

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

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