

Magical gem: Chnoubis, Greek inscription (A) characteres (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-215
ID-Number	DE-Berlin-Aeg_9865
Collection	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum
Inventory	9865
References	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 131; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 11.3.b_10
Former Collections	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection
Material	chrysoprase (green)
Dimensions	24 x 18 x 4 mm
Dating	turn of the 2nd-3rd c. AD (H. Philipp)
Iconography	Chnoubis, lion-headed; Chnoubis-signs (3); rays (12); stars (3)
Divine Names & Voces	σεμεσειλαμ and variants; Χνουβίς



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A: The lion-headed Chnoubis to left, head encircled with twelve rays. Inscription around: χνουβιλνοχγιγαντορηκτα[. . .]βαρουθλσσεμεσιλαμψ → Voces including Χνουβί γιγαντορήκτα, variant of βαροφίτα? "Chnoubis, giant-slayer, crusher of snakes", variant of σεμεσειλαμ.
B: Characteres in three lines: Z-signs, eight-pointed stars and Chnoubis-signs.

Bibliography

[Philipp, *Mira et Magica* on CBd-215](#)

[Michel, *DMG*, 11.3.b_10.](#)

Images

Cast of CBd-215 obverse and [reverse](#) in the [Gem Impressions Collection of Cornell University Library](#)

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