

Magical gem: Ouroboros enclosing Greek inscription (A) Greek inscription (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 223 (EA 56223)
References	Michel, BM, no. 519; Michel, DMG, no. 28.4.a_20
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	carnelian (colour unspecified)
Dimensions	13 x 18 x 3 mm
Dating	modern (Michel)
Iconography	Ouroboros; star
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; Ἀβρασάξ, variants; Σαβαώθ, variants; θωβαρβαρυν and variants
Logoi	αιαναγβα-logos and variants



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A: Ouroboros, with head at bottom to left, enclosing inscription in five lines, with a star in the middle of the fourth line: σαλαμ|αζαβαμ|εαζαθω|βαρβαρ|υν → part of αιαναγβα-logos, θωβαρβαρυν.
B: Inscription in four lines: ιαωσα|ρασ|βωθαβ|αξ → Ἰάω; anagramma of Σαβαώθ, Ἀβρασάξ?

Bibliography

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