

Finch & C^o



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LATE PERIOD 713 – 332 BC

SIZE : 2.5 CM HIGH, 3 CM DEEP – 1 INS HIGH, 1¼ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

ASSOCIATED WITH PTAH THE DWARF, PATAIKOS WAS AN AMULETIC HOUSEHOLD DEITY PORTRAYED WITH A BALD HEAD. HIS NAME COMES FROM THE GREEK HISTORIAN HERODOTUS' DESCRIPTION OF A PHOENICIAN DWARFISH PROTECTIVE IMAGE. THE FINEST EXAMPLES IN FAIENCE DATE FROM THE 3RD INTERMEDIATE AND LATE PERIOD.