

Magical gem: Uterus, six deities (A) Seth standing on uterus (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 496 (EA 56496)
References	Michel, BM, no. 379; Michel, DMG, no. 54.3_1
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	15 x 29 x 2 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; Harpocrates seated with knees drawn up; flail; gesture, hand raised to mouth; Osiris; Nephthys; gesture, greeting; Seth; clothing: kilt; scepter, was; hieroglyph, ankh; hieroglyph, sa; Bes akephalos; crown, Isis-; Ouroboros; Chnoubis, lion-headed; rays; key, unspecified; solar disk; scarab; Isis-Tyche; clothing: mantle; clothing: tunic; cornucopia; scepter, unspecified; figure, donkey-headed
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; ορωριουθ; vocales, αηιουω; Τυφῶν
Logoi	σοροορ-logos



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A: Ouroboros, head to left, encircling a uterus-symbol, with a group of six deities above it. From left to right: scarab; then Isis-Tyche in a long robe and chlamys, right hand holding cornucopia, left hand holding a scepter, head topped with the Isis-crown (or the double feather crown). Next to Isis: Bes akephalos, with bent knees, hands resting on thighs, substituting his head: Harpocrates sitting in profile to right, right hand holding a flail, left hand raised to mouth, on the head: solar disk. Osiris mummy, with solar disk or crown on the head. On the left: Nephthys in a long robe and chlamys, on her head the hieroglyph indicating her name, left hand holding cornucopia, right hand protecting Osiris. To the left of the uterus-symbol: originally the figure of Chnoubis, lion-head with rays remaining. To the right: remains of the handles of the key. Inscription in the free field: ιαω → Ἴαω. To the left of the uterus: αηιο. To the right of the uterus: υω → The Greek vowel series. Outside the Ouroboros: [- -]ροορ[- - -]"ηρι → part of σοροορ-logos.

B: Jackal- or donkey headed figure standing atop an uterus-symbol, head to left (Seth). The figure wears a kilt, upper body nude, right hand holding a was-scepter, left hand holding an ankh- or sa-sign. Inscription around in two lines: [.]ταλη[- - -]υφωνκα|λαβη[- - -]ριουθ → στάληθι μήτρα μή σε Τυφῶν καταλάβη, [ορω]ριουθ. 'Contract, uterus, so that Typhon does not seize you. Ororiouth.'

Bibliography

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