

Magical gem: Two phoenixes on column surrounded by animals (A) πέπτε (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-198
ID-Number	Wu_Ex-Sarrafian_1
Collection	Int_Whereabouts unknown
Inventory	Ex-Sarrafian_1
References	Bonner, SMA D. 104; Michel, DMG, no. 43.1_11
Former Collections	Sarrafian Collection, Beyrouth
Material	haematite (black) bird: swallows (2); snakes (2); scorpions (2); scarab, with outstretched wings; rays (7); phoenixes (2); nimbus; gesture, protective; animal: crocodile; crabs (2); column; Chnoubis-signs (2)
Iconography	



Credits: from Bonner, SMA
Rights:

A: Phoenixes on a column surrounded by animals. At the top: scarab with outstretched wings. Below: two swallows, facing inwards; two scorpions, crawling to top; two crabs from above, crawling towards the column; two rearing snakes turning towards the column with a protective gesture. At the bottom: a crocodile, to right. (For an interpretation, cf. [CBd-2](#).) The phoenix squatting on the column, to left, has no nimbus or rays. The second phoenix, standing above the first one, also to left, is crowned with a nimbus and seven rays. The only version of the legend of the phoenix is known from [Horapollo II 57](#), which relates that the old and the young birds fly together to Heliopolis, where the old one dies ([Nagy 2002](#)).

B: In the upper segment, inscription in three lines: $\pi|\epsilon\pi|\tau\epsilon \rightarrow \pi\acute{\epsilon}\pi\tau\epsilon$. 'Digest!'. In the lower segment: Chnoubis-signs.

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-198](#)

[Nagy 2002](#)

[Nagy 2012, comm. ad Bonner IV 60-61](#)

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