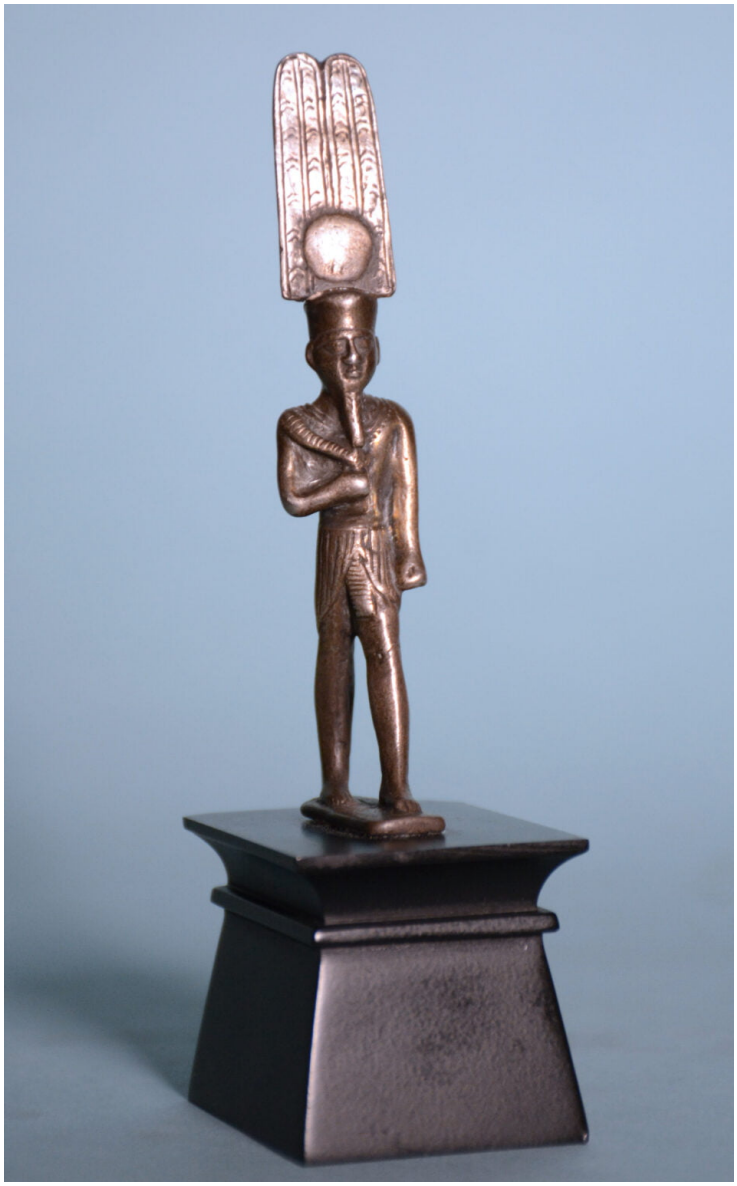
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Egyptian Silver Amun-Re

An ancient Egyptian silver statuette of the god Amun-Re, striding on an integral plinth, wearing a kilt and plumed crown with a solar disk, holding a khepresh sword.



Late Period,
Ca. 700 - 30 BC.
Height: 3 3/8 in. (8.6 cm).

Amun was the chief god of ancient Karnak in Upper Egypt. Several temples in the city were dedicated to his worship. During the New Kingdom, Amun became the most important deity in the entire Egyptian pantheon. His name means, "The Hidden One." To mark his new prominence, his identity merged with that of the ancient and prestigious sun god Re of Heliopolis in the north. The composite god Amun-Re then became "King of the Gods," "Lord of Heaven" and "Lord of the Thrones of the Two Lands."

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