

Magical gem: Uterus, vox (A) voces (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 1986,5-1,31
References	Michel, BM, no. 351; Michel, DMG, no. 54.1.b_12
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	13.7 x 9.8 x 4 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; key (7-bitted)
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; Σαβαώθ; vocales; ορωριουθ; αιεβοθ; ιαωαι-palindrome



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A: Uterus and a seven-bitted key. Inscription within the uterus, vertically from top to bottom: ιαω → Ἰάω.

B: Inscription in five lines: ορωρι|ουθιαηω|ιαωσαβαωθ|ιαωαιεβοθ|σταθητι|μητρα → ορωριουθ, vocales, Ἰάω, Σαβαώθ, Ἰάω, αιεβοθ, στάθητι μήτρα. 'Uterus, stand still!'

Bibliography

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