

Magical gem: Pantheos on Ouroboros (A) Μιχαήλ, Γαβριήλ, Κουστιήλ, Ῥαφαήλ (B)

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Collection	AT_Wien, Kunsthistorisches Museum
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References	Chifletius-Macarius, no. VI 24; Zwierlein-Diehl, AGWien III, 2217; Michel, DMG, no. 41.1_26
Former Collections	Leopold Wilhelm of Austria, Archduke (1614-1662)
Material	heliotrope
Dimensions	42 x 34 x 6.5 mm
Dating	2nd c. AD (Zwierlein-Diehl)
Iconography	Pantheos; figure, winged; scorpion; scarab; tail of bird; scepters (2); scepter, unspecified; key?
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; Μιχαήλ; Γαβριήλ and variants; Κουστιήλ?; Ῥαφαήλ and variants



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Description: Both sides upright oval and flat. Shape 8. Green jasper with red spots (heliotrope), damaged at the upper edge of side A. Set in a modern gold mount.

A: Pantheos with four wings and a bird's tail, holding a scorpion in his right and a hook-like object (flail?, key?) in his left and standing on an Ouroboros, between two sceptres. Inscription inside the Ouroboros: ιαω → Ἰάω. On the left, a scarab, to top.

B: Names of four archangels in six lines: Μιχα|ηλΓαβρ|ιηλΚου|στιηλ|Ραφα||ηλ → Μιχαήλ, Γαβριήλ, Κουστιήλ?, Ῥαφαήλ.

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The gem may have been designed after a drawing in [Chifletius-Macarius, Abrasax](#), see [CBd-2911](#). For a similar piece in the British Museum, see [CBd-983](#).

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA](#), 171, n. 24.

[Zwierlein-Diehl, AGWien III on CBd-2190](#)

[Michel, DMG](#), 317, 41.1_26, pl. 106, 1.2