

Magical gem: Chnoubis, voces (A) Asclepius - Hygieia (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-705
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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 21 (EA 56021)
References	Bonner 1951, no. 22; Michel, BM, no. 319; Michel, DMG, no. 11.7_3
Former Collections	Hamilton Collection
Material	agate, red to brown
Dimensions	22.5 x 18 x 3.5 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Chnoubis, lion-headed; vessel: cup; nimbus; rays (7); rays, double; snake; clothing: tunic; clothing: mantle; staff, snake entwined; stars (2); jewellery: necklace; clothing: garment; Hygieia; Asclepius-Imhotep; Chnoubis-sign
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβρασάξ; Χνουμ?; Χνουμής?



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A: Lion-headed Chnoubis to left, with nimbus and seven double rays around the head. In the free space on the left: Chnoubis-sign set vertically, below Chnoubis: two six-pointed stars. On the right side, inscription in two lines: χνου|μεω → variant of Χνουμής or Χνουμ? Under Chnoubis: ἀβρασάξ → Ἀβρασάξ.

B: Asclepius-Imhotep and Hygieia standing in frontal view, facing each other. The god, with shaven head, is wearing a long garment, mantle and a necklace. His left hand is slightly outstretched, his right leaning against a snake entwined staff. Hygieia is wearing a long tunic and a mantle. Her bent right hand is holding a snake, left one holding a cup. The snake passes upward behind her back and holds its head over the cup.

Bibliography

[Bonner 1951 on CBd-705](#)

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