

Magical pendant in gold mount: Hermanubis (A) donkey, sow (B)

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Collection	HU_Budapest, National Museum, Department of Roman Antiquities
Inventory	R.28.1927
Material	rock crystal; gold
Dimensions	11 x 15 x 5 mm
Dating	gem, mount, 3rd c. AD (T. Gesztelyi)
Iconography	animal: donkey; animal: ram; scene, symplegma; Hermanubis?; animal: sow
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; vocales
Place of discovery	Brigetio?



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Oval pendant made of sheet-gold with pierced openwork decoration and a ribbed suspension ring. Four circle-shaped mounts closed at bottom are soldered into the sheet. Two of them hold red undecorated stones (garnet?). An oval-shaped open mount was fixed into the middle of the pendant to set a double-sided engraved rock crystal gem.

A: Animal-headed figure (Hermanubis) sitting nude on the back of a ram, right hand grasping the horn, left hand holding the tail of the animal.

B: Symplegma-scene: donkey leaping upon the back of a sow. Vocales going round from bottom left: ωηαιωωιαιαω → Vocales including Ἰάω. Under the donkey's belly, a letter (κ, ρ)?

Bibliography

[Gesztelyi 2000 on Cbd-14](#)

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