

Magical gem: Characteres (A) Greek inscription (B)

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Former Collections	Praun and Mertens Collection; Eastwood, George
Material	topaz (yellow)
Dimensions	14 x 19 x 8 mm
Dating	ancient/modern? (Michel)
Iconography	Ouroboros voces, unidentified; vocales;
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀκραμμαχαμαρεί and variants; vocales, αηιουω; vocales, in pterygoma form



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A: Enclosed within an Ouroboros-like oval, characteres arranged in a vertical column. Around the oval, nine small circles and an S-shaped sign.

B: Inscription in seven lines:

αμαρσμηριαηιουω|ροδυσναβαρεηιουω|ναβαρνεηιουω|εραθρλβαιουω|ζαγεσοφιουω||
ορθοχορσευω|αχαημαρεω → voces including the Greek vowel series according to the concept of pterygoma form, variant of Ἀκραμμαχαμαρεί.

Bibliography

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