



Carved Knife Handle Depicting The Virtue Of "love," 17th Century



425 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bone

Height : hauteur : 8 cm (sculpture : 5,5 cm)

Description

A superb, finely carved knife handle depicting one of the three theological virtues--faith, hope, and love--: love, that is, to love God above all else and one's neighbor as oneself. The elegantly dressed woman (see the second photo showing the back) stands behind her husband and embraces him tenderly. True love triumphs. Faith, hope, and love are the three theological virtues of the Christian tradition; they are rooted in God and find their origin in the writings of the Apostle Paul. The three virtues Faith: Believing in God and placing one's trust in all that He has revealed. Hope: Longing for and awaiting eternal life as well as God's help. Love (Charity): To love God above all else and one's neighbor as oneself.

Origin: Netherlands Period: 17th century Material: bone Condition: very good. A small crack on one

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side; otherwise, excellent (see last photo). Height:
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