

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

CBd-Number	CBd-159
ID-Number	GB-BM-MMEu_G 502, EA 56502
Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 502 (EA 56502)
References	Michel, BM, no. 265; Michel, DMG, no. 37.B.1.b_4
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	rock crystal
Dimensions	27 x 20 x 13 mm
Dating	4th-6th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	weapon: armour?; shoes, unspecified; globus; whip; rays (7); figure, lion-headed
Logoi	ζεθ αφοβε-logos and variants



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A: Frontal view of a lion-headed figure in shoes and armour, head to left, and surrounded with seven rays. Right hand raised high and holding a whip, left hand outstretched and holding a globe.
B: Inscription in four lines: ζεθαβετωρθριμεωμιθιρονφαω → ζεθ αφοβε-logos.

Bibliography

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