

Magical gem: Cynocephalus (A) σαλβαναχαμβρη (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 512 (EA 56512)
References	Michel, BM, no. 149; Michel, DMG, no. 42.1.a_15
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	chalcedony, white to brown/grey
Dimensions	17 x 13 x 2 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	solar disk?; animal: cynocephalus; gesture, greeting; moon, crescent; gesture, ithyphallic; star; moon, full?
Divine Names & Voces	σαλβαναχαμβρη and variants



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A: Ithyphallic cynocephalus (Thoth?) standing to right, paws raised in a greeting gesture, on the top of the head the full moon(?). In the free space a crescent and an eight-pointed star.

B: Inscribed in four lines: σαλβαναχαμβρη → σαλβαναχαμβρη.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-548](#)

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