

Magical gem: Osiris-Christ figure, characteres

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Former Collections	Praun and Mertens Collection; Eastwood, George
Material	moss agate (white and green)
Dimensions	42.5 x 25 x 9 mm
Dating	T. a. q. 1616
Iconography	base; mummy; clothing: bandage; crown, unspecified; gesture, arms crossed; rays (4); stars (8); globus; pentagram



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A: Herm-like mummy standing on a base, arms crossed in front of the chest. Wears a beard and a crown (of thorns?), mummy bandage decorated with signs and lines. Around, eight six-pointed stars, below, characteres in two lines. At the bottom, a pentagram (on the left) and a globe (on the right).

B: Plain.

Post-antique.

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