

Magical gem: Pantheos (A) Βαῖνχωωωχ (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 542 (EA 43117)
References	Michel, BM, no. 167; Michel, DMG, no. 41.1.d_3
Former Collections	Murch, Rev. C.
Material	glass, blue
Dimensions	22 x 16 x 3 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Pantheos; crown, atef; Bes, face of; scepter, was; whip; tail of crocodile; tail of bird; tufts on the knees (animal protomes); feet, in the shape of jackal's heads; Ouroboros; cartouche; protomes of animals (4-4)
Divine Names & Voces	Βαῖνχωωωχ



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A: Four-winged Bes-Pantheos striding right on an Ouroboros cartouche enclosing notches to indicate animals. The bearded head is surrounded by notches imitating animal protomes, and crowned with the atef, complete with ram's horns and uraei. Upper body to front, a large bird's tail and a crocodile's tail project from the hips. The god has only one pair of arms: right one holding a whip, left one holding a was-scepter, on the left side another was-scepter. Knees decorated with animal protomes, feet in the shape of jackal's heads.

B: Inscription in three lines: βαῖνχωωωχ → Βαῖνχωωωχ.

Bibliography

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