

Magical gem: Psyche bound (A-B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
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References	Michel, BM, no. 88; Michel, DMG, no. 15.2.a_2
Former Collections	Praun and Mertens Collection; Eastwood, George
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	16 x 12 x 2 mm
Dating	2nd-3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Psyche bound; griffin; wheel; clothing: garment; column; gesture, arms tied



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A: Psyche standing to left, bound to a column of her own height, with her hands tied behind her back with a rope. She is wearing a peplos. On the top of the column a griffin is rearing towards Psyche, in front of the griffin a wheel.

B: Female figure in a long garment(?). Around the figure an inscription with mirror writing (except for the letters *rho* written standard), beginning below on the right: $\omega\sigma\alpha\nu\delta\rho\alpha\nu\epsilon\iota\kappa\alpha\nu\delta\rho$. Below the figure: $\alpha\kappa$. In a second line, running downwards on the left: $\alpha\nu\delta\rho$. (differently from S. Michel's reading $\alpha\nu\delta\rho\alpha$). On the right, running upwards: $\kappa\alpha\lambda\zeta$ (differently from S. Michel's reading $\kappa\alpha\lambda\zeta(\iota?)$).

Bibliography

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