

Magical gem: Lion-headed figure (A) voces (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-155
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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 464 (EA 56464)
References	Michel, BM, no. 267; Michel, DMG, no. 37.B.1.b_6
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	rock crystal
Dimensions	34 x 21 x 7 mm
Dating	4th-6th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	figure, lion-headed; clothing: mantle; clothing: tunic; shoes: boots; gesture, greeting; globus; rays (7); rays, double; nimbus
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβρασάξ; Ἰάω; Ἰάω, variants



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A: Lion-headed figure standing with head to right, wearing boots, tunic and chlamys thrown over the right shoulder. Right hand raised high with open palm, left hand slightly outstretched and holding a globe. Around the head, nimbus with seven double rays. In the free field around the figure, characteres.

B: Inscription in four lines: ἀβρα|σαξ|ιαω|αιω → Ἀβρασάξ; Ἰάω and variant of Ἰάω.

Bibliography

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