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Luristan Bronze Axe



An ancient Luristan bronze axe head with an integral socketed cylindrical shaft and elongated curved blade.

Ca. 1500 - 800 BC.
Length: 4 in. (10.2 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.

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Formerly in the collection of Artemis A. W. Joukowsky (1930-2020) and Dr. Martha Sharp Joukowsky, president of the Archaeological Institute of America, 1989-1993, (1936-2022), Providence, Rhode Island.

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