

Magical gem: Zeus enthroned, with eagle (A) voces (B)

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Former Collections	Rollin & Feuarent (auction house, 1867-1953)
Material	chalcedony, white to brown/grey
Dimensions	28 x 19 x 3 mm
Dating	2nd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Zeus; bird: eagle; vessel: patera; throne; clothing: mantle; star; crown, unspecified; scepter, unspecified
Divine Names & Voces	Ίάω; voces, unidentified; vocales



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A: Zeus enthroned, to left, wearing himation and a crown, holding a patera in his right hand, and a long scepter in the left. At his feet: an eagle, next to the head: a star. Inscription going round from top to left, then right side, then the bottom: βοιηθιειμοιθεισσ → βοήθει μοι θεός. 'Help me, God.'
B: Inscription in five lines: αβριαιαια|αρχωθ|αρβασιαω → Voces including vocales, Ίάω.

Bibliography

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