

Amulet(?) gem: Helios, zodiac cycle

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References	Michel, BM, no. 245
Former Collections	Castellani Collection
Material	heliotrope
Dimensions	12 x 9 x 2 mm
Dating	1st-2nd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	concentric motifs; zodiac cycle; Helios; quadriga; clothing: mantle; rays; whip



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A: Two concentric circles, the outer one divided into twelve sections containing the twelve signs of the zodiac, beginning at the top right (in turn: Capricorn, Pisces, Aquarius, Aries, Sagittarius, Scorpio, Libra, Virgo, Leo, Cancer, Gemini, Taurus); the inner one containing a representation of Helios and the quadriga. The right hand of Helios is raised forward, left arm wrapped in a chlamys and holding a whip, rays around the head.

B: Plain.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-643](#)

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