

	Object:	Godess Fortuna-Isis
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	Collection:	Ancient Cultures
	Inventory number:	3159

Description

The Egyptian goddess Isis was incorporated into the Roman religion in the 1st century AD. In Ancient Egypt, she was worshipped for, among other things, her ability to give her followers a better life after death. The Romans sometimes combined Isis with other Roman goddesses, creating new composite (syncretic) deities. One connection is with Fortuna, the goddess of fortune and fate.

Thus this statuette has attributes of both Fortuna (helm and cornucopia) and Isis (headdress of moon disc between horns or feathers). However, the typical robe knot in front of the chest (so-called Isis knot) is missing. Isis-Fortuna has the usual characteristics of Fortuna. The oar in her right hand refers to her control over the course of human life. The cornucopia in her left arm is a symbol of abundance and prosperity. (AVS)

Former August Kestner Collection, Rome

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Bronze / cast
Measurements:	Height: 10,2 cm

Events

Created	When	60 v. Chr.-160 n. Chr.
	Who	
	Where	
Created	When	1-200 n. Chr.
	Who	

Collected	Where	Egypt
	When	
	Who	August Kestner (1777-1853)
[Relation to person or institution]	Where	Rome
	When	
	Who	Isis
[Relation to person or institution]	Where	
	When	
	Who	Fortuna
	Where	

Keywords

- Deity
- Figurine
- Religion