

Amulet(?) gem: Bust of Helios, zodiac cycle

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References	Michel, BM, no. 247
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	carnelian (colour unspecified)
Dimensions	16 x 12.7 x 3 mm
Dating	17th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	bust; Helios; rays (14); concentric motifs; zodiac cycle



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A: Two concentric circles, the outer one divided into twelve sections containing the twelve signs of the zodiac (from the top right, in turn: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces), in the inner one the bust of Helios, to front, with fourteen rays around the head.

B: Plain.

Bibliography

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