

Magical gem: Ouroboros encircling uterus, three deities (A) vox (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 77 (EA 56077)
References	Michel, BM, no. 359; Michel, DMG, no. 54.2.b_1
Former Collections	Towneley Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	18 x 12 x 3 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Chnoubis, lion-headed; Ouroboros; clothing, unspecified; rays (7); gesture, protective; Nephthys; Isis; key (7-bitted); uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; crown, Isis (?)
Divine Names & Voces	ορωριουθ, variants



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A: Ouroboros, head to right, enclosing a uterus-symbol with a seven-bitted key. Above the uterus, a group of deities. In the middle: Chnoubis, head to left, surrounded with seven rays. On the two sides, facing Chnoubis, two winged goddesses wearing long robes, arms held in a protective gesture. Heads crowned with the Isis-crown or perhaps with hieroglyphs indicating their names (throne for Isis, on the left, basket and house for Nephthys, on the right)?
B: Inscribed in two lines: ορωριουθ → variant of ορωριουθ. Character.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on Cbd-736](#)

[Faraone 2011](#), 56, pls. 19a-c.

[The British Museum Collection database on Cbd-736](#)