

Basic Detail Report



Huehuetēotl, the Fire God

Date

ca. 600-900

Primary Maker

Teotihuacán

Medium

stone

Description

The figure of a seated, bent old man supporting a brazier on his head is a well-known image of Teotihuacán, Huehuetēotl the Fire God. Vertical bar and diamond

shapes adorn the upper edge of the brazier. The mouth is bordered with two protruding fangs and the ears hold plain ear spools. In the Huichol area the fire god is the primary deity. Legend has it that he keeps the sky from falling by raising four trees in each corner. He also presides over the daily birth of the sun.

Dimensions

Overall: 8 7/8 x 9 1/8 x 9 1/8 in. (22.5 x 23.2 x 23.2 cm)