# GREGSON-PARKER

## **Museum of Regional and Natural History**

Welcome, honored guests, to this extraordinary event! The rare items being made available tonight come from our special collection vaults and most have never even been seen by the general public. Rest assured, however, that all have been acquired legally and are registered with the International Commission for the Protection of Antiquities. The items have been chosen for sale by the museum at this time because while they are all of an unusual and "collectible" nature, none have special historical significance and thus do not fall under the purview of our charter. Thus, we can offer them to you for your own appreciation, and trust that you will be suitably diligent caretakers.

**Please Note:** All transactions are in U.S. Dollars. Bids will only be accepted in minimum of \$10 increments.

#### I. Ankh, Egyptian

c. 550 B.C.; 10cm (4") x 23cm (9") across the arms. Composed of an alloy of copper and silver bearing untranslated hieratic markings about the front. Known as the "Blood Ankh."

Minimum Bid: \$250

#### II. Manuscript of Beth Eloim

c. 1580; Hebrew manuscript, pages illuminated with gold leaf. Leather binding, octavo, 426 pages.

Minimum Bid: \$150

### III. Multiple Lot: Occult Items

date unknown; *Magician's Cassock*, embroidered with various signs of ceremonial magic. *Hickory Wand*, carved with astrological signs. *Athame* (dagger), 31cm (12") long, double-edged. **Minimum Bid:** \$100

#### IV. Hand of Glory

c. 1900; Preserved human hand, owner unknown, marked overall with mystic designs. Each finger supports a candle reported made of rendered human fat. **Minimum Bid:** \$50

#### V. Multiple Lot: African Relics

c. 1800; *African Fetish*, of teak wood and hair, 18cm (7") tall, in the style of the Hausi tribe of western Africa. *African Drum*, of teak wood and animal skin, 41cm (16") tall. Both bear the sign of the same artisan.

Minimum Bid: \$50

#### VI. Sword of Paracelsus

c. 1350; German, first belonging to the alchemist and sorcerer Paracelsus, 108cm (42") long, with a crystal pommel engraved with the word "AZOTH."

Minimum Bid: \$625

#### VII. Riveted Brass Head

c. 13<sup>th</sup> century; artisan unknown. Articulated jaw and eyes, but mechanism inoperable. Similar to the "Philosopher's Head."

Minimum Bid: \$325

#### VIII. Marble and Silver Statuette

c. 1820; 46cm (18"), depicts Virginia statesman and entrepreneur Fredric DuPont.

Minimum Bid: \$750