

Magical gem: Uterus, jackals, four-headed figure

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Material	glass, blue
Dimensions	18 x 13 x 7 mm
Dating	18th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; figure, unidentified; snake?; star; moon, crescent; animal: jackals (2); figure, with multiple heads; key, unspecified



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A: Frame following the edge, like an Ouroboros, enclosing an uterus-symbol with a key (four bits visible). On the left of the key, unidentified figure in a long robe, on the right, a rearing snake (?). In the centre, a sitting jackal on both sides, facing inwards. Above the uterus, a four-headed figure: female (bottom right), unspecified animal (bottom left), falcon (top right), jackal (top left). All heads in profile, facing out towards a star (on the left), and a crescent (on the right).
B: Plain.

Bibliography

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