

Magical gem: Ouroboros enclosing Osiris (A) vox (B)

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Collection	IT_Roma, Museo Nazionale Romano, Medagliere
Inventory	78772
References	Mastrocinque, SGG II, no. Ro 2
Former Collections	Castellani Collection
Material	jasper, red
Dimensions	18.1 x 13.7 x 3.1 mm
Iconography	Osiris; moon, crescent; horns, of ram; Ouroboros; plant: stalks of grain (2); solar disk; clothing: bandage; gesture, arms crossed; star
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβλαναθαναλβα, palindrome; Βαῖνχωωωχ



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Obverse upright, reverse transverse oval, with trapezoid section, edge diagonally cut. Obverse slightly convex.

A: Ouroboros, with head at top to left, enclosing the mummy of Osiris. Osiris stands to front on two stalks of grain, and holds flails in both hands. He is bandaged, with arms crossed, and is crowned with the solar disk with ram's horns. Beside the head, to the right, a crescent open to left; to the left, an eight-pointed star. Inscription around the edge: Ἀβλαναθαναλβααινωωωχ → Ἀβλαναθαναλβα-palindrome, Βαῖνχωωωχ.

B: Inscription in mirror-writing, between two ivy leaves (perhaps later additions?): σλρρυι (the second R in Latin) → unidentified vox.

(Description: Chiara Ciampi - CBd. Alterations from A. Mastrocinque in SGG are based on close observation of the gem by Chiara Ciampi and Á. M. Nagy, 2015-2016).

Bibliography
[SGG II](#), 131, Ro 2.

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