

Magical gem: Uterus, three deities (A) Greek inscription (B)

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Inventory	26
References	Zwierlein-Diehl, Köln 26; Michel, DMG, no. 54.2.j_1
Former Collections	Matouk, Fouad S. Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	15.6 x 11.3 x 1.8 mm
Dating	second half of the 2nd–first half of the 3rd c. AD (Zwierlein-Diehl)
Iconography	Ouroboros; clothing, unspecified; Isis; crown, unspecified; Bes; rays (3); Chnoubis, lion-headed; key (6-bitted); uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; crown, double feathers
Divine Names & Voces	ορωριουθ
Logoi	σοροορ-logos



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A: Ouroboros encircling a uterus-symbol with a six-bitted key. Above the uterus, a group of three deities, from left to right: lion-headed Chnoubis, in profile to right, head surrounded with three rays; frontal view of Isis in a long robe, head crowned with the double feather crown; Bes wearing crown. To the left and right, characteres. Inscription outside the Ouroboros, beginning at the top: σοροορμερφεργαβαρμαφριουηρι → σοροορ-logos.

B: Inscription in three lines: ορ|ωρ|ιουθ → ορωριουθ.

Bibliography

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