

# Magical gem: Hermes (?) and Anubis (A) symbols and characteres (B)

<b>Cbd-Number</b>	Cbd-323
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<b>Collection</b>	DE_München, Staatliches Museum Ägyptischer Kunst
<b>Inventory</b>	ÄS 4194
<b>References</b>	Chifletius-Macarius, no. XII 46
<b>Material</b>	haematite (black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	23 x 19 mm
<b>Dating</b>	post-antique
<b>Iconography</b>	Anubis; zodiac cycle-02, Taurus; zodiac cycle-05, Leo; Hermes?; scepter, with bird on the top; torch, inverted; balance?; plant: stalks of grain (2); clothing: tunic; shoes: boots; clothing: kilt; zodiac cycle-09, Sagittarius
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἰάω



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**Description:** Upright oval, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Haematite. Intact.

**A:** Two figures facing each other. On the left, a male figure (Hermes?) wearing tunic and boots, and holding two stalks of wheat in his right hand and a bird-headed scepter in his left hand. On the right, jackal-headed Anubis, wearing a kilt, left hand holding a torch, right hand holding scales (?). Greek inscription above the figures: φερω, between them: ιαω → Ἰάω, below the baseline: φσρεν → Ἰάω φ{σ}<έ>ρ' ἔν φέρω. 'Ἰάω fetch one, I am fetching it.' (Translation based on [CBd-2191](#).)

**B:** Three lines of characteres including planetary and zodiacal symbols (Taurus, Saturnus, Sagittarius, Sol and Leo).

The gem may have been carved after a drawing in [Chifletius-Macarius, Abrasax](#), see [CBd-2819](#). For a similar gem in the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, see [CBd-2191](#).

## Bibliography

Unpublished.