


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.

