

Magical gem in a modern silver mount: Human-headed Chnoubis as an Ouroboros (A)

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Collection	AT_Wien, Kunsthistorisches Museum
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References	Zwierlein-Diehl, AGWien III, 2229; Michel, DMG, no. 46.3.a_1
Former Collections	Rollin (Paris)
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	12.7 x 5.2 (si.O.) x 4 mm
Dating	2nd c. AD (Zwierlein-Diehl)
Iconography	Chnoubis, human-headed; rays (5); solar disk; side-lock of youth ?
Logoi	αρπουχνουφι-logos



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Description: Side A upright oblong, side B transverse oblong, broken and set in a modern silver ring with a revolving bezel. Shape 10. Black haematite with a mettalic shine. Purchased from Rollin, Paris, in 1826.

A: Human-headed Chnoubis, to right, head crowned with the solar disk and five rays. Side-lock of youth (?) visible.

B: Greek inscription: [- - -]υφιβρυτ|[- - -]φινιπτου → part of αρπουχνουφι-logos.

Bibliography

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