## Magical gem: Hermes and Anubis (A) characteres and symbols (B)

**CBd-Number** CBd-2191

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Chifletius-Macarius, no. XII

46; Zwierlein-Diehl, AGWien References

III, 2697; Michel, DMG, no.

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Herwartius, 1553-1622)

Material chalcedony-agate **Dimensions** 61 x 47.7 x 14.8 mm

**Dating** 16th c. AD (Zwierlein-Diehl)

Hermes; zodiac cycle-05, Leo;

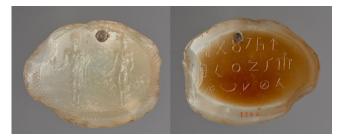
zodiac cycle-02, Taurus; Anubis; torch, burning; vessels, unspecified; plant:

**Iconography** stalks of grain; scepter, with

falcon on the top; clothing: cap; clothing: kilt; zodiac cycle-09, Sagittarius

Divine Names & Ἰ<sub>Ιάω</sub>

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**Description:** Transverse oval, side A lightly, side B more strongly convex. Shape 12c. Light gray, translucent chalcedony with a light brown, translucent layer. Strongly damaged at the edges, bored through at the upper edge and filled with a metal (copper - bronze?) pin.

**A:** Ouroboros frame. Hermes and Anubis standing opposite each other, both in kilts. Between them, a stud consisting of two metals (cupper and bronze?). Hermes wears a cap with small wings, he is holding stalks of grain in his right hand, and a falcon-sceptre in his left hand. The jackal-headed Anubis is holding a jug in his right hand and a burning torch in his left hand. Between the gods, at the height of the legs:  $\iota \alpha \omega |\varphi \epsilon \rho \epsilon \nu| \varphi \epsilon \rho \omega$  ' $\iota \alpha \omega$  fetch one, I am fetching it.' **B:** Three lines of characteres as well as planetary and zodiacal symbols (Taurus, Saturnus, Sagittarius, Sol and Leo).

The gem may have been carved after the drawing of a cast in Chifletius–Macarius, Abrasax, see <u>CBd-2819</u>. For a similar gem in Staatliches Museum Ägyptischer Kunst in Munich, see <u>CBd-323</u>. Another copy: <u>Devoto–Molayem 1990</u>, 204 fig. 122 (Michel).

/Description: Erika Zwierlein-Diehl - CBd/

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