

Amulet gem: Composite figure with animals (Gayomard)

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Collection	IT_Roma, Musei Capitolini
Inventory	Medagliere, 10449
References	Mastrocinque, SGG II, no. RoC 1
Material	agate (colour unspecified)
Dimensions	53.2 x 34.0 x 36.6 mm
Iconography	staff, snake entwined; scorpion; scepters (2); animal: quadruped, unspecified; star?; Gayomard



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The obverse is left unpolished at the bottom, in the zone of the hips and the scorpion, where the surface is deeper and uneven. Since the figures were engraved into this surface, this does not attest to subsequent damage, but to a careless preparation of the stone. The surface of the obverse is not entirely flat. The hemisphere of the reverse is also imprecisely treated, the shape is irregular. The stone is perforated vertically for suspension.

A: Frontal view of a human figure, left foot stepping forward. The head is rectangular, short notches at the top and side of the head may indicate hair. Vertical notches appear on the thighs. Both hands outstretched, holding scepters. The short notches at the end of the arms either indicate hands or stand for stars. A snake entwines the right-hand scepter, there is a scorpion crawling vertically to top in front of the left-hand one. In front of the figure, a quadruped.

B: Plain.

/Description based on close observation of the gem by Á. M. Nagy in 2014./

Bibliography

[Righetti 1955](#), 20, no. 36.

[Donati 2000](#), 198, no. 25.

[SGG II](#), 127, RoC 1.

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