

Magical gem: Zeus, Selene, Helios (A) voces (B-C)

CBd-Number	CBd-444
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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 96 (EA 56096)
References	Michel, BM, no. 65; Michel, DMG, no. 49.2.c
Former Collections	Towneley Collection
Material	heliotrope
Dimensions	14 x 16 x 2.5 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Helios; crown, unspecified; clothing: garment; clothing: mantle; whip; clothing: veil; torch, inverted; rays (5); moon, crescent; globus; Zeus; Selene; Nike; scepter, unspecified
Divine Names & Voces	σεσεγγενβαρφαραγγης and variants; Σαβᾶώθ; Δαμναμενεύς; Ἀβλαναθανάλβα, variants; σεμσειλαμ and variants



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A: On the right: Male figure standing to left with chlamys and five rays around his head (Helios). In his left arm a whip; on his outstretched right palm a small female figure (Nike) standing on a globe and passing a laurel to Helios. In the middle of the gem a female figure with a crescent on her head (Selene), touching the baseline only with her toes. She is wearing a peplos and a veil that forms a large half-circle around her head and shoulders. In her right hand a torch, the flame is tending downwards; her left hand is holding the end of the veil. On the left: the fragment of a nude male figure with beard (Zeus?), holding a long scepter in his left hand. Inscription between Helios and Selene in four lines: αυ|κρι|χα|ρη. At right, next to Helios: α|α. Horizontally, under the figures: μυνυρ → unidentified voces.

B: Inscription in four concentric circles, beginning on the left in the middle of the gem: χρα[- -]βωω[- -]βαωθαβλαθανάλβααχρεισεσεγγενβαρφαραγγησοση[- -] → voces including variant of Ἀβλαναθανάλβα-palindrome; σεσεγγενβαρφαραγγης.

C: Around (fragment): [.ε]μεσειλαμψδαμναμ[- -] → variant of σεμσειλαμ; Δαμναμ[ενεύς].

Bibliography

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