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Luristan Bronze Axe

An ancient Luristan bronze miniature axe head, with spiked reverse, probably a votive object.

Ca. 1500 - 800 BC.
Length: 2 1/2 in. (5.8 cm.)



Luristan objects, including impressive and numerous decorative bronze horse trappings and weapons, are found mainly in western Persia. Luristan artifacts are most likely the work of the ancient Medes, an Indo-European group that eventually dominated Persia.

Exhibited: In the 1990s at the Brooklyn Museum, inv. no. L67.27.23.

Formerly in a New York private collection.

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