

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

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<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 1986,5-1,145
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 1986,5-1,145
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 536
<b>Former Collections</b>	Ogden Collection
<b>Material</b>	carnelian (colour unspecified)
<b>Dimensions</b>	14.5 x 18 x 4 mm
<b>Dating</b>	4th c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	Ouroboros
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	voces, unidentified; vocales



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A: Ouroboros, head in profile to right, enclosing characteres and letters in two vertical lines. At top right:  $\nu$ ; at the bottom:  $\epsilon\rho\phi$  → unidentified vox including latin letter.

B: Inscription in five lines:  $\iota\alpha\iota|\epsilon\iota\omicron\upsilon\upsilon|\eta\eta\iota\alpha\eta|\epsilon\eta\iota\omicron\upsilon\upsilon|\eta\eta$  → vocales.

## Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-895](#)

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