

## Magical gem: Ares, Tantalos-historiola (A) womb, voces (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-754
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_GR 1928,5-20,1
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	GR 1928,5-20,1
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 383; Michel, DMG, no. 28.12.a_4
<b>Material</b>	haematite (black)
<b>Dimensions</b>	38.5 x 25 x 4 mm
<b>Dating</b>	3rd c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	Ares, Mars ultor-type; uterus, in the form of an amphora; weapon: armour; weapon: helmet; weapon: shield; weapon: spear; shoes: boots
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	voces, unidentified; Σαβᾶώθ, variants; vocales, αηιουω; Ἄδωνάϊ, variants



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A: In the free field at bottom left, frontal view of Ares, head to left, right hand raised and leaning on a spear, left hand lowered beside the body and holding a shield. The figure wears armour, helmet, boots and chlamys. To the right of the image, inscription in eleven lines arranged in pterygoma form:

διψαστανταλαιεμαπι[.]|ιψαστανταλαιεμαπιε|ψαστανταλαιεμαπιε|αστανταλαιεμαπιε|στανταλαιε  
μαπιε||

τανταλαιεμαπιε|ανταλαιεμαπιε|νταλαιεμαπιε|ταλαιεμαπιε|αλαιε[.]|[πιε||λαι[.]

→ διψᾶς Τάνταλε, αἶμα πίε. 'If you are thirsty, Tantalos, drink blood.'

B: Uterus in the form of an amphora, framed by snake-like lines. Inscription around. At the top, in one line: αδωνοε, vertically, beginning top right: ιθαδωα; vertically, beginning top left: σαβωαηιουω → voces including variant of Ἄδωνάϊ, Σαβᾶώ and the Greek vowel series.

### Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-754](#)

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