

Magical gem: Harpocrates sitting on lotus

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References	Michel, DMG, no. 19.1.a_6
Former Collections	King, Rev. Charles William Collection
Material	jasper (colour unspecified)
Dimensions	16 x 12 x 2 mm
Dating	ca. 2nd-3rd c. AD (MM Coll. website)
Iconography	crown, lotus; flail; gesture, hand raised to mouth; Harpocrates sitting on lotus flower; primeval mound?; plant: stalks of grain (2); Harpocrates seated with legs extended; side-lock of youth
Divine Names & Voces	σεμσειλαμ and variants



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A: Harpocrates sitting nude in profile to left, on a lotus flower with two buds represented as stalks of grain on a baseline standing for the primeval mound (?). The head of Harpocrates is crowned with the lotus crown, side-lock of youth visible, right hand raised to mouth, left hand holding a flail. Inscription around the edge, above the image: σεμθσιλδμ → variant of σεμσειλαμ.
B: Plain.

Bibliography

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