

Magical gem: Osiris-Christ figure, four angels

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Inventory	G 360A (EA 56360A)
References	Chifletius-Macarius, no. XIX 78; Michel, BM, no. 612; Michel, DMG, no. 39.8.a_4
Material	obsidian (black)
Dimensions	28 x 21 x 11 mm
Dating	17th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	clothing: bandage; crown, unspecified; figures, unidentified (4); gesture, arms crossed; gesture, dancing?; globus; mummy; base; stars (7)
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified



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A: Large, herm-like figure standing to front on a base, arms crossed in front of the chest, wearing mummy bandage, beard and a crown (of thorns?). Below, four figures (two to left, two to right) dancing (?) on a globe decorated with five stars, also with arms crossed. The two figures on the sides are connected to the larger figure through lines. At the top, two six-pointed stars to the left and right of the figure. Below the stars, inscription horizontally in three lines:

ιχτησ υσσισ | ουχμχ οιτυι | χιττη σοιχγ. To the right and left of the smaller figures υπι υλ → unidentified voces.

In the center, characteres or letters.

B: Plain.

Post-antique. The piece may have been copied after [Chifletius-Macarius, Abrasax](#), see [CBd-2835](#) (side A).

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-971](#)

[Michel, DMG](#), 315, 39.8.a_4, pl. 102, 3

[The British Museum Collection database on CBd-971](#)

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