

## Magical gem: Phoenix standing on crab (A) vox (B)

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<b>Collection</b>	US_Cambridge, Harvard Art Museums
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<b>Material</b>	haematite (black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	height: 2.7 cm
<b>Iconography</b>	scarab, with outstretched wings; phoenix; nimbus; rays (7); crab; animal: crocodile; snakes (2); stars (2)
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	voces, unidentified



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**Description:** Upright oblong, both faces flat. Shape 8c-9c. Haematite. Chips on the right edge of side A, and on the lower edge left of side B.

**A:** Phoenix, with nimbus and seven rays around its head, standing to left on top of a crab. Below, a crocodile, to right. Above, a scarab with outstretched wings. Beside the head of the phoenix, a star on each side. Below, rearing snakes. (For an interpretation, cf. [CBd-2](#).)

**B:** Inscription vertically:  $\theta\alpha\delta\omega\alpha$ .

### Bibliography

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