



### **Thule Figure**

E 288) An unusual, stylized figure representing an ancestor. The body ends in an off-set point; perhaps the result of a functional or ritual usage (?). The large naturalistic head is well carved and set in a hierarchal pose. It appears that there were possibly tattoos to the face which today are undefinable.

Thule culture, Bering Strait, Alaska.

Mineralized walrus tusk (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*).

Circa 1000-1800 AD.

8,7 cm.

**Literature:**

See inventory numbers 97-319 519, 97-319 534, 97-319 530 in the Museum Fünf Kontinente, Munich for three objects acquired from Robert Bloch and Erika Bloch in 1997.

(<https://onlinedatenbank-museum-fuenf-kontinente.de/detail/collection/6a13f4df-4d00-4c23-baba-a1ddfd31c1b2>).