

Magical gem: Chnoubis with human body (A) voces (B)

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Collection	US_Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology
Inventory	1963.04.0008
References	Bonner, SMA D. 99; Michel, DMG, no. 37.B.2.b_1
Material	steatite, green to black
Dimensions	25 x 16.9 x 5.2 mm
Iconography	Chnoubis, with human body; nimbus; rays (7); plant: palm branch; weapon: armour; rays, double; weapon: daggers (2); plant: stalks of grain; Chnoubis-sign
Divine Names & Voces	νααβις βιενουθ and variants
Logoi	σοποορ-logos



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A: Lion-headed Chnoubis, to left, with human torso and snake's leg, in armour, holding daggers in his extended right hand and a palm branch and stalks of grain in his left hand. Seven double rays around the head. Round the margin, beginning at the top, σοροορμερφεργαρμαρμαφρειουριγξ → σοροορ-logos.

B: Inscription in six lines: χνουβι|σνααβισ|βιενυθ ✕ |γιγαντορ|ηκταβαρ||οφιτα → Χνουβίς νααβις βιενυθ γιγαντορῆκτα βαροφίτα. 'Chnoubis Naabis Bienyth, shatterer of Giants, crusher of snakes'. The sign ✕ is used to divide the parts of the formula. Below: Chnoubis-sign.

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-460](#)

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Images

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