

Magical gem: Aphrodite astride Psyche, Eros (A) Eros and Psyche (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-1555
ID-Number	Wu_Ex-Beyrouth_inv. unknown
Collection	Int_Whereabouts unknown
Inventory	unknown
References	Michel, DMG, no. 4.2.a_1
Former Collections	Unknown collection, Beyrouth
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	27.5 x 22 x 6 mm (Mouterde)
Iconography	Psyche; Eros and Psyche; Eros; globus; Aphrodite anadyomene; gesture, embrace; clothing: garment; torch, burning
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified; Ἀδωναί, variants; Ἰακώβ; Ἰσαάκ



Seal impression

Credits: from Mouterde 1930
Rights:

A: The nude Aphrodite, holding up her hair with both hands, sits astride the winged Psyche, who is advancing to right on all fours. Below them, the winged Eros standing upon a globe, also to right, lifting a burning torch with both hands up towards Psyche. Inscription behind Aphrodite:

αχμ|ααγ|εγαρ|γερο|εψι. Around Eros, on both sides:

[- - -]χλαδω|ναιεβασμ|χα|[- - -]ωια|κωβ|ισακω (R. Mouterde) → Based on PGM IV 1716-1743 R.

Mouterde read: [Αχαπα"]"χ""ω Ἰακώβ Ἰσακ ω (?)

B: Naked Eros (on the left) embracing Psyche wearing a long robe (on the right). Inscription below them: ιασιμ|η|μα → Ἰάσιμ(ον) ἦμα, "trait guérissable" (que celui de l'amour) - interpretation of R. Mouterde (the published photo shows no sign of the inscription).

The gem corresponds to the description of the 'Sword of Dardanos' praxis (PGM IV 1716-1870). See also [CBd-4265](#).

Bibliography

[Mouterde 1926](#), 179-180 (with earlier literature).

[Mouterde 1930](#).

[Vitelozzi 2010a](#).

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