

Magical gem: Helios riding lion, mummy (A) vox (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-669
ID-Number	GB-BM-MMEu_G 1986,5-1,73
Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 1986,5-1,73
References	Michel, BM, no. 283; Michel, DMG, no. 37.A.3.b_7
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	16 x 10 x 2.5 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Helios; mummy; gesture, lying; stars (2); rays (4); gesture, greeting; clothing: mantle; weapon: armour; animal: lion, with snake-headed tail; clothing: bandage
Divine Names & Voces	Ἥλιω



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A: Fragment. Helios on the back of a lion striding right over a mummy lying on the ground. The lion's tail is snake-headed. The god's head is turned right and surrounded with four rays, right hand raised in greeting. Helios wears armour, with chlamys floating behind the left shoulder. In the free field, behind the god's head, two six-pointed stars. On the right side of the gem - now lost - probably the figure of Sigé.

B: Remains of an inscription: $\omega \rightarrow [\text{Ἥλι}] \omega$.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-669](#)

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