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e long and straight, the

incisions. The eyebrows are inserted in
face. Alabaster is a stone that light
water by a simple geological process
patina. Presence of a very interesting lin
Chips and small missing fragments due

ORIGIN: South Arabia (present-day
fabulous, was called Arabia Felix for i
The tradition of the living stone (bet
god (in the Semitic language, *beth 'el* m
faithful as the realization of a cont
deceased who continues to live. Durii
presented in a niche, took on the aspect

DIMENSIONS: Height without the bas
Height including the b

CULTURAL PASSPORT: supplied w
Culture number 189820, allowing this

PROVENANCE: purchased in Mecca

The prince Henry Jean René Nassau, born in 1800 in Spain, was the grandson of Fazel Al
Din Shah Qajar who governed Iran from 1849 to 1896. Distinguished hunter, he loved
collecting the art of the region. He had seven daughters whom the British diplomats called
"the seven capital sins" because of their somewhat extravagant social life.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: for a similar piece see "Collecting Masterpieces" Part one, by Beryl
Cavallini, pages 44/45.

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