

Magical gem: Thoth enthroned, with Horus or Isis (?) (A) Ἀβαναθαναλβα (B)

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References	Michel, BM, no. 52; Michel, DMG, no. 27.4.e_1
Former Collections	Praun and Mertens Collection; Eastwood, George
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	17 x 14 x 3.5
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Horus?; crown, double feathers; clothing: kilt; throne; rays (5); wig; jewellery: necklace; kerykeion; gesture, greeting; clothing: fringed cloak; figure, ibis-headed; Thoth; Isis?; crown, atef
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified; Ἀβαναθαναλβα, variants; Φρῆ and variants; χυχ



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A: Two figures on a double baseline, facing each other. On the right: ibis-headed Thoth sits enthroned, wearing kilt and the atef-crown (with ram's horns), right arm raised in greeting, left arm holding a kerykeion. On the left: standing figure of Horus (?) or Isis in a fringed cloak, with five rays around the head, left hand raised in greeting. Inscription: φρηθ|σειη|χυχ → Voces including Φρῆ and χυχ.

B: Inscribed in four lines: αλβα|ναθα|ναλβα → Variant of Ἀβαναθαναλβα-palindrome.

Bibliography

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