

Magical gem: Uterus, three deities

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Collection	DE_Köln, Institut für Altertumskunde der Universität
Inventory	24
References	Zwierlein-Diehl, Köln 24; Michel, DMG, no. 54.2.d_6
Former Collections	Matouk, Fouad S. Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	22.6 x 15.1 x 3.1 mm
Dating	second half of the 2nd–first half of the 3rd c. AD (Zwierlein-Diehl)
Iconography	Ouroboros; clothing: tunic; clothing: mantle; crown, double feathers; cornucopia; rays (5); Isis-Tyche; Chnoubis, lion-headed; Anubis as mummy; key (7- bitted); uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; clothing: bandage
Logoi	σοροοο-λογος



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A: Ouroboros with head at top to left, encircling a uterus-symbol with a seven-bitted key. Above the uterus, a group of three deities, from left to right: Anubis as a mummy in profile to right; lion-headed Chnoubis, in profile to left, head surrounded with five rays; Isis-Tyche in a long robe in profile to left, right hand lowered beside the body, left hand holding a cornucopia. Head crowned with the double feather crown. Inscription outside the Ouroboros: σοροοομερφεργαμαρβαρφριουριγξ → σοροοο-λογος.

Bibliography

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