

Magical pendant: Ibis tied to an altar (A) Chnoubis with deities on uterus (B)

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References	Bonner 1951, no. 26; Michel, BM, no. 409; Michel, DMG, no. 54.8.b_1
Material	serpentine (green to black)
Dimensions	52 x 34 x 9 mm
Dating	4th-5th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	plant: stalks of (3); clothing (all types); Anubis as mummy; Chnoubis, lion-headed, without rays; solar disk; cord; bird: ibis, tied to an altar; Osiris; uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel; Ouroboros; star; key (4-bitted)
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; ορωριουθ; Ἰάω, variants; vocales, triads of



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A: Ibis standing to left, tied to an altar with a cord. On the altar, three stalks of plant. Above: a six-pointed star, to left and right of the ibis and the altar: two S-shaped curves (snakes). Below: inscription in two lines: ορωριουθιαω → ορωριουθ, Ἰάω.

B: Ouroboros enclosing womb and key. Above: in the middle, the lion-headed Chnoubis without rays around the head, to left, standing between Anubis as mummy in front and Osiris as mummy behind. Atop Osiris' head: the solar disk. In the field around the figures: ιαω → Ἰάω. Inscription outside the Ouroboros: αηιουωαειουωαηιουωια → triads of the Greek vowel series, including variant of Ἰάω.

Bibliography

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