

Magical gem: Pantheos (A) vox (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
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References	Michel, BM, no. 166; Michel, DMG, no. 41.1_3
Former Collections	Praun and Mertens Collection; Eastwood, George
Material	lapis lazuli (blue)
Dimensions	17 x 13 x 3 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Pantheos; crown, unspecified; Bes, face of; scepters (2); tail of crocodile; tail of bird; protomes of animals; tufts on the knees (animal protomes); Ouroboros; cartouche; scepter, unspecified
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified



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A: Four-winged Bes-Pantheos striding right on Ouroboros cartouche enclosing notches to indicate animals. Head crowned and surrounded by animal protomes, upper body to front, a bird's tail and a crocodile's tail project from the hips, knees are thickened to imitate animal protomes, feet without the usual jackal-heads. Arms holding spear-like scepters.

B: Inscription in two lines: $\rho\rho\theta\iota\rho\rho\rho\epsilon\iota$ → unidentified vox.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-564](#)

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