

# Magical gem: Uterus, triads of animals (A) vox, Ouroboros (B)

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<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 1986,5-1,30
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 1986,5-1,30
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 350; Michel, DMG, no. 54.1.d
<b>Former Collections</b>	Ogden Collection
<b>Material</b>	haematite (black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	17 x 12 x 33 mm
<b>Dating</b>	3rd c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; Ouroboros; scarabs (3); snakes (3); bird: falcons (3); animal: crocodiles (3); animal: goats (3); key (3-bitted)

**Divine Names & Voces** Ἰάω; ορωριουθ



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A: Uterus surrounded with triads of animals: at the top, scarabs crawling upwards; on the left, falcons, head to right; on the right, goats, head to left; bottom left, snakes, to right; bottom right, crocodiles, to left. Below the uterus, a three-bitted key.

B: Inscription in two lines within an Ouroboros, head to left: ορωριουαθιαω → ορωριουθ, Ἰάω.

## Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-727](#)

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