

Magical gem: Sarapis enthroned (A) triads of animals (B)

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Inventory	10.130.1390
References	Bonner, SMA D. 356; Michel, DMG, no. 45.1.a_2
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	19 x 14 x 2 mm
Dating	2nd c. AD (MM Coll. website)
Iconography	Sarapis; clothing: bandage; solar disk; Osiris; Ouroboros; crown, unspecified; bird: falcons (3); snakes (3); animal: lion; animal: goats (3); animal: crocodiles (3); animal: crocodile; scorpion; scarabs (3); scarab, with outstretched wings; clothing, unspecified; throne; scepter, with ibis on the top



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A: Ouroboros with head at top, to left, enclosing Sarapis seated to left upon a throne. Above the head of Sarapis, a scarab with outstretched wings, the throne rests on the back of a crocodile. The deity's right hand is extended over a scorpion, the left hand holds a tall scepter with an ibis at the top. In the lower segment, mummy of Osiris, lying on the back of a lion, striding in profile to left. Head of Osiris also to left and crowned with the solar disk. Inscription inside the Ouroboros, on the right: four lines of letters in pterygoma form. Inscription outside the Ouroboros, vowels in groups of seven.

B: Triads of animals, from top to bottom: scarabs, crowned falcons, goats, crocodiles and cobras.

C: Inscription around the edge: characteres and letters.

Bibliography

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