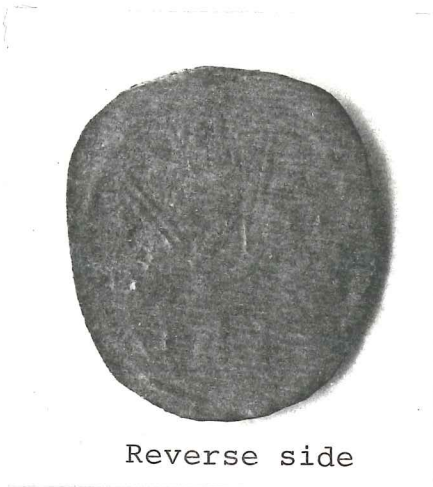


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Reverse side

MIDDLE EASTERN MAGICAL AMULET

The oval medallion is constructed, most unusually, of two thin laminated metal sheets, now dark grey in color. Both sides are framed with an embossed ring and are filled with embossed designs. The obverse shows a nimbed equestrian figure aiming a cross-topped spear at a prostrate female; beneath is a running lion. The reverse has the "much suffering eye" in the center, being attacked by unidentifiable weapons (?) from above,* and by six animals from below. Of these, the lion, scorpion and snake can still be recognized. On either side of the eye are crosses and stars. At the top of this side is a two-word inscription which cannot now be clearly seen, though the first word could very well be KVRIE ("Lord"). This amulet comes from Turkey.

It is said that the motif of the horseman spearing a prostrate woman originally represented Solomon spearing evil as personified by Lillith. This amulet, like some other surviving examples of the general type, seems to combine pagan, Jewish, and Christian symbols.

1 7/8" x 1 5/8"

5th-6th c. A.D.

Purchased from Tetragon, London, on October 16, 1993, for \$248.

*In some amulets of this general type the weapons appear to be a trident with two spears on either side.

Southern Spain, probably Cordoba area,
appré child's head with pelta behind,
from a piece of furniture?, cut out in
antiquity. Like KA, or more
probably, 2nd century AD £ 195

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5th - 6th Century AD bronze lamp
with usss, lid lacking, Turkey

£ 300

6th Century AD - Tunisian redware
head from a pregnant female

terra cotta

£ 25

Early Byzantine marginal pendant ^{Turkey} £ 160

" " £ 130

" " £ 85

Slavic applique head, Hungary

Middle Byzantine

£ 100

Middle Byzantine monogram ring,

Syria

£ 100

Early Byzantine ring bezel with

9th psalm, beginning, Turkey

£ 100

Early Byzantine ring with Mary

at the Tomb, Jordan

£ 100

All guaranteed Authentic
& wear over 100 years old

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£ 1100

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