

Magical gem in a gold setting: Selene and Helios (A) Chnoubis (B) voces (C)

CBd-Number	CBd-4203
Collection	IT_Firenze, Museo Archeologico Nazionale
Inventory	15120
References	Mastrocinque, SGG II, no. Fi 66
Material	carnelian, yellow to orange
Dimensions	15.2 x 11.3 x 3.1 mm
Iconography	Chnoubis, lion-headed; base; moon, crescent; globus; whip; rays (12); rays (4); Selene; Helios; Chnoubis-sign; busts (2); ear (independent motif); torch, burning
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβλαναθανάλβα, palindrome; voces, unidentified



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Description: Upright oval, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Orange carnelian. Mounted in a post-antique gold setting with two rings.

A: Bust of Selene with a crescent on her head, holding a burning torch and bust of Helios with a whip, crowned with six rays, represented on a globus which is placed on a base. On the left: an ear (?). On the right: an unidentified object or a character.

B: Lion-headed Chnoubis with twelve rays around the head. On the left, Greek inscription: σμν → unidentified vox. On the right: characteres and Chnoubis-sign.

C: Greek inscription on the edge: Ἀβλαναθανάλβα ἰβεν → voces including the Ἀβλαναθανάλβα-palindrome.

Bibliography

[SGG II](#), 59, fig. 66.

[Dasen-Nagy 2012](#), 296-298, fig. 5 (the obverse represents the third decan of Cancer, the reverse the first decan of Leo)

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