind, brandishing a thunderbolt, rev. Minerva in quadriga to right, C.LICINIVS L F / MACER in exergue, (S.274, Cr.354/1, Syd.732, B.Licinia 16). *Weak in places, very fine, scarce.* 

\$100



4644\*

**C. Norbanus**, (c.83 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (4.10 g), obv. diademed head of Venus to right, C. NORBANVS below, XT behind, rev. ear of corn, fasces and caduceus within dotted border, (S.278, Cr.357/1b, Syd.739, B.Norbana 2). Very fine, flan flaw on reverse.



**Pub. Crepusius,** (82 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.61 g), obv. Apollo laureate head to right, sceptre over shoulder, rev. horseman galloping to right, hurling spear, P. CREPVS[I] in exergue, (S.283, Cr.361/1c, Syd.738a, B.Crepusia 1). Weakness in places, lightly toned, very fine, scarce.

\$100



4646\*

**L. Marcius Censorinus**, (c.82 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.83 g), obv. Apollo head laureate to right, dotted border, rev. Satyr Marsyas, standing left, with wine skin on shoulder, behind him a column with figure at top, L.CENSOR before, (S.281, Cr.363/1d, Syd.737, RSC Marcia 24). *Obverse scratch, otherwise very fine and scarce.* 

\$100

The satyr Marsyas challenged the god Apollo to a contest of music. He lost and was flaved alive in a cave for his hubris.

4647

**Q. Antonius Balbus**, (c.83-2 B.C.), silver denarii, Rome mint, (3.73, 3.75 g), obv. Jupiter laureate head to right, S C behind, N. before, other uncertain, rev. Victory in quadriga to right, Q ANTO BALB/PR in exergue, plain under horses, (S.279, Cr.364/1d, Syd.742b, RSC Antonina 1). *Serrated edge, very good - fine.* (2)

\$100



4648\*

**C. Naevius Balbus**, (c.79 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.78 g), obv. Venus diademed head right, S.C. behind, rev. Victory in triga to right, XV number above, C.NAE BALB in exergue, (S.309, Cr.382/1b, Syd. 769b, B.Naevia 6). *Serrated edge good very fine, scarce.* 

\$100



4649\*

**Ti. Claudius,** (c.79 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.81 g), obv. Diana bust to right bow and quiver on shoulder, S.C. before, rev. Victory in biga to right, XXII below, TI CLAVD. [TI.F/AP. N] in exergue, (S.310, Cr.383/1, Syd.770, B.Claudia 5). *Serrated edge, very fine and scarce.* 





4650\*

**M. Volteius M.f.,** (c.78 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.79 g), obv. bust of Attis or young Corybas to right, wearing laureate helmet, symbol behind, rev. Cybele seated in chariot to right drawn by two lions, letters MΘ above, M.VOLTEI. M.[F.] in exergue, (S.315, Cr.385/4, Syd.777, RSC. Volteia 4). Even grey patina, nearly very fine and rare.

\$150

Mommsen notes that this coin was struck in reference to the Ludi Megalenses in honour of the goddess Cybele.



4651\*

**C. Postumius,** (c.74 B.C.), Rome mint, (3.92 g), obv. Diana draped bust to right bow and quiver at shoulder, dotted border, rev. hound running right, C.POSTVM[I]/TA in exergue, (S.330, Cr.394/1a, Syd.785, B. Postumia 9). *Very fine, bright and scarce.* 

\$100



4652

**Q. Fufius Calenus and Mucius Cordus**, (c.70 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.51 g), obv. jugate heads of Honos and Virtus to right, [KALENI] below, HO behind, VIRT [RT ligated] before, rev. Roma and Italy hand in hand, winged caduceus to left, RO on right, ITAL ligated on left, CORDI in exergue, (S.338, Cr.403/1, Syd.797, B.Fufia 1). *Toned, slightly off centred on the obverse, otherwise nearly extremely fine and rare.* 

\$400



4653\*

**L. Marcius Philippus,** (c.56 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.85 g), obv. Ancus Marcius head to right, [ANCVS] and [lituus] below and to left, dotted border, rev. PHILIPPVS behind equestrian statue to right on an arcade of five arches, within A Q V [A MAR], flower below horse, (S.382, Cr.425/1, Syd.919a, RSC Marcia 28). *Off centred with hoard patina, very fine and rare.* 

\$100



**Q. Pompeius Rufus,** (c.54 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.72 g), obv. [Q. P]OMPEI Q F /RVFVS above curule chair between arrow and laurel wreath, COS below on tablet, rev. SVLLA COS above curule chair between lituus and wreath, Q POMPEI RVF below on tablet, (S.400 [ 65 VF], Cr. 434/2, Syd.909, B.Pompeia 5). Weak in places, otherwise good very fine and very scarce.

\$250



4657\*

**Mn. Cordius Rufus,** (46 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.95 g), obv. diademed head of Venus to right, RVFVS S[C] behind, rev. Cupid on dolphin to right, riding with bridle, MN CORDIVS below, (S.442, Cr.463/3, Syd.977, RSC Cordia 3). *Toned, off centred on the reverse, otherwise nearly extremely fine and very scarce.* 

\$250



4655\*

L. Plautius Plancus, (c.47 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (2.78 g), obv. mask of Medusa, facing, hair dishevelled, L.PLA[VTIVS] below, rev. Aurora flying to right, conducting the four horses of the sun, [PLANCVS] below, (S.429, Cr.453/1a, Syd.959, B.Plautia 15). Slightly off centre on the obverse, toned, otherwise fine and rare.

\$100



4658\*

L. Mussidius Longus, (42 B.C.), silver denarius, Rome mint, (3.64 g), obv. veiled bust of Concord to right, CONCORDIA behind, \* before, dotted border, rev. L. MVSSIDIVS LO[NGVS] above platform inscribed CLOA[CIN] with two statues of Venus Cloacina, (S.494, Cr.494/42b, Syd.1093, B. Mussidia 6b). *Toned, off centre, otherwise very fine and very scarce.* 

\$100



4656\*

Mn. Cordius Rufus, (46 B.C.), silver denarii (3), Rome mint, (3.32, 3.45, 3.85 g), obv. conjoined diademed heads of the Dioscuri to right, each surmounted by a star, RVFVS III VI[R] below and behind, rev. Venus Verticordia standing left, holding scales and sceptre, Cupid on her shoulder, MN CORDIVS behind, (S.440, Cr.463/1b, Syd.976c, RSC Cordia 1). Fine or better, one with edge flaw, all scarce. (3)