

Magical pendant: Pantheos standing on Ouroboros (A) Ἰαεω-palindrome, Greek text (B)

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Material	lapis lazuli (blue)
Dimensions	25 x 20 x 3 mm
Dating	2nd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Pantheos; flail; Bes, face of; feet, in the shape of jackal's heads; figure, with multiple arms; tail of bird; tail of crocodile; crown, atef?; nimbus; tufts on the knees (animal protomes); protomes of animals (4-4); cartouche; hieroglyph; scepter, was; Ouroboros; scarab; bird: falcon; animal: ram; animal: jackal; animal: lion; animal: crocodile; scorpion; snake; whip; standard
Logoi	Ἰαεω-palindrome



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A: Four-winged Bes-Pantheos standing to front, feet to right, on an Ouroboros forming a cartouche, which encloses, from left to right a scarab, a hawk, a goat, a jackal, a lion, a crocodile, and a cobra, all facing right. The god's face is bearded, four animal-protomes project from the sides of the head, which is topped by an elaborate crown (atef, or decorated with animal-protomes). The god has two pairs of wings and arms: the upper arms - in line with the top of the upper wings - are stretched to the sides and hold knives, cobras, scepters (hieroglyphs?). In the lower right arm: scorpion, whip and snake, in the lower left arm: lion and flail. Behind the wings: was-scepters on each side forming standards. A double strap crosses the chest in X-shape, the god wears a bird's tail and a crocodile's tail. There are tufts on the knees, feet are in the form of jackals' heads.

B: Inscription in eight lines:

ιαεωβαψρευε|μουνοθιλαρικ|ριψιαεγειψι|ρκιραλιθουνο|μενερψαβωε||αιδοταιχαριν|ηρωνιμαπρο|σπ
ανπασ → Ἰαεω-palindrome, δόται χάριν Ἡρωνιμα πρὸς πάντας. "Give Hieronilla favor in the eyes of all." (the name is R. Daniel's correction)

Bibliography

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[Daniel 2003](#), 140.

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