



***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 "MALHO". 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.