Egyptian Funerary Statuette God Thoth Baboon Egypt Amulet Earth



800 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Terracotta

Width : 3,2 cm

Height : 10cm

Depth : 4 cm

Description

Funerary statuette or Egyptian amulet, in enameled terracotta, representing the God Thoth* as a standing baboon, from private collection. This statuette is in its original state. Comes from an entire collection of Egyptian and pre-Columbian objects collected by a passionate collector in the 20th century (we are offering many other objects from this set for sale). Please note: the enamelling is very worn, chips and gaps, wear and tear, look carefully at the photos. * Thoth is in Egyptian mythology the lunar god of Khemenou (Hermopolis Magna) in Middle Egypt. He is essentially the god of writing and the scribe of the gods of unlimited knowledge. When Thoth became god of wisdom, the goddess Seshat was considered his companion and assistant but sometimes also as the daughter he would have

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had with the goddess Nehemetaouay. Seshat later became the goddess of writing, astronomy/astrology, architecture and mathematics; in this capacity, she was both the protector of libraries, scribes, schoolchildren, architects and the guardian of the royal archives. Represented as an ibis with white and black plumage or as a hamadryas baboon, Thoth captures the light of the Moon, whose cycles he governs, so much so that he was nicknamed "the lord of time". In the tomb of Tuthmosis III (KV34), nine baboons preceded by twelve snakes welcome the Sun represented as a beetle on a boat. When he is represented in the form of a baboon, he is also the rising Sun (fresco of baboons in temples or on the bases of statues). Baboons have the habit of uttering loud cries of territorial assertion at daybreak, just before sunrise; this habit earned them their association with the solar rebirth because they cheered the star at its appearance. Dimensions Height 10cm Width 3.2 cm Depth 4 cm Reference: F50 147 All photos are on: www.antiques-delaval.com