



*A Roman gnostic green and brown jasper intaglio. Phoenix.

Circa: 2nd-3rd century A.D. 1.9 x 1.6 x 0.3 cm (0 $^{3}/_{4}$ x 0 $^{5}/_{8}$ x 0 $^{1}/_{8}$ inches)

Roman art, 2nd-3rd century A.D.

This lot is sold under temporary import status.

Standing right with radiated crown. Groundline. In the field, a star and "M\LHO". Probably a figuration of the egyptian divinity Benu, linked with the Sun, creation, and rebirth. He may have been the original inspiration for the phoenix legends that developed in Greek mythology.