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Roman Bronze Head of Mercury

An ancient Roman bronze head of the god Mercury (Hermes) with silver inlaid eyes, wearing a laurel wreath on his winged head.

Ca. 1st - 2nd century AD.
Height: 1 1/4 in. (3.2 cm).

Mercury (Greek: Hermes) was a pastoral divinity dating to the earliest Greek legends. He was the messenger and herald of the gods. He was also the patron of travelers, merchants, shepherds, and thieves. In the Roman period, he was especially associated with commerce.

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