

Magical gem: Pantheos (A) voces (B)

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References	Michel, BM, no. 161; Michel, DMG, no. 41.1_4
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	lapis lazuli (blue)
Dimensions	23 x 16 x 2.5 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Pantheos; protomes of animals (4-4); crown, atef; scarab; bird: falcon; animal: quadrupeds, unspecified (3); scorpion?; scepter, with animal's head on the top; standard; Bes, face of; flail; snakes (2); Ouroboros; cartouche; tufts on the knees (animal protomes); feet, in the shape of jackal's heads; tail of bird; tail of crocodile; figure, with multiple arms; scepters (2); weapon: knives (2)
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified



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A: Bes-Pantheos striding right on an Ouroboros cartouche enclosing, from left to right: scarab, falcon, two quadrupedes, unidentifiable animal, scorpion. The head is surrounded by four animal protomes, and topped with an atef-crown with ram's horns, uraei and sun disk. The god has four arms and four wings, upper arms holding standard-like scepters, cobras and knives, lower arms hanging beside the body, left one holding a scepter with animal head on top, right one holding a flail. The body is in frontal view, with double straps crossing the chest in X-shape, bird's tail and crocodile's tail project from the hips. Feet in profile in the shape of jackal's heads, to left, knees decorated with animal protomes.

B: Inscription in thirteen lines, mostly unintelligible:

υωσιυ|ωθχιθ|[- -]ιλρσσραλχ[- -]|[- -]ραδχ[- -]|[- -]α[- -]αω[- -]||[- -]νοχο[- -]||[- -]σο[- -]||[- -]υλλρο[- -]||[- -]ο[- -]||[- -]α[- -]||[- -]χλ[- -]||[- -]λ[- -].

Bibliography

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