

Finch & C^o



A FINE DANISH NEOLITHIC FLAKED FLINT CELT OR AXE HEAD

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LUSTROUS PATINA, FINE CONDITION

4000 – 2500 BC

SIZE : 20.5 CMLONG, 6.5 CMWIDE – 8 INS LONG, 2½ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

THESE FLINTS WERE SHAPED BY PERCUSSION AT QUARRIES WHERE SUPERIOR FLINT WAS AVAILABLE AND THEN TRADED IN THIS FORM. THEY WOULD THEN BE WORKED INTO A HIGHLY FINISHED, POLISHED ADZE BY THE PROCESS OF GRINDING OR USED AS CURRENCY.

IN SOME REMOTE AREAS OF THE WORLD THESE ANCIENT TECHNIQUES ARE STILL USED BY A HANDFUL OF HUNTING AND GATHERING PEOPLES WHO ARE THE LAST TO USE STONE FOR TOOLS AND WEAPONS. THEY ARE THE LAST HEIRS TO A TECHNOLOGICAL TRADITION THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR EARLY MAN TO SURVIVE, AND TO ESTABLISH THE BASE OF MANKIND'S CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.