

Magical gem: Cock-headed figure holding statuette (A) Ἴάω, Σαβαώ (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 367 (EA 56367)
References	Goodenough, JS, III, no. 1092; Michel, BM, no. 231; Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.4.c_1
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	17 x 13 x 3 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	figure, cock-headed; gesture, figure in hand; clothing: mantle; scepter, unspecified
Divine Names & Voces	Ἴάω; Σαβαώθ, variants



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A: Frontal view of cock-headed human figure in armour and mantle, head to right. Right hand raised high and holding a scepter, left hand outstretched and holding a statuette.
B: Inscription in three lines: ιαω|σαβ|αω → Ἴάω, Σαβαώ.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on Cbd-629](#)

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