

Magical gem: Gorgoneion with seven sea-serpent protomes (A) Ouroboros (B)

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References	Michel, BM, no. 618
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	19 x 4 mm
Dating	17th-18th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Gorgoneion; Ouroboros; uterus, octopus-like
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified



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A: Gorgoneion with seven large snakes coiling around the head, resembling an octopus-like uterus.

B: Enclosed within an Ouroboros, head to right at the top, letters in two lines: ΖΞΕ ΠΟΥΥ → unidentified voces.

Bibliography

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