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ANCIENT EGYPTIAN BRONZE STATUETTE OF ISIS SEATED SUCKLING HORUS

A LARGE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN BRONZE STATUETTE OF ISIS SEATED SUCKLING HORUS ON HER LAP
TRACES OF RED AND GREEN PATINATION
LATE PERIOD 600 – 332 BC
SIZE: 16CM HIGH, 5CM WIDE, 7CM DEEP – 6¼ INS HIGH, 2 INS WIDE, 2¾ INS DEEP
22.5CM HIGH – 8¾ INS HIGH (WITH STAND)

LITERATURE

THE GODDESS WHO ENCAPSULATED THE VIRTUES OF THE ARCHETYPICAL EGYPTIAN WIFE AND MOTHER, ISIS WAS ALSO KNOWN AS THE MISTRESS OF MAGIC WHO COMBINED HER GREAT MEDICINAL SKILLS WITH GREAT CUNNING. SHE BECAME THE SYMBOLIC MOTHER OF THE EGYPTIAN KING WHO HIMSELF WAS REGARDED AS A HUMAN MANIFESTATION OF HORUS.

IN POST PHARONIC TIMES HER CULT WAS ADOPTED AS ONE OF THE CLASSICAL 'MYSTERY' CULTS GRADUALLY SPREADING THROUGH THE HELLENISTIC WORLD AND THE ROMAN EMPIRE WITH TEMPLES ERECTED TO HER IN ROME ITSELF. IN GRECO-ROMAN TIMES HER CULT SURPASSED THAT OF OSIRIS IN POPULARITY, SERIOUSLY RIVALLING BOTH THE TRADITIONAL ROMAN GODS AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY, AND IT IS FROM THE FIGURE OF ISIS SEATED WITH HORUS ON HER LAP THAT THE ICONIC CHRISTIAN IMAGE OF THE MADONNA AND CHILD ORIGINATES.