

CELADON FUNERAL URN

The bell-shaped cover is surmounted by the figure of a hawk, and is provided with three loop-handles for the passage of cords connecting with those on the long, cylindrical neck. On the latter are represented in high relief the sun with the three-footed raven and the moon with the hare; unicorn, phoenix, dragon, and tortoise with snake, symbolizing the four quarters; and a row of twelve officials believed to preside over the twelve animals that constitute the twelve-year cycle. This urn was interred in a grave for holding cereals to serve as food for the deceased person. Patches of loess are visible under the glaze; these gradually penetrated through the crackles of the glaze and settled beneath it.

SUNG PERIOD