



## Head of Bacchus

*Roman Period (mid-2nd century BCE), KM 1974.4.1*

Dionysus, known as Bacchus or Liber to the Romans, was the god of wine, theater, and rebirth. His worship dates back to at least Mycenaean Greece (approx. 1300 BCE) and continued into the 6th century CE, making him one of the longest worshipped Greek gods. He can be depicted as a youth or as a bearded man, but he always wears a crown of ivy.