

# Magical gem: Lion-headed figure (A) Anubis with Hecate (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-221
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<b>Collection</b>	DE_Berlin, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	9864
<b>References</b>	Philipp, <i>Mira et Magica</i> , no. 138; Michel, <i>DMG</i> , no. 37.B.1.d_5
<b>Former Collections</b>	Stosch, Philipp von, Collection
<b>Material</b>	jasper, green and red
<b>Dimensions</b>	36.5 x 30.5 x 4 mm
<b>Dating</b>	turn of the 2nd–3rd c. AD (H. Philipp)
<b>Iconography</b>	figure, lion-headed; weapon: daggers (2); whips (2); torches (2); torch, burning; clothing: garment; Hecate; flail; Anubis; star; moon, crescent; rays (8); pillar; plant: branch; wreath; clothing: kilt; modii (2)
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἀβλαναθαναλβα, variants; φορβαφορφορβα and variants; Μιχαήλ; Γαβριήλ and variants



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A: A lion-headed figure wearing kilt and crowned with eight rays, standing with head to left. Right hand holding a branch, left hand holding a wreath. To the left of the head, a crescent open to top, to the right, an eight-pointed star. Inscription around, beginning at bottom left: ἀβλανατανααβα → variant of Ἀβλαναθαναλβα-palindrome. Below the figure in three lines: μιχαηλυσισ|τεγαβριηλκ|ρατιστε → Μιχαήλ ὕψιστε, Γαβριήλ κράτιστε. 'Michael, the highest, Gabriel, the strongest.'

B: On the left, Anubis in kilt, right hand holding a flail, left hand holding a wreath (?), facing Hecate trimorph on the right. Hecate is clad in a peplos, her three heads crowned with modii, uppermost hands holding burning torches, middle hands holding daggers, lowermost hands holding whips. Below the figures in four lines: φορβαφορβη|βριμωφο|ρβαπι|ορθε → voces including variant of φορβαφορφορβα.

## Bibliography

[Philipp, \*Mira et Magica\* on CBd-221](#)

[Michel, \*DMG\*, 37.B.1.d\\_5.](#)

## Images

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