

Magical gem in a modern gold mount: Uterus with deities

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References	Zwierlein-Diehl, AGWien III, 2261; Michel, DMG, no. 54.2.j_3
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	18.2 x 14.7 (si.O.) x 2.4 mm
Dating	2nd half of the 2nd - 1st half of the 3rd c. AD (Zwierlein-Diehl)
Iconography	Bes akephalos; clothing: garment; gesture, greeting; Isis; key (7-bitted); uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; crown, double feathers?; solar disk?; rays, double



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Description: Shape 8. Shiny black haematite. Crack around the middle of the lower half of side A. Set in a modern gold ring. Already at the Kunsthistorisches Museum in 1853.

A: Ouroboros enclosing a uterus with a seven-bitted key, ligaments indicated. Deities above the uterus: on the right, Isis wearing a long robe, head to left, crowned with the double feathers and the solar disk (?), left hand lowered beside the body, right hand raised in greeting towards the lion-headed Chnoubis. Chnoubis, also to left, is crowned with six double rays. To the left, Bes akephalos, standing to front with bent knees.

B: Hidden.

Bibliography

[Zwierlein-Diehl, AGWien III on CBd-2505](#)

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