

# Magical gem: Ouroboros enclosing human-headed scarab (A) Greek inscription (B-C)

<b>Cbd-Number</b>	CBd-2091
<b>ID-Number</b>	DE-Berlin-Aeg_9876
<b>Collection</b>	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	9876
<b>References</b>	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 118; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 50.2.b_1
<b>Former Collections</b>	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection
<b>Material</b>	plasma (green)
<b>Dimensions</b>	18.1 x 14.5 x 3.1 mm
<b>Dating</b>	2nd c. AD (H. Philipp)
<b>Iconography</b>	scarab, human-headed; Ouroboros; gesture, greeting
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	voces, unidentified
<b>Logoi</b>	ιαρβαθα-logos



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A: Ouroboros, with head at top to left, enclosing a human-headed scarab, to front, with hands raised in greeting, head encircled with seven rays.

B: Inscription in seven lines: σποζ|two characteres λζ two characteres

ζχπ|πποζιαιαιαδαθ|ιακινσηφιδιωχ|νημεωιαρβαθ||αγραμνηφι|βαωχ → voces, characteres, beginning of ιαρβαθα-logos.

C: χνημεω → end of ιαρβαθα-logos.

## Bibliography

[Philipp, \*Mira et Magica\* on CBd-2091](#)

[Michel, \*DMG\*, 50.2.b\\_1.](#)

## Images

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