

Magical gem: Pantheos surrounded by animals (A) scorpion (B)

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References	Michel, BM, no. 175; Michel, DMG, no. 41.3_2
Former Collections	Towneley Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	22 x 23.5 x 4 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Ouroboros; star; scarab, with outstretched wings; solar disk; bird: falcons (2); scorpions (2); animal: crocodile; hieroglyph, ankh; Bes; moon, crescent
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; Ἀκραμμαχαμαρεί and variants



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A: Enclosed by an Ouroboros: unclothed figure of Bes-Pantheos, standing to front on the back of a crocodile (to right). The head is bald and bearded. Behind the figure: three pairs of wings, both arms hold 'ankh' signs. Legs bent in knee, both feet turned outwards. Above the god: a scarab with outstretched wings, on both sides: falcons crowned with solar disks, facing Bes (at the top), scorpions (at the bottom). In the free field beside the head: an eight-pointed star (on the left) and a crescent (on the right).

B: Scorpion. Around, inscription beginning on the right at the bottom: [α]κραμμαχαμαριαω → variant of Ἀκραμμαχαμαρεί, Ἰάω.

Bibliography

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