

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

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References	Michel, BM, no. 522; Michel, DMG, no. 28.13.a_7
Material	sard (brown)
Dimensions	25 x 31 x 2.5 mm
Dating	ancient/modern? (Michel)
Iconography	Ouroboros; moon, crescent; star
Divine Names & Voces	Ίάω; Ξαφαήλ and variants; Ξαγαυήλ?; Σουριήλ; Ούριήλ; Γαβριήλ and variants; Μιχαήλ; βιβιου βιβιους; voces, unidentified; Φανιήλ?



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A: Characteres within an Ouroboros, with head to left, including a crescent, open to right, and an eight-pointed star. Outside the Ouroboros, inscription in two lines, beginning at the top and running to right: ραφαηλγαβριηλφνηηλαγαυηλουριηλσουριηλμιχαηλ → Ξαφαήλ, Γαβριήλ, Φ<α>νιήλ, Ξαγαυήλ, Ούριήλ, Σουριήλ, Μιχαήλ.

B: Inscription in seven lines: ιαω|ουδηιθηθ|υδηηηλαψειη|λβιβιουβιβιο|υσφησφηκο|υθχζθηφλο|κθ → voces including Ίάω, βιβιου βιβιους.

Bibliography

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