

Magical gem: Isis with Harpocrates (A) Hermanubis (B)

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References	Michel, BM, no. 117; Michel, DMG, no. 30.2.c_1
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	beryl, green
Dimensions	21.5 x 17.5 x 6 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Isis; globus; clothing: mantle; clothing: garment; snake; Hermanubis; scorpion; kerykeion; gesture, ithyphallic; animal: crocodile, falcon-headed; crown, double; wig; Horus; crown, Isis-
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified



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A: Isis and Harpocrates standing in three-quarter view on a falcon-headed crocodile, the heads facing right. Isis is wearing a long garment, on her head the Isis-crown and a wig. She is holding a snake in her outstretched left hand and leading her son with her right. Harpocrates is looking at his mother, he is wearing the double crown of Egypt on his head. Around, in the free space: inscription and characters in two lines. On the left, beginning at the bottom: ζανταντου[- -]. On the right, beginning at the top: [- -]αριματραυι → unidentified voces.

B: Ithyphallic, man-like cynocephalus standing to left on a globe, wearing mantle and holding a kerykeion in his right (Hermanubis). The left hand is missing. Under the kerykeion a scorpion.

Bibliography

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