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Egyptian Faience Amulet of Isis

An ancient Egyptian blue faience amulet of the goddess Isis, standing wearing a sheath dress with arms to the sides and wearing a hieroglyph representing the throne of Egypt as her headdress.



3rd Intermediate Period,
Ca. 1069 - 656 BC.
Height: 1 1/2 in. (4 cm).

Isis was the wife of Osiris, protector and patron of women, and model of conjugal love. She is often depicted suckling the infant Harpokrates. Later regarded as a healer, she became associated with Demeter, Aphrodite, and Hathor. Her principle cult temple site was the island of Philae.

cf.: C. Andrews, Amulets of Ancient Egypt, (Texas, 1994), p. 22, fig. 18.

Formerly in a New York private collection, previously in an old English private collection.

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