

Magical gem: Isis, Zeus-Sarapis (A) male figure with sphinx (B)

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Collection	US Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology
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References	Bonner, SMA D. 20; Michel, DMG, no. 52.1.b_1
Material	lapis lazuli (blue)
Dimensions	21 x 17 x 3 mm
Iconography	Cerberus; uraeus; torch; throne; sphinx; Sarapis; clothing: tunic; clothing: mantle; clothing: garment; figure, female
Divine Names & Voces	αθθα βαθθα and variants; ιαλδαβαιμ



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A: On the right, Zeus-Sarapis seated in profile to left on a throne, wearing tunic and mantle, right hand resting on the head of Cerberus. On the left, a standing goddess (Isis or Demeter?), to right, wearing a long robe. Right hand supporting a tall torch, left hand lowered down above Cerberus. Below, inscription: αθθα βαθθα.

B: A draped man seated on the back of a sphinx, turning back, in profile to right (Bonner: Harpocrates?). The figure wears a tunic and mantle. Below, inscription: ---]αβαιμ, → "i.e. αλδαβαιμ or ιαλδαβαιμ, a magical name of the Highest God in the invocation (apparently Gnostic) in PGM XIII, 153 and 462." (Bonner).

C: On the bevel: ---]χωβωχ → end of the χαβραχ-logos.

Bibliography

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