


Zhenwu, the perfect warrior, Lord of the North

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	2007.73.1 
Type:	sculpture; religious or cult object
Date of production:	1538 Ming dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	bronze
Techniques:	gilt; lacquered
Dimensions:	height: 34 cm basei: width: 19.2 length: 18 cm

Zhenwu, the Taoist deity, is well known throughout China as the Perfect Warrior or the Black Warrior. He has been a popular figure in Chinese mythology since the end of the third century BC. By the mid-fifteenth century he had become the most important member of the Taoist pantheon, the chief protector of both the emperor and the state.

