

Magical gem: Ouroboros, Bes, uterus and voces (A) (B)

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Collection	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum
Inventory	21793
References	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 186; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 54.6_5
Former Collections	Loytved Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	24 x 19.5 x 3.5 mm
Dating	turn of the 2nd and 3rd c. AD? Post-antique? (H. Philipp)
Iconography	Ouroboros; key (5-bitted); uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; stars (7); Bes; crown, unspecified
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβρασάξ; voces, unidentified
Logoi	σοροορ-logos



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A: Ouroboros with head at top to right, enclosing a womb represented upside down. Above the womb, a five-bitted key; fallopian tubes visible. A nude Bes is standing to front on the key, with bent knees, hands leaning on the thighs. He is bearded and wearing a crown. In the free field, seven stars. Inscription outside the ouroboros: σοροορσισιφερμουχνουωραβρασάξ → variant of σοροορ-logos, Ἀβρασάξ.

B: Inscription in four lines: ιασχε|λιδον|ψιριψαω|αβρασάξ → unknown voces, Ἀβρασάξ.

Bibliography

[Philipp, *Mira et Magica* on CBd-2139](#)

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