

Item	Qty	Fine Wt	Price	Cost/Oz	Premium
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Eagle	10	1.0000	1,878.50	1878.50	6.4%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.5000	989.50	1979.00	12.1%
*U.S. 1/4 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.2500	521.75	2087.00	18.2%
*U.S. 1/10 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.1000	214.30	2143.00	21.4%
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Buffalo	10	1.0000	1,880.25	1880.25	6.5%
*U.S. 1 Oz Medallion	10	1.0000	1,830.75	1830.75	3.7%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Medallion	10	0.5000	925.00	1850.00	4.8%
*Australia 1 Oz Kangaroo	10	1.0000	1,845.00	1845.00	4.5%
*Austria 100 Corona	10	0.9802	1,796.25	1832.53	3.8%
*Austria 1 Oz Philharmonic	10	1.0000	1,868.00	1868.00	5.8%
*Canada 1 Oz Maple Leaf	10	1.0000	1,850.25	1850.25	4.8%
*Canada 1x25 Maplegram	10	0.8039	1,667.75	2074.57	17.5%
*China 30 Gram Panda	10	0.9646	Call for availability		
China 1 Oz Panda	10	1.0000	Call for availability		
*Mexico 50 Peso	10	1.2057	Call for availability		
*S. Africa Krugerrand	10	1.0000	1,859.00	1859.00	5.3%
*1 Oz Ingot	10	1.0000	1,830.75	1830.75	3.7%
*Austria 1 Ducat	10	0.1107	228.25	2061.88	16.8%
*British Sovereign	10	0.2354	459.25	1950.93	10.5%
*France 20 Franc	10	0.1867	369.25	1977.77	12.0%
*Swiss 20 Franc	10	0.1867	373.00	1997.86	13.2%
\$20 Liberty BU	10	0.9675	2,010.00	2077.52	17.7%
\$20 St Gaudens BU	10	0.9675	2,010.00	2077.52	17.7%
\$20 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.9675	1,970.00	2036.18	15.3%
\$10 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.4838	1,000.00	2066.97	17.1%
\$10 Indian Extremely Fine	10	0.4838	1,235.00	2552.71	44.6%
\$5 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.2419	570.00	2356.35	33.5%
\$5 Indian Extremely Fine	10	0.2419	690.00	2852.42	61.6%
\$2.50 Liberty Extreme Fine	10	0.1209	485.00	4011.58	127.2%
\$2.50 Indian Extreme Fine	10	0.1209	480.00	3970.22	124.9%
*U.S. 90% Silver Coin	1,000	715	21,495.00	30.06	29.0%
*U.S. 40% Silver Coin	1,000	295	8,350.00	28.31	21.4%
*U.S. Peace Dollars, VG+	1,000	760	Call for availability		
*U.S. Silver Eagles	1,000	1,000	33,060.00	33.06	41.8%
*Canada Silver Maple Leaf	1,000	1,000	28,310.00	28.31	21.5%
*100 Oz Silver Ingot	10	100	2,606.00	26.06	11.8%
*10 Oz Silver Ingot	100	10	268.10	26.81	15.0%
*1 Oz Silver Ingot	1,000	1	26.81	26.81	15.0%
*1 Oz Platinum Ingot	10	1.0000	1,112.00	1112.00	7.9%
*U.S. 1 Oz Platinum Eagle	10	1.0000	1,175.00	1175.00	14.0%
*Canada Palladium ML	10	1.0000	2,117.00	2117.00	5.2%

Gold: \$1,765.50
Silver: \$23.31
Platinum: \$1,031.00
Palladium: \$2,012.00

Notes from Liberty

By Allan Beegle
 LCS Chief Numismatist

We were busy again in October. By the time you read this, 2021 year to date may have already achieved our 3rd highest annual sales volume in our 50 years in business!

Almost everything featured in last month's issue has found new homes. Congratulations to those who purchased the early Proof Sets.

We have not attended any coin shows over the past month, but have a few scheduled for November. Instead, we have been busy conducting our annual physical inventory. In the process of doing so, we put together some modest groups **Affordable Ancient And Medieval Treasures**. While there too few coins of any one group to make a general offering, there were sufficient coins when we offer them together. If you research the history behind these coins, you just might pick up a nice variety for yourself or as gifts for others. As examples, the Armenian Silver Tram denomination descended from the Greek Silver Drachm and the Silver Denier/Denar denominations descended from the Roman Silver Denarius.

Speaking of gifts, we also offer our annual **Treasured Gift Ideas For Christmas 2021**. This year, perhaps more than any other time in our history, presents of gold and silver will be especially appreciated in the days ahead. But historic gifts will always be happily received. Our emphasis this year, was to include affordable items, with nothing beyond gold and platinum bullion issues priced above \$109.

Most items here are only available in limited quantities. Because of that, we anticipate several quick sellouts. Don't delay. Reach our **Trading Desk toll-free**

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\$5,000 and higher	None

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Coins, Rolls and Sets

U.S. 10 pc Gold Medallion Set, 1980-1984, BU	Not Avail		
U.S. Morgan Dollar, 1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$1,175		
U.S. Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$940		
U.S. Peace Dollar, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$775		

Gold:	\$1,765.50
Silver:	\$23.31
Platinum:	\$1,031.00
Palladium:	\$2,012.00

Numismatic Coins (PCGS/NGC/ICG Graded)

	MS-63	MS-64	MS-65
U.S. \$20.00 St Gaudens	2,090	2,205	2,485
U.S. \$20.00 Liberty	2,275	2,500	4,560
U.S. \$10.00 Liberty	1,205	1,690	2,855
U.S. \$5.00 Liberty	680	880	1,885
U.S. 4 pc Indian Gold Type Set	5,160	6,540	15,380
U.S. 4 pc Liberty Gold Type Set	4,765	5,765	10,040
U.S. 8 pc Gold Type Set	9,865	12,155	24,970
U.S. Morgan Dollar (Pre-1921)	79	103	215
U.S. Peace Dollar	69	78	160

Prices quoted are for quantities indicated, and are actual selling prices at today's closes. Smaller lots are available at slightly higher prices. No Michigan Sales Tax on rare coins or precious metals bullion. Numismatic purchases have a 14 day return period. Orders for bullion-priced items (marked with *) are not returnable and, after confirmation, cannot be cancelled.

at 800-527-2375 to check on availability and confirm your purchase.

Here are interest recent bargain acquisitions for you to feast your mind:

Exceedingly Rare High Quality Italian Gold Commemorative: In 1925, Italy issued a double commemorative—a 100 Lire Gold Coin to honor the 25th year of the reign of King Vittorio Emanuele III and also the 10th Anniversary of Italy's entry into World War I against the German and Austro-Hungarian Empires. Gold content 0.9334 oz. 5,000 coins struck with Matte surfaces, which are satiny rather than bright. Over the past 35 years, PCGS has graded just 12 specimens in Very Choice Mint State-64 condition, including this beauty, and a mere four coins in Gem Mint State-65. NGC has not certified any higher than MS-62. Auction appearances of this coin are few and far between. An AU-55 example sold for \$4,320 six months ago. In August 2019, an MS-63 coin realized \$9,000. An MS-65 specimen auctioned in January 2015 for \$16,450. We did not locate auctions for the MS-64 grade. For all this rarity, this could be a bargain at **\$11,995**.

Popular Large Size US Paper

Money: The two notes below were just acquired in our showroom. Large Size US Paper Money in Choice Very-30 condition is especially popular with collectors—they are attractive notes while being less expensive than those in higher grades. These two types are also in strong demand by collectors. We wish we could accumulate a handful of each

of them, but they sell just about as quickly as they come into our stock:

U.S. \$10.00 Legal Tender Note, Series of 1901, Fr-121m (Mule), Choice Very Fine-30, PMG—\$1,295. Mule issues are those where front and back printing plates were not intended to be used together. For this note, the back plate number of 336 should not have been used on notes with the signature of Frank White as US Treasurer. Instead, they were intended to only be used on notes with the signature of his predecessor, John Burke, for the Fr-120 notes. Paper Money Guaranty (PMG) has certified just 73 notes in this condition plus only another 175 in all higher grades combined. The Fr-121 and Fr-121 mule combined had a printage of 11,260,000. The PMG census shows that about 70% are the mule variety.

This note is popular is for the American Bison in the center of the front. It was issued to honor the Centennial of the Meriwether Lewis and William Clark expedition exploring the Louisiana Purchase. They appear on the left and right of the obverse.

U.S. \$20.00 Gold Certificate, Series of 1906, Fr-1183, Choice Very Fine-30, PCGS Currency—\$425. Gold Certificates, which could be turned in to the US government to receive physical gold coins into early 1933, have been popular ever since with collectors. This is one of only a handful of the Series 1906 \$20 Gold Certificates we have ever handled. Only 8,248,000 of these notes were ever printed. PMG has graded

only 26 pieces in this grade and just another 55 in all higher grades together. Beyond the repudiated gold redemption clause on the note, these issues are popular with collectors from the use of orange ink on the front for the serial numbers, Treasury Seal, and the XX in the middle of the left side, plus the exclusive use of orange ink for the entire reverse. There are a few almost invisible pinholes around the field of Washington's vignette, which me mention to be thorough.

Better Date And Type US Gold

Coins: We have recently acquired a handful of the Better Date and Better Type US Gold Coins that collectors love:

1879 \$2.50 Liberty, Choice About uncirculated-55, NGC—\$535. Modest mintage of 88,960, with only 1,687 coins certified by PCGS and NGC combined since 1986. More than 11 times rarer than what you would pay for the 1907 date in this grade, but only costs \$20 more. *PCGS Retail* is \$675.

1878 \$3.00 Indian, Very Choice About Uncirculated-58, PCGS—\$1,095. The \$3.00 denomination was only struck from 1854-1889, mostly in tiny mintages. At 82,304 struck in 1878, it is the second highest year of production. It is also the most common of the series in high grade, with the PCGS/NGC combined population of 9,746 in this and all higher grades. A lovely example of a scarce type. *PCGS Retail* is \$1,500.

1885 \$10.00 Liberty, Mint State-61, NGC—\$1,195. What would you rather own? This coin with a PCGS/NGC population of 862 in MS-61 and all higher grades at this price, or pay \$1,100 for the 1901-S date in the same condition with a PCGS/NGC population of 38,742? *PCGS Retail* is \$1,310.

1915 \$20.00 St Gaudens, Mint State-62, NGC with a CAC sticker—\$2,395. We just bought this back from a customer. Mintage a modest 152,000. More than 184 times rarer than the 1924 date in the PCGS/NGC MS-62 and all higher graded populations. Yet you pay barely 15% more. *PCGS Retail* is \$2,645.

2021-Dated Morgan And Peace Silver Dollars: The US Mint has begun shipping the 2021 Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars to customers. LCS makes a competitive two-way market in these issues. If you have some for sale or want to acquire any of these historic coins, give us a call.



Italy, 1925-R, Gold 100 Lire,
MS64 PCGS Certified - \$11,995



1906 \$20 Gold Certificate, FR-1183,
VF30 PCGS Currency Certified - \$425



1879 Gold \$2.5 Liberty
AU55 NGC Certified - \$535



1878 Gold \$3 Indian
AU58 PCGS Certified - \$1,095



1915 Gold \$20 Saint Gaudens
MS62 NGC Certified CAC - \$2,395

Treasured Gift Ideas For Christmas 2021

Alison Beegle, Abigail Coulson, and Nicholas Coulson (with help from the Liberty Coin Service Staff)

Imagine being able to hold something in your hands and think about who might have held or spent it at one time—maybe a king or queen, an explorer, a soldier, an inventor, someone else historically famous, or just everyday people!

For unique treasures of long-lasting value, Liberty Coin Service has something to please almost everyone on your list.

Whether you seek something artistic, historic, valuable, durable, or practical, you are almost certain to find something here that is a perfect solution—and affordable. Money has often been called the footprints of history. Years from now, these durable gifts will still remind your recipients of your thoughtfulness and love.

Many items come in a box or package ready for wrapping. However, for your convenience, any item can be gift wrapped for a \$5 fee and mailed directly to your recipient for a postage charge of \$5-30 per address (see the box on our Computer Quotes page for details).

If your payment is received by December 5, our dads guarantee delivery before Christmas. To ensure your 100% satisfaction, you have until January 8, 2022 to return any items listed here (other than the Silver and Gold American Eagles and other bullion-priced products) for a full refund.

Orders over \$10 paid by Visa, Mastercard, or Discover credit cards will get you fastest shipment (note: credit and debit card payments are not accepted for bullion-priced products totaling more than \$100).

We hope you have as much fun looking through this list as we did preparing it. Pick your favorites. Then call our dads or the other friendly people at Liberty at **800-527-2375** for more details and ideas and to confirm your order. Or, come to our showroom in the Frandor Shopping Center to find many more interesting treasures. We hope you enjoy our ideas. Thank you very much. Blessings to you all!



We sell hundreds of these every year. We have a variety of Christmas designs and one for Hanukkah. All round pieces are 1-5/8" in diameter, The round and rectangular ones all read on the back "One Troy Ounce 999 Fine Silver 2021" and have space if you wish to arrange locally for some personalized engraving.

Among the round designs are Baby's First Christmas 2021 with a Teddy Bear holding a Candy Cane and a Gift, The Stockings Were Hung with Two Birds and Two Stockings Dangling From a Branch, I Love You Snow Much with Two Hugging Snowpeople, Merry Christmas 2021 Santa Claus Holding His Gift Sack, Nativity Scene of the Holy Family, Merry Christmas 2021 Santa Claus Holding An American Flag with a Dog and Cat, Christmas 2021 with a Large Ice Skate and Children Skating in a Barnyard, Joy, Love, Peace with multiple Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings in the background. The fronts of the rectangular shapes include Merry Christmas Santa Claus, Joy with Angel Offering an Apple To a Reindeer and Bunny, Christmas Tree with Toys on a Staircase with a Wreath, and O' Holy Night with open Gospel and Candles in front of an Arched Window. Multiple orders will receive a variety, or you pick your own themes (while they last).

3. US \$1.00 Silver Certificate Star Note, Series of 1957-A, FR-1620*, Crisp Uncirculated-66, PMG-\$75. If you ever wanted to own an exquisitely beautiful yet affordable note from when American paper money could be redeemed on demand for physical precious metals, here you go! Until part way through 1964, they could be turned in to receive a Morgan or Peace Silver Dollar. Then, until June 24, 1968, they could be redeemed for \$1.00 worth of pure silver granules.

Total printage of these Star(*) or Replacement Notes for this series was only 94,720,000. That is dwarfed by the 1,594,000,000 regular 1957-A \$1.00 Silver Certificates that were printed. PMG has certified 456 specimens in CU-66 condition and only another 279 in all higher grades. A silver dollar of this rarity would be worth thousands. This note in higher grade would cost you at least \$300.

We picked up this modest group from a retiring



Gift Ideas For Christmas 2021

1. 2021-Dated Gold, Silver, and Platinum Bullion-Priced* Coins. These

choices include the US Gold, Silver, and Platinum Eagles, US Gold Buffaloes, and issues from Australia, Austria, Canada, Niue, United Kingdom, and elsewhere. The available selection is constantly changing. You need to call to purchase these by mail order or come into our store for local delivery to check on current prices and availability. (*Also, because these products are priced on the basis of their precious metal content, orders for these items, once confirmed, cannot be canceled or returned for refund. Charge and debit card payments are not accepted for these products).

2. 2021-Dated 1 Ounce Pure Silver Christmas Round and Rectangular Commemoratives packaged in a clear plastic ornament holder to hang on a tree or display—\$37.95 each.

paper money dealer friend. Who knows when we might locate more.

4. Republic of France 5 Livres, October 31, 1793, Extremely Fine—\$19.95. The French Revolution was financed by fiat paper money. The value of the currency fell as fast as the printing presses could churn out new issues of notes. Today the very same thing is happening in Venezuela.

This is one more historic example where a nation whose money could not be absolutely trusted by the people experienced neither peace nor prosperity. It is a famous memento of the folly of a government issuing unbacked paper money. We occasionally come up with mini-hoards of these popular affordable pieces of history. The quality of these notes is about as nice as they come.



5. The World's Smallest Silver Coin! Travancore Silver Chukram, 1860-1901, Extremely Fine—\$13.95. In 1565, Travancore, a state at the very southwest tip of India, fell under Moslem rule. By forming an alliance with the British, the natives were able to escape Moslem rule in the late 1700s!

These coins are about 6 millimeters long, less than 1/4."

They weigh about 0.4 grams. The pieces in this group all have sharp details. Despite their small size, they contain an amazing amount of artistry. The obverse shows a simplified depiction of the Hindu goddess Kali, who was the consort of Shiva. The name Kali means lord of death, but her official title is Goddess of Time and Change. Some forms of Hinduism worship her as the ultimate reality.



Because of their size and shape, Chukrams were impossible to stack and difficult to count. Merchants and government officials made up boards with a specific number of holes that would each hold one coin. A group of these coins would be spread across the board until every hole was filled, then the remainder would be swept off.

India coinage has been growing in popularity as citizens of that nation become more prosperous.

6. Turn of the Previous Century Circulating US 6-Coin Set, Good or Better Condition—\$109. Imagine being able to hold in your own hands an Indian Cent, Liberty Nickel, Barber Dime, Barber Quarter, Barber Half Dollar, and Morgan Silver Dollar, with the Dollar and at least two other coins dated in the 1800s and all in Good or Better condition (the Morgan Dollar will grade at least Very Fine). Then try to imagine all the hands that these coins passed through in everyday commerce over 100 years ago. The set includes four silver coins and comes with a lot of history.



7. The Most Famous Coin In The Bible! The 2,000-Year Old "Widow's Mite"—\$39.95. The Widow's Mites may be our all-time best selling numismatic foreign coin! Over the years, we have sold thousands of them. Advertised elsewhere for \$59, \$69 and even higher prices! These popular 2,000 year old copper coins are mentioned in the Gospels according to Mark and Luke.

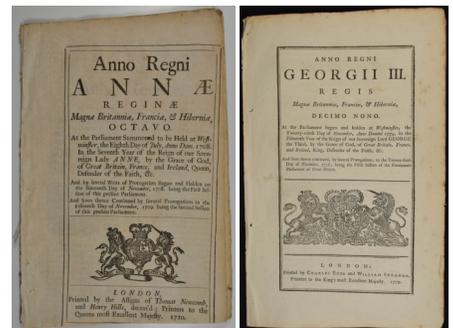


They actually circulated in the Holy Land during the time of Christ. We have identified each piece by the issuing Hebrew king or Roman procurator (governor), then packaged them in an attractive stand-up display containing historical background about Biblical coinage.



8. Genuine British Parliament Acts from the 1700s—\$59. Imagine being able to hold in your hands the actual issues of British Parliament Acts from the early to late 1700s. Enjoy reading the flowery language. These were rescued after being discarded by government offices and libraries.

We have ten different Acts from the reign of Queen Anne (1702-1714) that were printed from 1710 to 1714, one Act from King George I (1714-1727) printed in 1726, and five Acts from King George III (1760-1820) printed from 1779 to 1786. Queen Anne succeeded her sister Mary and Mary's husband William in order to keep the British throne in Anglican hands rather than Catholic. When Anne died without any heirs, the Crown was bestowed upon her second cousin George of Hanover, Germany as her closest Protestant relative. George never learned to speak English. George III, of course, was king during both the American Revolutionary War and the rise and fall of Napoleon.



Acts are printed on at least four sides up to more than a dozen pages. Average size is about 10" high by 7" wide. They bear holes at the left from having been bound, but overall grade an average of Very Fine. Lots of history at an affordable price.

9. Hidden Waist Travel Wallet—\$19.95. This high-tech slim "fanny pack" incorporates RFID blocking technology. Can be worn inside pants or skirt without showing (and not setting off metal detectors), but has a 10" x 5" waterproof pocket and a



7" x 4" pocket that can hold your cell phone with headphones inserted. We have sold hundreds of these. Adjustable stretch waist fabric fits almost everyone.

Affordable Ancient And Medieval Treasures!

by Tom Coulson, LCS General Manager

There are many ancient and medieval silver and gold coins available at such affordable prices that collectors and the general public all find them hard to resist. Over the decades, Liberty Coin Service has been honored to offer great bargains on some of these.

We are constantly seeking more of these historic coins. Plus, we have been blessed that collectors have sold some of these coins back to us. Invariably, there are rarely enough pieces to make a stand-alone offer. But right now, we can offer a fascinating variety of small groups of coins from the crossroads of Western Civilization.

A little gold and silver went a long way in olden days, with the result that many coins are quite small. Therefore, to fully appreciate the intricate details on some of the smaller issues, we have enlarged the photographs, but listed the actual size (Note: 1" equals 25.4 millimeters).

Remember, every single one of these coins were struck by hand one at a time. As a consequence, few of them are perfectly round and each piece is unique.

There is a tremendous amount of history behind each of these coins beyond what we have space to name here. You are encouraged to do your own research on what makes them special in world history.

Special Discounts: To encourage you to treat yourself or others with a variety of these treasures of yesteryear, we offer volume discounts: Purchase a total of \$150 or more of the coins offered here and subtract 5% from the price of the coins. Save even more by spending at least \$300 or more of the coins featured here, taking a 10% discount from the price of the coins.

As you can see, there aren't many of some of these pieces of antiquity. Therefore I recommend that you quickly **call our Trading Desk today, toll-free, at 800-527-2375** to check on availability and lock in your order. Consult the chart on the Computer Quotes page for postage charges. For fastest shipment, you can use your Visa, Mastercard, or Discover charge cards to have your purchase shipped to the credit card billing address.

As with all of our numismatic items, your satisfaction is guaranteed. You have 14 days upon your receipt to return these coins for a full, prompt, no-questions refund.

Ancient Coins

Boii Celtic Gold 1/24 Stater, 300-100 BC, Average Circulated—\$195.00. The Celtic tribes originally occupied areas north of Greece and Italy before some eventually crossed over to England and Ireland. Their earliest coinage was based on Greek coinage standards. These crudely-struck diminutive coins carried a lot of purchasing power, equal to a month's pay for a soldier. The obverse depicts a blobby disjointed horse while the reverse has no design. Average diameter 5 mm.



Greece, Histaia, Euboia Silver Tetrobol, 340-170 BC, Fine—\$49.00 (15+ coins available), and Very Fine—\$69.00 (11 coins available). Euboia is the second largest Greek Island, after Crete, stretching 110 miles off the eastern coast of the country. It is so close to the mainland, at one point only 130 feet offshore, that an ancient bridge was built to connect it to the rest of the country (there are two bridges today). The philosopher Aristotle died on this island. Because of its geographic location, Euboia

was a regular battleground among Greek city-states and Persians. In 338 BC, King Philip II of Macedon (father of Alexander the Great) gained control of the island, where



Macedon held sway until replaced by the Roman Republic about 170 BC. The city of Histaia was captured and developed by the Athenians about 446 BC. We were able to offer these coins 13 years ago, and now can do so again. The obverse shows the Nymph Histaia, the city's namesake. The reverse also shows Nymph Histaia seated on a ship wearing wings on her back and holding a trident. Average diameter 14-15 mm.

Macedon, Alexander III (the Great) Silver Drachm, 336-323 BC, About Good-Good—\$59.00 (9 coins available). Alexander the Great led one of the most successful military forces in history.

He was undefeated in battle and pushed his empire to Western Asia and Northeast Africa, spreading the Greek culture. Alexandria, Egypt is named in his honor. Despite his short life, Alexander's coinage is relatively plentiful. However, his issues are so popular with collectors that it is difficult to find any coins available today for less than \$150. We have a handful of well-worn specimens that may be about the most affordable mementos of his reign you might ever find. The obverse depicts a right-facing Herakles while the reverse has a seated Zeus. Average diameter 16 mm.



Phoenicia, Byblos Silver 1/8 Shekel, 400-333 BC, Average Circulated—\$75.00 (7 coins available). The city of Byblos, in modern day Lebanon, was originally established between 8800 to 7000 BC and has been

continuously inhabited for more than 7,000 years. It survived through multiple civilizations over the millennia. Not only was it a major Phoenician seaport, it was a major importer of Egyptian papyrus, used to make paper for the Greek market. The word Bible almost certainly derives from the name of this city. We were able to acquire two groups of these coins early in this century, which quickly sold out. Then we could not locate any more until we repurchased these pieces of history. The obverse features a galley ship with a lions head prow, with two hypolite soldiers on board, plus a hippocampus below the ship. The reverse displays a lion attacking a bull. Average diameter 10 mm.



Phoenicia, Sidon Silver 1/8 Shekel, 340-325 BC, Average Circulated—\$49.00 (14 coins available). Sidon may be even

older than Byblos and was one of the most important Phoenician seaports. It was notable for producing glass and a rare purple dye that became a mark of royalty. It is almost certain that these coins were struck for use to pay Alexander the Great's soldiers, where each of these small coins represented about two days' pay. One side features a galley ship sailing to the west while the other side has a standing heroic king holding up a lion in one hand and a knife in the other. Average diameter 10 mm.



Thrace, Chersonesus Silver Hemidrachm, 4th Century BC, Fine, NGC—\$49.00 (5 coins available), and Choice Fine, NGC—\$59.00 (2 coins available).

Thrace encompassed a wide swath of lands north of Greece and Macedon. Chersonesus is a Crimean seaport now part of the city of Sevastopol, Crimea



(today internationally recognized as part of the Ukraine but effectively controlled by Russia). Originally settled by the Greeks, this city has also experienced rule by many kings and emperors over the centuries. Four years ago, we acquired a nice group of NGC-certified specimens, where these are the only remaining coins. The obverse shows a lion's head facing to the rear while the reverse is described as "bipartite incuse." Average diameter 12-13 mm.

Medieval Coins

Armenia, Levon I (The Magnificent) Silver Tram, 1198-1219, Very Fine or better—\$99.00 (2 coins available). Leo II became



the first king of the united Christian state of Armenia. Initially, Armenia was subject to the Byzantine Empire, but the king appealed to the Holy Roman Emperor to become allies and secure the nation's independence. Thereafter, the Armenian Catholic Church united with the Roman Catholic Church, with Leo changing his name to the Latin style of Levon I. Armenia reached its greatest extent of land holdings and regional political influence, even ruling the principality of Antioch. The obverse depicts a seated Levon on a throne decorated with lions, holding a cross and a lis. The reverse shows two rampant lions back-to-back with their heads turned back and a patriarchal cross between them. Average diameter 20-22 mm.

Crusader States, Antioch, Bohemond III Silver Denier, 1163-1201, Fine-Very Fine—\$39.00 (15+ coins available). As

part of the Byzantine Empire, much of Bohemond's later years were spent fighting against Armenia, specifically against Leo II/Levon I. Bohemond forced Armenian Cilicia to accept his suzerainty in the late 1180s. Leo's forces captured Bohemond in 1194 to regain Armenian independence. When Kurd Sunni Moslem leader Saladin occupied most of the Principality of Antioch, Bohemond agreed to not provide military assistance to the Crusaders in the Third Crusade. Antioch, in modern day Turkey, was founded by Seleucus I Nicator, one of Alexander the Great's generals who ruled greater Syria after Alexander's death. The obverse features a helmet Crusader Knight with the legend BOAMVNDVS around the periphery. On the back, the legend ANTIOCHA surrounds a cross. Average diameter 19-20 mm.



France, Aquitaine, British King Richard I (The Lionheart), 1189-1199, Silver Denier, Fine—\$175.00 (5 coins available), and Very Fine—\$225.00 (4 coins available). Richard's mother



was Eleanor, Duchess of Aquitaine, who had previously been married to French King Louis VII. After Eleanor's annulment of that marriage, she married her third cousin, Henry FitzEmpress (later King Henry II of England), giving birth to future English Kings Richard I (the Lionheart) and John. Richard was Duke of Aquitaine 1172-1185. Richard and two other sons of Henry (Henry the Young King and Geoffrey) rebelled against their father and allied with French King Louis VII. After Henry and Louis agreed to a truce in 1174, Henry's three sons reconciled with their father. Richard spent most of his time as British king in France or in the Crusades. No English coins bear his name. The only coins with his name were issued by Aquitaine, which we offer here. We had a small group of these coins that sold out quickly many years ago, and have been aggressively trying to find more ever since. Who knows when we might find any more. On the

front, RICA-RDUS is spelled out over two lines. On the reverse, +AQVITANIE is spelled out around a cross in the center. Average diameter 18-19 mm.



Hungary, Madonna and Child Silver Denier, 16th Century, Average Circulated—\$29.95 (15+ coins available). In 1526, Ferdinand I of Austria inherited the throne of Christian Hungary. While some elements of Hungarian coinage under his reign resembled Austrian issues, he maintained the use of Madonna and Child on the obverse (because the Madonna is the Patron Saint of Hungary). When these coins were issued, northern and western Hungary were part of the Roman Catholic Hapsburg Empire. The center of the nation, including Budapest, was controlled by the Ottoman Empire. In the east, the Principality of Transylvania was a suzerainty of the Ottoman Empire, even though most of its population was Catholic. These are among the earliest coins to bear the year of mintage. Mary and Jesus are seated on the center of the front, with the legend translating to Madonna Patron Saint of Hungary (plus the 4-digit year on late 1500s issues) around the periphery. The back bears the Holy Roman Empire shield with the legend Ferdinand by the Grace of God Holy Roman Emperor plus (on earlier issues) the last two digits of the date. Average diameter 17-18 mm.

Netherlands, Friesland, Bruno III Silver Denar, 1038-1057, Very Fine—\$160.00 (2 coins available), and Very Fine with a planchet crack—\$99.00 (1 coin available). Friesland was the

furthest northwest outpost of the Holy Roman Empire. Although history recognizes this Count as Bruno II, all of his coinage identifies him as Bruno III. During his reign, his uncle Bruno von Eguisheim-Dagsburg was elected Pope Leo IX in 1049. Pope Leo sent a letter to the Patriarch of Constantinople citing the Donation of Constantine as designating that the apostolic successors of Peter (i.e. the Bishop of Rome) had primacy and was the right-



ful head of the entire church. The Patriarch rejected the claims of papal primacy, which effectively divided the church into the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, known as the Great Schism of 1054. The obverse of these coins depicts

Holy Roman Emperor Richard III. The back has a bold BR•VN across the center, with lettering across at the top and bottom identifying the issuing mint. Average diameter 16-17 mm.

Poland, Sigismund III Silver Groschen (or 1/24 Thaler), 1587-1632, Well Circulated—\$14.95 (10 coins available), and Very Fine—\$19.95 (9 coins available). Sigismund III Vasa

was the son of Swedish King John III and Catherine Jagiellon, daughter of Polish King Sigismund I. He was living in Sweden when he was elected to the throne of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in 1587. Thereafter, he sought to create an even larger empire by forming a union with Sweden. At the time, Sweden included Norway, Finland, and parts of the Baltic nations. Poland reached its greatest holdings during his reign, but lost Sweden and the Baltic areas at his death. The obverse of these coins bears the Polish coat of arms. The reverse has a circle in which "24" appears. Above that is the 2-digit date, so that, for instance, 23 indicates the coin was struck in 1623. We have twice had small groups of Sigismund III's issues over the years, which quickly sold out. Average diameter 19-20 mm.

