Magical gem: Hecate, Apollo? and Greek text? (A-C)

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Materialjasper, green to blackDimensions32.5 x 24 x 17.4 mmDating3rd c. AD (Michel)

Hecate; torch, burning; clothing: garment; Apollo?; modii (3); tripus?; figure, jackal-headed; figure, ibis-

Iconography Jackal-headed; figure, bird-headed;

whips (2); torches (2);

weapon: daggers (2); scepter,

unspecified





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A: Hecate trimorph in a long garment, holding burning torches in her uppermost hands, daggers in the middle, whips in the lowermost hands. The three heads are adorned with modii. Below: three nude, animal-headed (from left to right: bird, jackal, ibis) standing figures.

B: Nude youth standing to left, with staff in the right hand (Apollo?). Inscription beginning on the left at the bottom, and running round: ειλεωσεσσαιμοιπροσεριωει. Under the figure: σο.

C: Continuation of the inscription begun on B, in two lines going round: ανεπιβαλλομαιποιησαικεαισομοιεπι|τευκτιδαον \rightarrow {ε}ίλεως ἔσο ἐμοί, Προσερίω, εἰς ὅ δὰν ἐπιβάλλωμαι ποιῆσαι, καὶ ἔσο μοι ἐπιτευκτικόν. 'Be favorable to me, Proserius, with respect to whatever I undertake to do, and be for me a promoter of success.' (R. Daniel)

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