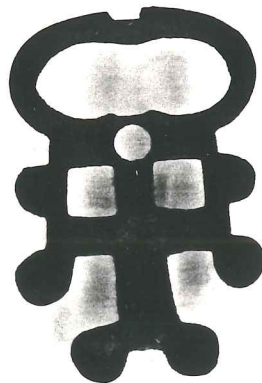




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THREE BRONZE BYZANTINE BUCKLES

Left: A curved tongue and notched oval loop are hinged to an openwork plaque. The plaque is decorated with incised parallel lines and with circles. There appears to be a cross of small incised triangles both on the tongue and on the terminal disk of the plaque. On the back are two loops for attachment to the belt.

(A very similar buckle in the Princeton University Byzantine collection (see Byzantium at Princeton, 1986, p. 95) is said to be of the "Avar" type thought to have been brought to Greece by the 7th-c. invaders from the central Balkans: "The Christian motifs...suggest that they belonged to converted Christian soldiers among the invaders." The present buckle was believed by the dealer to have come from Lebanon or Syria, however.)

2 1/8" x 3/4" Ca. 7th c.

Purchased from Tetragon, London, on June 13, 1992, for \$185.

Middle: An openwork plaque in the form of a cross cast in one piece with an oval loop. The four arms of the cross are decorated with rings, and there is a circular depression at the center of the cross. The buckle tongue is missing. On the back of the plaque are two loops for attachment to the belt. The buckle is believed to have come from Lebanon or Syria. (An almost identical buckle is in the Princeton collection [ibid].)

1 1/4" x 2" Ca. 5th-6th c.

Purchased from Tetragon, London, on June 13, 1992, for \$171.

Right: A vertigreed buckle plate with openwork which includes a cross. It is decorated with five incised circle-and-dot designs. On the back are three loops, one of them broken.

1" x 1 1/4" Ca. 5th-6th c.

Purchased from Tetragon, London, on June 13, 1992, for \$86.

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through the 5th century) with the cross,
bejewelled £65
 - Fragmentary lamp with peacock
£15
 - Lamb of god - £10
 - Lancel shield with Jonah seated under
the gourd, relaxing after his adventures
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 - 5th - 3rd millennium BC stylised bird (?)
steatite seal, Turkey £80
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