

Magical gem: Scarab, Anubis supporting Osiris (A) Greek inscription (B-C)

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References	Bonner, SMA D. 7; Henig-MacGregor 2004, no. 13.10; Michel, DMG, no. 39.6.a_4
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	26 x 20 x 4.9 cm
Dating	2nd-3rd c. AD (Henig - MacGregor)
Iconography	Anubis; crown, atef; scarab; bird: falcons (2); crown, double; boat, papyrus; clothing: bandage; uraei (4); Osiris, falcon-headed
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβλαναθανάλβα, palindrome
Logoi	αρπουχνουφι-logos



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A: In the upper segment: a large scarab flanked by two uraei (at the top) and two falcons, wearing the double crown of Egypt and holding flails (at the sides), facing inwards. In the lower segment: the mummy of falcon-headed Osiris, crowned with the atef, lying on a papyrus boat, which is upheld by half-kneeling and nude Anubis flanked again by two uraei. In the free field around the figures, characteres.

B: Inscribed in four lines: Ἀβλαναθανάλβα → Ἀβλαναθανάλβα-palindrome.

C: Inscription around the edge and continued on the reverse:

αρπουχνουφιβριντατηνωφριβρισκυλμαρυζαβαραμεσενκριφινιπτουμιχμουμαω → voces including αρπουχνουφι-logos. δοσμοιχαρινδιονυσιατικυριεθεεηδηπροσπαντες → δός μοι χάριν Διονυσίατι κύριε θεε ἦδη πρὸς πάντ{ε}<α>ς. 'Grant me, Dionysias, favor in the sight of all. O lord God, quickliy' (Bonner).

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-1158](#)

[Henig - MacGregor 2004](#), 124, no. 13.10