

Finch & C^o



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THE CENTRAL SPOUT DECORATED WITH THE HEAD OF AN INCA GOD WITH WEeping EYES, TWO PRIESTS HONOURING HIM ON EITHER SIDE, AND TWO HUMMING BIRDS PERCHED ON THE HANDLE

CIRCA 200 – 800 AD

SIZE: 14 CM HIGH, 16.5 CM WIDE – 5½ INS HIGH, 6½ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

FOR THE INCA'S, AS WELL AS THEIR PREDECESSORS, THE PLACE OF MYTHICAL ORIGINS LAY TO THE SOUTH EAST OF CUZCO IN THE VICINITY OF LAKE TITICACA. THERE THE CREATOR DEITY VIRACocha FIRST ANIMATED THE UNIVERSE BY BESTOWING LIFE ON HUMANS, ANIMALS PLANTS AND LESSER GOD'S. A SOMEWHAT DISTANT SUPERNATURAL BEING HE DELEGATED THE AFFAIRS OF EVERYDAY LIFE TO MORE ACTIVE DEITIES.