

THE GOD OF LONGEVITY

As god of child-blessing, bestowing male offspring on mankind. On his left palm he holds a boy with the sacred peach of immortality. In front of him are a boy carrying a child on his shoulders; the two twin genii of union and harmony, one holding a covered bowl, the other a lotus stalk; and two infants playing with a pomegranate, an emblem of fertility and child-blessing. The whole is carved from one bamboo section.

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