

Magical gem: Lion-headed figure (A) Greek text (B)

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References	Bonner, SMA D. 235; Schwartz-Schwartz, 9; Michel, DMG, no. 37.B.1.b_2
Former Collections	Newell, Edward T. Collection
Material	rock crystal
Dimensions	20 x 17 x 9 mm
Iconography	figure, lion-headed; rays (7); nimbus; whip; globus; clothing: kilt
Logoi	ζεθ αφοβε-logos and variants



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A: Lion-headed figure (Helioros) standing to front, head to left, wearing kilt. His head is encircled by a nimbus with seven triangular rays. Right hand holding a whip, left hand holding a globe.

B: Inscribed in six lines: ζεθαοβετωρ|θροψμεωμι|θρορομφαχι|ιλεωςκετη|μηψυχηκαιτω|εμωβιω → ζεθ αφοβε-logos. ἴλεως κ{ε} <αὶ>? τῆ ἐμῆ ψυχῆ καὶ τῷ ἐμῷ βίω. 'Be gracious to me and my life.'

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Bibliography

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