

# Magical gem: Human-headed bird

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-934
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 222, EA 56222
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 222 (EA 56222)
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 575
<b>Former Collections</b>	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
<b>Material</b>	carnelian (colour unspecified)
<b>Dimensions</b>	18 x 14 x 5 mm
<b>Dating</b>	3rd c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	solar disk; bird, with human head
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἰάω, variants



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A: Human-headed bird, in profile to left, crowned with the solar disk (Michel: perhaps a siren or the Egyptian ba-bird). Inscription in the free field in front of the bird: υεωι → vocales including variant of Ἰάω.

B: Plain.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-934](#)

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