

Magical gem: Three-headed figure (A) voces (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
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References	Bonner 1951, no. 45; Michel, BM, no. 173; Michel, DMG, no. 41.6.c_4
Former Collections	Praun and Mertens Collection; Eastwood, George
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	23 x 19 x 3.5 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	figure, with multiple heads; crown, unspecified; clothing: bandage
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified; σουμαρτα and variants



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A: Pantheistic figure standing to front, feet to right. Human body with three animal heads: falcon (in the middle, to right), jackal (on the left, to left), and ibis (on the right, to right), all topped with stylized crowns. Body wrapped in a tunic-like mummy bandage from neck to knees, hands held together on the chest. One pair of wings behind the shoulders, another, smaller pair of wings behind the thighs.

B: Inscription in six lines: βιχω|βιχωβε|υβευχωβ|ιχωβιβε|υσουμα||ρτα → voces including σουμαρτα.

Bibliography

[Bonner 1951 on CBd-571](#)

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