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Egyptian Bronze Apis Bull

An ancient Egyptian bronze statuette of a striding Apis bull wearing a sun disk, on an integral base.

Late Period,
Ca. 700 - 30 BC.
Length: 1 3/4 in. (4.5 cm).



The cult of the Apis bull at Memphis was one of the oldest cults in Egypt. The Apis bull was a manifestation of the god Ptah and an intermediary for that god as well, endowed with oracular powers. The Apis Bull was chosen only after its predecessor had died, selected by its markings to be revered as a god. The animal was worshipped and attended to by priests. It was provided a harem of cows. Upon death it was mummified and entombed in the catacombs of the Serapeum.

Formerly in the Dr. Hans Halter collection, Switzerland, before 1966.

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