

Magical gem: Ouroboros enclosing animal triads (A) Greek inscription (B)

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Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	17 x 14.5 x 2.5 mm
Dating	2nd c. AD (H. Philipp)
Iconography	scarabs (3); bird: falcons (3); uraei (3); animal: crocodiles (3); Ouroboros
Divine Names & Voces	vocales; Λαῖλαμ and variants



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A: Ouroboros with head at top to right, enclosing triads of animals, from top to bottom: three scarabs, three falcons, three crocodiles, and three uraei, all to right.

B: Inscription in three lines: λαι|λαψ|ηη → variant of Λαῖλαμ, vocales.

Bibliography

[Philipp, *Mira et Magica* on Cbd-2079](#)

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