

Magical gem: Cross, Greek letters (A) letters (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-818
ID-Number	GB-BM-MMEu_G 1986,5-1,159
Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 1986,5-1,159
References	Michel, BM, no. 460
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	steatite, green to black
Dimensions	23.5 x 17.5 x 3 mm
Dating	4th-5th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	cross, herm-like
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω, variants



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A: Schematic representation of a herm-like figure. Inscription scattered in the free field: ιαιωσ → variant of Ἰάω.

B: Illegible inscription, perhaps a mixture of Coptic and Greek (Michel).

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-818](#)

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