

## Magical gem: Uterus with key (A) vox, ορωριουθ (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-2137
<b>ID-Number</b>	DE-Berlin-Aeg_11918
<b>Collection</b>	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	11918
<b>References</b>	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 182; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 54.1.b_10
<b>Former Collections</b>	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection
<b>Material</b>	haematite (black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	18.5 x 14.5 x 3 mm
<b>Dating</b>	turn of the 2nd-3rd c. AD (H. Philipp)
<b>Iconography</b>	key (7-bitted); uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; object, unidentified
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	voces, unidentified; ορωριουθ



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A: Womb with a seven-bitted key below it, fallopian tubes visible. Engraved circle on the surface of the womb.

B: Greek inscription in four lines: θαλβου|θαλβαα|ορωριο|υθ → unidentified vox (R. Merkelbach: variants of Ἀβλαναθαναλβα-palindrome?) and ορωριουθ.

### Bibliography

[Philipp, \*Mira et Magica\* on CBd-2137](#)

[Michel, \*DMG\*, 54.1.b\\_10.](#)

### Images

Cast of CBd-2137 [obverse](#) and [reverse](#) in the [Gem Impressions Collection of Cornell University Library](#)

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