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THULE 1000 - 1600 AD
SIZE: 5.5CM LONG - 2¼ INS LONG

LITERATURE

THE ESKIMOS HAVE MADE CARVINGS OF SMALL ANIMALS FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS WHICH ONLY SHOW MINOR CHANGES IN FORM THROUGH TIME. THEIR CULTURE IS NOT SHARED WITH OTHER POLAR PEOPLES SUCH AS THE LAPP, AND IS UNIQUELY CHARACTERISTIC OF THEM. THE UNITY OF THEIR ARTISTIC EXPRESSION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PRESENT FOR SOME 3000 YEARS AND RATHER THAN DECREASING AS TIME WENT ON HAS INCREASED RIGHT UP TO THE PRESENT DAY. THIS REMARKABLE TENACITY OF A CULTURE OVER VAST DISTANCES SEEMS TO BE A SPECIAL FUNCTION OF NOMADIC WAYS OF LIFE.