

Magical gem: Cynocephalus (A) Ἄβλαναθαναλβα (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 377 (EA 56377)
References	Michel, BM, no. 151; Michel, DMG, no. 42.1.a_10
Material	moss agate (white and green)
Dimensions	16 x 12 x 2 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	animal: cynocephalus; gesture, ithyphallic; gesture, greeting; solar disk; stars (2)
Divine Names & Voces	Ἄβλαναθαναλβα, palindrome



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A: Ithyphallic baboon striding in profile, to left, with arms raised in greeting, tail hanging down straight, solar disk on the head. In the free field, two stars to left and right, and two U-shaped signs (crescents?).

B: Inscription in four lines: αβ|λ|α|να|θ|αν|α|λ|βα → Ἄβλαναθαναλβα-palindrome.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-550](#)

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