

Disc, bi with spiral ornaments

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	656 
Type:	religious or cult object; jade; stone carving
Date of production:	4th–3rd centuries BC Easter Zhou dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	jade
Techniques:	engraved; faceted
Dimensions:	diameter: 11.1 cm

Chinese tradition calls discs with large diameter but small central hole bi discs. There is considerable dispute over their function. Texts of the Chinese classics describe them as the most excellent sacrifice to Heaven.

