

Magical gem: Bird-headed figure (A) Greek inscription (B)

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References	Bonner, SMA D. 187; Schwartz-Schwartz, 7; Michel, DMG, no. 16.2.a_4
Former Collections	Newell, Edward T. Collection
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	15 x 12 x 3 mm
Iconography	figure, bird-headed; scepter, was?; bird: eagle; clothing: kilt; hieroglyph, sa?
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified



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A: Bird(falcon?)-headed figure, wearing kilt, head and feet to right. Left hand raised and holding a tall scepter resembling the was-scepter, right hand holding the sa-sign (Bonner) or wreath (Schwartz - Schwartz). On the left, an eagle with spread wings. The head of the principal figure is not that of a cock, since there is no trace of a comb. It may have been intended for a hawk's head, but the rounded outline is more like that of a chick or some small bird.

B: Inscribed in two lines: [.]αμαχρει|διδαντωθ - beginning of the inscription probably lost due to damage.

C: Inscribed on the edge: ρρεν.

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-1383](#)

[Schwartz - Schwartz on CBd-1383](#)

[The American Numismatic Society Collections database on CBd-1383](#)

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