

Late 19th century Japanese cloisonné jar and cover

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REF: 6866

Height: 11 cm (4.3")

Diameter: 20 cm (7.9")

Description

A large late 19th century Japanese cloisonné jar and cover depicting an imperial dragon chasing a flaming pearl.

The image of a dragon chasing a flaming pearl is a powerful symbol in Asian mythology and art. The dragon represents strength, power, and good fortune, while the flaming pearl symbolises wisdom, spiritual energy, and enlightenment. Their dynamic interaction reflects a cosmic pursuit of truth and the balance between desire and higher knowledge.

Often seen in imperial art and architecture, the motif embodies the eternal quest for harmony between physical power and inner virtue. It also conveys the idea of striving for one's highest potential, making it a timeless symbol of aspiration, transformation, and the union of heaven and earth.

In overall excellent condition with one small area of loss to the enamel as shown in the last image,