

Magical gem: Lion-headed figure holding snake and branch (A) vox (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 508 (EA 56508)
References	Michel, BM, no. 272; Michel, DMG, no. 37.B.1.e_4
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	stone, green
Dimensions	28 x 21 x 3 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	figure, lion-headed; rays?; clothing: kilt; snake; plant: palm branch
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβλαναθαναλβα, variants; σεμσειλαμ and variants



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A: Lion-headed figure standing with head to left, notches indicating mane or seven rays (?). The figure wears a kilt, upper body nude, right hand slightly outstretched and holding a snake, which faces the figure, left hand raised and holding a palm branch. Inscription in the free field, beginning at the bottom: σεμ; above the head of the figure: ε; on the right, from top to bottom: σιλψ → variant of σεμσειλαμ.

B: Inscription in four lines: αβλα|νααν|ναλβ|λσεμ → variant of Ἀβλαναθαναλβα, part of σεμσειλαμ?

Bibliography

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