

Magical gem: Male figure with snake (A) characteres (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-1508
ID-Number	US-AA-KMA_26125
Collection	US Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology
Inventory	26125
References	Bonner, SMA D. 340; Spier, Gems, no. 642; Michel, DMG, no. 2.5. a_2
Material	steatite, green to black
Dimensions	36 x 31 x 5 mm
Iconography	figure, male; scarab, with outstretched wings; Ouroboros; moons, crescent (3); altar?; star; crown, unspecified; snake; object, unidentified; nimbus; clothing: mantle



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A: On the left, an open-mouthed snake with a crown on its head, to right. On the right, facing the snake, a male figure standing to left, with both arms raised and holding an unidentified object. He wears a long mantle, his head surrounded with a nimbus. Between them, an altar (?). Behind the snake, an eight-pointed star and three crescents behind the figure. The scene is encircled by the simplified representation of an Ouroboros. Below the baseline, a scarab with outstretched wings (?) (Bonner: winged globe; Spier: uncertain object).

B: Characteres in three lines, with horizontal bands between them.

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-1508](#)

[Michel, DMG, 2.5. a_2.](#)

[Spier, Gems on CBd-1508](#)

[The Kelsey Museum Artifacts Database on CBd-1508](#)