


Sceptre (ruyi)

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	758 
Type:	religious or cult object; object for daily use; jade
Date of production:	18th century Qing dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	jadeite; nephrite; silk
Techniques:	carved; openwork
Dimensions:	length: 30.5 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

The sceptre (ruyi, “Let it be done as you wish”) is an ancient Chinese ceremonial object and mark of high status, which later became the symbol of good luck. Later form of the sceptre also known today is a highly stylised S-curve made of precious material but hardly resembling its origin.

