

Magical gem: Figure with multiple heads (A) Greek inscription, Chnoubis-sign (B)

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Inventory	26059
References	Bonner, SMA D. 264; Michel, DMG, no. 27.4.c_3
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	24 x 19 x 3 mm
Iconography	Chnoubis-sign; animal: crocodile; crown, unspecified; crown, of feathers; crown, atef; scepter, was; hieroglyph, ankh; clothing: kilt; figure, with multiple heads; solar disk
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified; Χνουβίς
Logoi	αρπουχνουφι-logos; Ἰαεω-palindrome



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A: Figure with multiple heads, to left, wearing a kilt. Right hand raised and holding a was-sceptre, left hand lowered beside the body and holding the ankh-sign. There are two heads on the shoulder, that of a bearded snake, wearing a feather (or, Bonner: double crown?); and that of an ibis with the atef-crown. Below, a crocodile, to left, with a solar disk on the back. Around the edge, an inscription, beginning at the top: αρπουχνουφιβρι[ντα]τηνωφιερμιθουθ → variant of the αρπουχνουφι-logos, ερμιθουθ.

B: Inscription in nine lines:

ιαεωβαφ|ρενεμουυ|οθιλαρικριφ|ιαευεαιφρικ|ιραλιθουσομ||ενερφαβωεα|ιφρικιραπεσ|σπεσε
Chnoubis-sign χ|νουβισ →

Ἰαεω-palindrome φρικια πέσσ[ε], πέσσε Χνουβίς, 'Chnoubis, digest, digest.'

Bibliography

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