

Magical(?) gem: Horus and Isis

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 1986,5-1,112
References	Michel, BM, no. 137; Michel, DMG, no. 16.2.b_3
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	17.2 x 13.2 x 2.4 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Horus; vessel: situla?; clothing: headcloth?; wig?; Isis; uraeus; gesture, greeting; clothing: garment; solar disk; scepter, was; clothing: kilt; hieroglyph, ankh?



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A: On the left: ibis- or falcon-headed(?) man-like figure (Horus?) standing to right, wearing a kilt and a headcloth(?) or wig(?) on his head. On the top of the head the solar disk. He is holding a situla(?) or the hieroglyph 'ankh' (?) in his right hand and a was-scepter in front of his body in his left hand. On the right: female figure standing to left, raising her hands in a greeting gesture towards the other figure. She is wearing a long garment and a headcloth(?) or wig(?) on her head; on the top of the head an uraeus and the solar disk (Isis?).

B: Plain.

Bibliography

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