

Magical gem: Deities standing on uterus (A) 'Stand up!' (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-1051
ID-Number	US-AA-SCL_Bonner 26
Collection	US_Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, Special Collections Library
Inventory	SCL-Bonner 26
References	Smith-Hutton 1908, no. nr. 252; Bonner, SMA D. 134; Michel, DMG, no. 54.2.h_7
Former Collections	Bonner, Campbell (1876 Nashville - 1954 Ann Arbor); Cook, Wyndham Francis (1860-1905)
Material	jasper (colour unspecified)
Dimensions	13 x 10 x 3 mm
Iconography	Osiris; gesture, arms crossed; flails (2); clothing: garment; Isis?; clothing: bandage; gesture, greeting; key (7-bitted); uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; Ouroboros; Nephthys?
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; vocales; ορωριουθ



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A: Ouroboros, with head at top to left, encircling a uterus-symbol with a seven-bitted key. Uterus with fallopian tubes and ligaments. In the center: a group of deities standing above the uterus. At each side a goddess (probably Isis and Nephthys) with one hand raised in greeting, facing a figure squatting to front, with arms crossed and holding flails (the mummy of Osiris) in the middle. Inscription around the edge: ορωριουθ, three characteres, αηωααιουεαιιαω → ορωριουθ, vocales, Ἰάω.

B: Inscription in two lines: επι ποδια → επί ποδία. 'Stand up!'.

In the interpretation of Ann E. Hanson, the gem is intended to hasten childbirth (*okytokion*).

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-1051](#)

[Hanson 2004](#), 267-68.

Images

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

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