

Magical gem set in an ancient gold mount: Osiris (A) Ouroboros and scarab (B)

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Collection	FR Paris, Cabinet des Médailles
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References	Bonner, SMA D. 12; Michel, DMG, no. 39.1.f_4; Mastrocinque 2014, no. 72
Former Collections	Seyrig, Henry (Beirut)
Material	obsidian (black)
Dimensions	17 x 12 x 3 mm
Iconography	Osiris; clothing, unspecified; Isis; scarab, with outstretched double wings; Ouroboros; crown, lotus; plant: branch; crown, of Upper Egypt; gesture, arms crossed; crook; clothing: bandage; flails (2)



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Description: Side A upright oval, side B transverse oval, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Obsidian (Mastrocinque) / black jasper (Bonner). Set in an ancient gold pendant (Mastrocinque: modern).

A: Standing figure of Osiris bandaged as a mummy, head crowned with the white crown, with four branches projecting from its bottom. The head of Osiris is complemented on each side with a falcon's head. Arms crossed, right hand holding the flail, left hand holding crook and flail. On the right, a small squatting female figure (Isis), to right, crowned with a lotus flower, leaning backwards as if pulling the feet of the mummy.

B: Ouroboros with head at top to left, enclosing a scarab with outstretched double wings.

Bibliography

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