

Magical gem: Phoenix on column surrounded by animals (A) πέπτε (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-1046
ID-Number	US-AA-SCL_Bonner 29
Collection	US_Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, Special Collections Library
Inventory	SCL-Bonner 29
References	Bonner, SMA D. 103; Michel, DMG, no. 43.1_10
Former Collections	Bonner, Campbell (1876 Nashville - 1954 Ann Arbor)
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	32 x 16 x 3 mm
Iconography	bird: swallows (2); snakes (2); scorpions (2); scarab, with outstretched wings; rays (7); phoenix; nimbus; globus; gesture, protective; animal: crocodile; column; Chnoubis-sign; hieroglyph, akhet



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A: Phoenix standing on a globe placed upon a column, surrounded with animals. At the top, scarab with outstretched wings; at the bottom, crocodile in profile, to right. At the two sides: swallows facing inwards; scorpions from above, crawling to top; rearing snakes with 'hands' raised in a protective gesture. (For an interpretation, cf. [CBd-2](#).) The head of the phoenix is crowned with a nimbus and seven rays. On each side of the bird, characteres shaped like inverted 'S'-s imitating the Chnoubis-sign. Together with the globe, the two diagonal notches on top of the column create an akhet-sign (sun rising on the horizon).

B: Inscribed: πέπτε → πέπτε. 'Digest!' Below, Chnoubis-sign.

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-1046](#)

[Nagy 2011](#), 79, pl. 11.

[Nagy 2012, comm. ad Bonner IV 60-61](#)

Images

[Image of A in the Amulet Collection of the Special Collections Library](#)

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