

# Magical(?) gem: Composite image of Horus and cynocephalus

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<b>References</b>	Bonner 1951, no. 35; Michel, BM, no. 148; Michel, DMG, no. 19.7_2
<b>Former Collections</b>	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
<b>Material</b>	heliotrope
<b>Dimensions</b>	13 x 11 x 3 mm
<b>Dating</b>	3rd c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	gesture, greeting; moon, full; side-lock of youth; solar disk; moon, crescent; gesture, hand raised to mouth; Thoth; animal: cynocephalus; Horus; flail



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A: Composite image of Harpocrates and baboon (Thoth). Harpocrates sits to left, with right hand raised to mouth, left arm not visible. His head is crowned with a disk, side-lock of youth visible. In front of him: an eight-pointed star, behind him: a crescent. The baboon's head is upside down in relation to Harpocrates, and faces right, the two trunks are joined. The baboon's arms are raised in greeting, and act as the legs of Harpocrates. The baboon's head is crowned with a disc of the full moon, his tail springs from Harpocrates' shoulder, and acts as the flail of Harpocrates.  
B: Plain.

## Bibliography

[Bonner 1951 on CBd-547](#)

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