

# Magical gem: Snake-headed figure on globe (A) Greek inscription (B)

<b>Cbd-Number</b>	CBd-2241
<b>ID-Number</b>	IT-Roma-MNR_78771
<b>Collection</b>	IT_Roma, Museo Nazionale Romano, Medagliere
<b>Inventory</b>	78771
<b>References</b>	Mastrocinque, SGG II, no. Ro 19
<b>Former Collections</b>	Castellani Collection
<b>Material</b>	jasper, red
<b>Dimensions</b>	17.4 x 15.2 x 3.5 mm
<b>Iconography</b>	figure, bird-legged; plant: branch; globus; figure, snake-headed; weapon: spear
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἰάω; Ἀγαθὸς Δαίμων



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Upright oval gem with trapezoid section, edge diagonally cut. Edge chipped off at three places.  
A: Snake-headed (Mastrocinque: bird-headed) figure with bird-feet standing on a globe, head to left. Both arms raised high and bent in elbow, right hand holding a branch, left hand holding a spear (or perhaps an arrow). Inscription in the free field, on the left from bottom to top: ιαω → Ἰάω; on the right from top to bottom: εαω.  
B: Inscribed in three lines: ἀγα|θωδε|μονι → Ἀγαθῶ Δ<αί>μονι (ἀγαθῶ δε<αί>μονι?).

(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](#), 136-137, Ro 19.

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