

Magical gem: Helios (A) voces (B-C)

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References	Mastrocinque, SGG II, no. Na 19; Michel, DMG, no. 24.1.b_2
Material	jasper, green and red
Dimensions	28 x 22.4 x 7 mm (Nagy) whip; animal: cynocephalus; kerykeion; gesture, arms outstretched; Helios; plant: palm branch; rays (12); snake; thyrsus; thunderbolt; weapon: axe
Iconography	σεσεγγενβαρφαραγγης and variants; voces, unidentified; Ἀκραμμαχαμαρεί and variants; Ἴάω, variants; Ἀβλαναθαναλβα, variants; σεμεσειλαμ and variants; vocales, triads of; Μιχαήλ
Divine Names & Voces	



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A: In the centre, frontal view of a nude Helios-Hermes-Dionysos with twelve rays around his head. Letters between the rays: χαρχενδαβραη. In his left hand a kerykeion, in his right hand a thyrsus and a palm branch. On his left, there is an ithyphallic baboon, holding a whip and a double axe in his right hand. On his right (under the kerykeion), a thunderbolt and a snake. The deity is standing on top of a figure lying with face upwards.

B: Inscription in eight lines: σεμε|σειλανξ|μιχαηλ|αχελω|ιου||ιου|ιου|ακιροκομα → variant of σεμεσειλαμ, Μιχαήλ, unidentified voces, triads of vocales.

C: Inscription:

[...]ωαιαβλαναθαναλβρεμωνυψιμεδωηια[...]σεγεν[βαρφαρ]ανγησαρσενοθηβακραμμαχαμαρειλυβια ιοσαβρα[...] → voces, including Ἀβλαναθαναλβα-palindrome, σεσεγγενβαρφαραγγης, Ἀκραμμαχαμαρεί. Greek words? For a starting point on the interpretation of the text, see [SGG II](#). Post-antique?

Bibliography

[Michel, DMG](#), 24.1.b_2
[SGG II](#) 92, Na 19.

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