

## Magical gem: Anubis with snake (A) Greek inscription (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-1154
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<b>Collection</b>	GB_Oxford, Ashmolean Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	1941.223
<b>References</b>	Henig-MacGregor 2004, no. 13.6
<b>Former Collections</b>	Evans, Arthur (1851-1941)
<b>Material</b>	serpentine (green to black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	28 x 21.6 x 4.4 mm
<b>Dating</b>	4th c. AD (Henig - MacGregor)
<b>Iconography</b>	Anubis; christogram; weapon: dagger; modius; shoes: boots; clothing: mantle; clothing: tunic; crown, lotus?; crown, Isis-; snake; base; star; moon, crescent; object, unidentified
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Σαβαώθ; Ἀδωναΐ, variants; Μιχαήλ



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Description: Upright oval, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Green serpentine. Intact.

**A:** Jackal-headed Anubis standing on a base with cross-hatched decoration, head and feet to left. He is wearing boots, tunic and mantle, and is crowned with the Isis-crown, carrying a dagger at his waist. In front of him, on the base, a coiled serpent (Agathodaimon), crowned with a lotus flower (?) and a modius. The right hand of the figure is extended, as if supporting an eight-pointed star, his lowered left hand is holding an unidentified object (Henig: *situla*; but perhaps a key or ankh-sign). Behind his head, on the right, a crescent open to left. Next to the figure, on the right, the *chi-rho* sign, with its tall stem placed within a square.

**B:** Inscription in five lines: σαβαωθ|αδωνει|μιχα|ηλ → Σαβαώθ, variant of Ἀδωναΐ, Μιχαήλ.

### Bibliography

[Henig-MacGregor 2004](#), 123-124, no. 13.6