

Magical gem in a modern silver ring: Pantheos

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Collection	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum	
Inventory	9837	
References	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 176; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 41.1_19	
Former Collections	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection	
Material	jasper, green to black	
Dimensions	16.5 x 12.8 x 3 mm	
Dating	2nd c. AD (H. Philipp)	
Iconography	Bes, face of; flail; bird; falcon; tufts on the knees (animal protomes); tail of crocodile; tail of bird; scepters (3); scepter, unspecified; scepter, was?; protomes of animals (2); Pantheos; Ouroboros; feet, in the shape of jackal's heads; crown, atef; cartouche; scorpion?	
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A: Bes-Pantheos striding right on an Ouroboros cartouche enclosing animals: a bird and a scorpion. Head to front, topped with the atef-crown, the face is bearded. The deity has two pairs of wings and arms: the upper arms - in line with the top of the upper wings and almost at the height of the neck - are stretched to the sides. Only the lower arms are visible, right one holding a flail, left one holding a was(?) -scepter. On the right and left side: two scepters. A bird's tail and a crocodile's tail are attached to the body from the left, feet in the shape of jackal's heads face right, knees are thickened to imitate animal protomes.

B: Plain.

Bibliography

[Philipp, *Mira et Magica* on CBd-2131](#)

[Michel, *DMG*, 41.1_19.](#)

Images

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