

Magical gem: Uterus, four deities, Ouroboros (A) ορωριουθ (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 219 (EA 56219)
References	Michel, BM, no. 367; Michel, DMG, no. 54.2.f_1
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	11 x 2 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	key (4-bitted); Isis-Tyche; Osiris; clothing, unspecified; gesture, protective; crown, unspecified; cornucopia; Anubis as mummy; Nephthys; Ouroboros; clothing: bandage
Divine Names & Voces	ορωριουθ; vocales, αειουω
Logoi	σοροορ-logos?



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A: Ouroboros enclosing an uterus-symbol with a four-bitted key (S. Michel: seven-bitted), and a group of deities, from left to right: Nephthys with winged arms, wearing a long robe; the mummy of Anubis; crowned mummy of Osiris; Isis with cornucopia. In the free field to the left of the uterus: αειη|ι. To the right: ουω → The Greek vowel series. Fragments of an inscription running outside of the Ouroboros: σοροορ-logos?

B: Inscription in two lines. [..]ω[.]|ιουθ → ορωριουθ.

Bibliography

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