

Magical gem: Horus, triads of animals (A) scarab, angel names (B)

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References	Michel, BM, no. 130; Michel, DMG, no. 19.4.c_2
Former Collections	Ready, A.
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	23 x 34 x 6 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	gesture, hand raised to mouth; Horus; scarabs (3); bird: falcons (3); animal: goats (3); Ouroboros; scarab, with outstretched wings; solar disk; flail
Divine Names & Voces	Γαβριήλ and variants; Ούριήλ
Logoi	Ἰαεω-palindrome



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A: Upper part of a broken magical gem. Ouroboros enclosing Harpocrates surrounded by triads of animals. In the middle: Harpocrates, his right hand raised to his mouth, his left hand holds a flail. Around him presumably triads of animals: above, scarabs, on the left, two falcons (S. Michel: with solar disks on their heads), on the right, two goats. Letters in front of the god: ιαω. Around: fragments of an inscription between the Ouroboros and an oval line. Beginning above the head of the Ouroboros: ιαεωβαφρεν[- - -]. On the left side, beginning above the broken edge: [- - -]ιθουνομεν → part of Ἰαεω-palindrome.

B: Upper part of a scarab with outstretched wings. Above, inscription in two lines: γαιβριηλιουριηλ → Γαβριήλ, Ούριήλ.

Bibliography

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