

Magical gem: Helios on lotus, triads of animals (A) πέπτε (B)

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References	Bonner, SMA D. 391; Michel, DMG, no. 22.2.b_6; Mastrocinque 2014, no. 395
Former Collections	Seyrig, Henry (Beirut)
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	51 x 31 x 5 cm
Iconography	Helios; bird: swallows (6); animal: goats (6); rays (7); boat, papyrus; plant: lotus flower; plant: lotus buds (2); globus; clothing: tunic; clothing: mantle; animal: crocodile; scarabs (3); gesture, greeting



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

A: Helios standing to right on a lotus flower with two buds, which grows out of a globe resting on a papyrus boat. The god wears a tunic and mantle, his right hand is raised in greeting, the left hand holds a globe, head is surrounded with seven rays. Around, triads of animals: three scarabs (top), three swallows (above) and three goats (below) on each side, facing inwards. Below the goats, a scorpion on each side, crawling outwards. At the bottom, a crocodile, to right.

B: Inscription in five lines. In the third line: πέπτε → πέπτε. 'Digest!' The rest is made up of characteres, one in the form of a key.

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