

Cylindrical bead

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: 261 

Type: jade; stone carving

Date of production: Around 1200–1000 BC
Shang dynasty

Place of production: China

Materials: jade

Dimensions: width: 1.5 cm
length: 3.2 cm

Belief in afterlife already existed in the ancestor worship of the Shang period. Jades promising eternal life were placed on the deceased because of the belief in the perennial nature of the stone.

