

Magical gem: Chnoubis (A) Greek text (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-713
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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 260 (EA 56260)
References	Bonner 1951, no. 20; Michel, BM, no. 327; Michel, DMG, no. 11.5_17
Former Collections	Rollin & Feuardent (auction house, 1867-1953)
Material	moss agate (white and green)
Dimensions	17 x 12 x 4 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Chnoubis, lion-headed; Chnoubis-sign; nimbus; rays, double; rays (6)
Divine Names & Voces	ναβις βιενουθ and variants; Χνουβίς



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A: Lion-headed Chnoubis to right, with a nimbus and six double rays around the head. Inscription above the head, with the letters arranged between the rays: αηιουω → The Greek vowel series.
B: At the top: Chnoubis-sign. Below: inscription in six lines:
χνουβισ|ναβισ|βιεννους|υδωρδιψη|αρτοσπεινη||πυρρειγοι → Χνουβίς ναβις βιεννους υδωρ δίψη
ἄρτος πείνη πῦρ ῥ{ε}ίγ{ο}<ε>ι. 'Chnoubis Nabis Biennous, give water for thirst, bread for hunger, fire for cold.'

Bibliography

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