

Magical gem: Jackal-headed figure standing on Ouroboros

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References	Bonner 1951, no. 40; Michel, BM, no. 176; Michel, DMG, no. 41.6.f_1
Former Collections	Stewart, C. Esq.
Material	magnetite (black)
Dimensions	16 x 12 x 3 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Ouroboros; figure, jackal-headed; Pantheos; weapon: daggers (2); scepters (2); tail of bird; whip; figure, with multiple arms; scepter, unspecified
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω



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A: Composite Pantheos figure with the head of a jackal and the body of a scarab, standing to front on an Ouroboros cartouche. Head turned left, behind the figure two pairs of wings. Upper arms holding tall scepters, lower arms holding daggers. A bird's tail projects from the hips on the right, on the left: a whip. The legs are human, feet to left. Inscription in the cartouche: ἰάω.
S. Michel connects the motif with a description in a Demotic magical papyrus.
B: Plain.

Bibliography

[Bonner 1951 on CBd-574](#)

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