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A thread of very good, wonderful, truly Super Bowls.

Translucent agate bowl with ornamental grooves and coffee-and-cream marbling.

Found near Qift in southern Egypt. 300 - 1,000 BC. ■ Getty Museum

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Technicolor dreambowl, found in a grave near Zadar on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast. Made by melding and winding thin bars of glass, each adulterated with different minerals to get different colors. 1st century AD. ■ Zadar Museum of Ancient Glass

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100,000-year-old abalone shells used to mix red ocher, marrow, charcoal, and water into a colorful paste. Possibly the oldest artist's palettes ever discovered. Blombos Cave, South Africa. ■<https://t.co/0fMeYIOsXG>



Reed basket bowl with shell and feather ornaments. Possibly from the Southern Pomo or Lake Miwok cultures. Found in Santa Barbara, CA, circa 1770. ■ British Museum <https://t.co/F4lx0mXAu6>



Wooden bowl with concentric circles and rounded rim, most likely made of umbrella thorn acacia (*Vachellia/Acacia tortilis*). Qumran. 1st Century BCE. ■ <https://t.co/XZCw67Ho03>



Ribbed glass bowl, representing "a Roman manufacturing breakthrough that made high-quality glassware broadly affordable for the first time." 1st Century. ■

Cleveland Museum of Art

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A 2,400-year-old bronze bowl with still-liquid remnants of bone soup. The contents had oxidized and turned green. Discovered in a tomb near the ancient capital of Xian, China, while excavating for an airport extension. ■

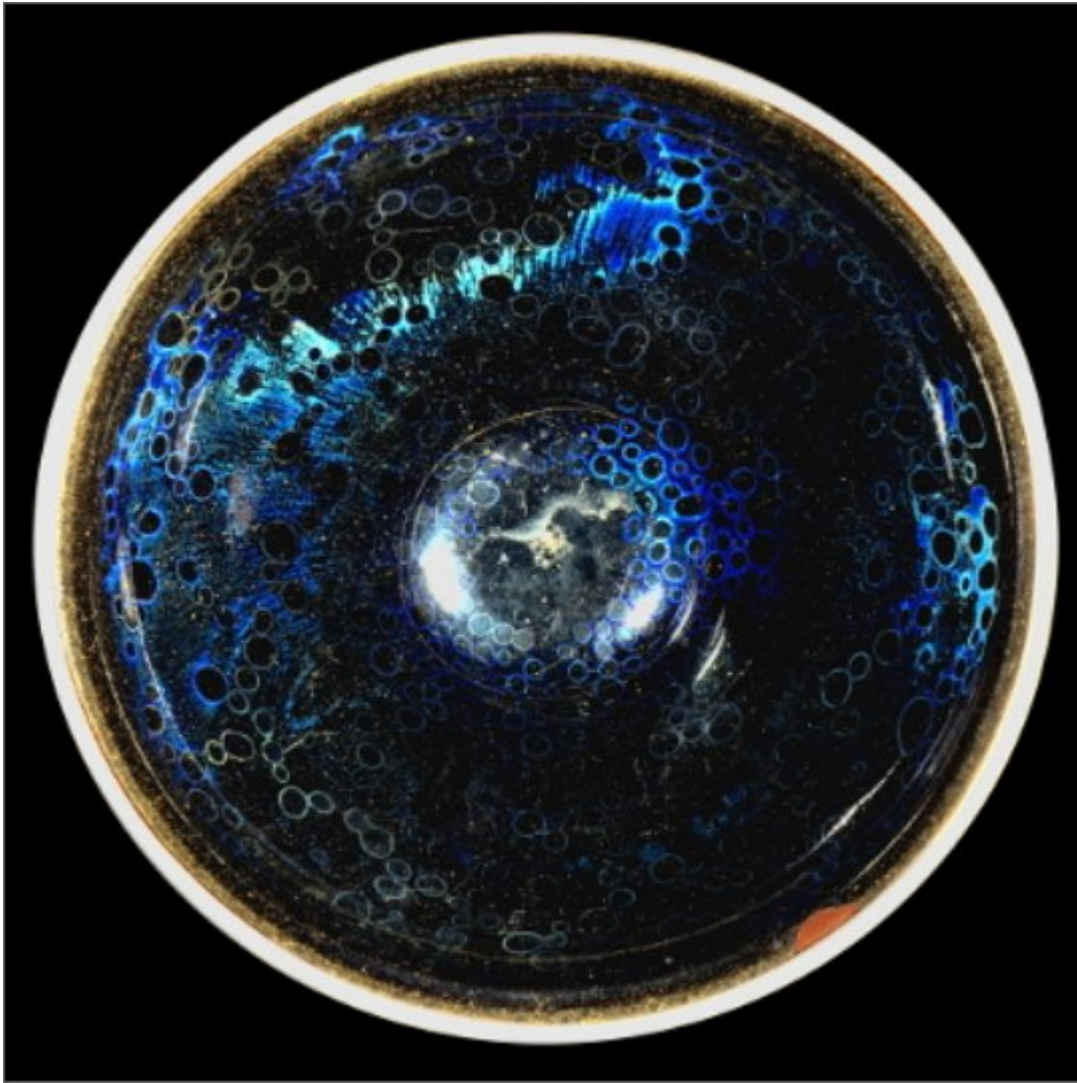
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Some of the only remaining intact or semi-intact Yohen Tenmoku tea bowls. Southern Song dynasty, 12th-13th century. Housed at the Seikado Bunko Art Museum, Fujita Museum of Art, Daitoku-ji Temple, Miho Museum. ■

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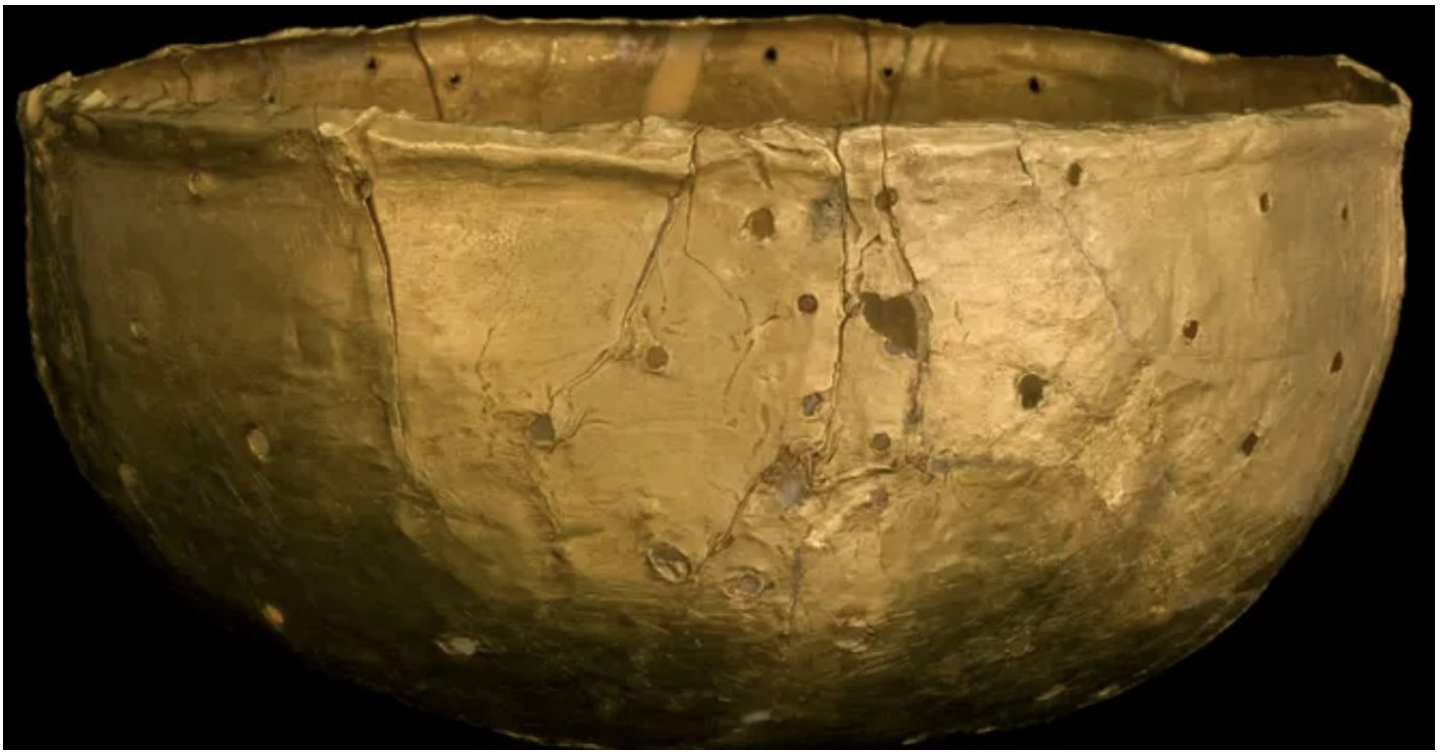
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Mesoamerican bowl in the shape of the rain deity Tlaloc. Veracruz. 600 to 900 CE. ■Arizona Museum of Natural History
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Golden bowl found at royal burial site in Mapungubwe Hill, South Africa. ■ Mapungubwe Museum



Bowl in the form of a bird, shaped from highly polished red Nile clay. Found in Egypt, el-Mahasna, Tomb H. 39. 3850–3300 B.C. ■ Boston Museum of Fine Arts <https://t.co/mu08HFpTvB>



Rock crystal bowl inlaid with gold and set with rubies, emeralds, and sapphire-blue glass. Late 16th – early 17th century. India, Deccan, or Mughal. ■ Kuwait National Museum



World's thinnest Hetian jade bowl, less than 1mm thick, Urumqi city, China (L) and a translucent carved jade bowl circa China 18th C ■ <https://t.co/UI2sVqpXBi> <https://t.co/IMDXC2NAI2>



Intricately carved Mayan bowl, classical period (AD 250-600). ■National Museum of the American Indian



The Gundestrup Cauldron, made of silver, depicting elephants, lions, unknown creatures and deities. Found in a peat bog in Denmark in 1891. Highly mysterious; much debated. True provenance unknown. Possibly 200 - 300 AD. ■ National Museum of Denmark <https://t.co/tQwR4asOxI>



The Moundville Duck Bowl, a stunning example of indigenous Mississippian culture and craft, carved from a single piece of stone. Discovered in the early 1900s in Alabama. Made in the 13th or 14th C. ■ Moundville Archaeological Park

