

Magical gem: Caracteres in Ouroboros, Greek inscription (A) Greek inscription (B)

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| Cbd-Number | Cbd-982 |
| ID-Number | GB-BM-MMEu_G 1986,5-1,147 |
| Collection | GB_London, The British Museum |
| Inventory | G 1986,5-1,147 |
| References | Chifletius-Macarius, no. XVII 69; Michel, BM, no. 623 |
| Former Collections | Ogden Collection |
| Material | haematite (black) |
| Dimensions | 43 x 36 x 7 mm |
| Dating | 17th c. AD (Michel) |
| Iconography | Ouroboros; stars (4) σεσεγγενβαρφαραγγης and variants; vocales; Άκραμμαχαμαρεί and variants; σεμεσειλαμ and variants; Άβρασάξ, variants; αρουαντα; αμουραχθη and variants; ωρθμενχινιαμβων and variants; Μιχαήλ |
| Divine Names & Voces | |



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A: At the top: Ouroboros with head to right, enclosing seven Greek letters: ζξε|πσυε. On the two sides of the Ouroboros: four eight-pointed stars. Inscription in eleven lines:
αγωσασαωαω|νσεμεσειααμαβρα|εσξζυρραγηακραμα|κραμυλκαμαρισε|γγενβααφαραγγησ||
εμεσσιααμωβαημε|ενιαμβωναρουαν|ταμιχαηλαμορ|ασλχειφυλασ|ετεμαιαν||νω → voces including
vocales (1), variant of σεμεσειλαμ, variant of Άβρασάξ (2), variant of Άκραμμαχαμαρεί (3-4), variant
of σεσεγγενβαρφαραγγης (4-5), variant of σεμεσειλαμ, variant of ωρθμενχινιαμβων (6-7), αρουαντα
(7-8), Μιχαήλ (8), variant of αμουραχθη (8-9), φύλασσετε Μαιανω ? (9-11).

B: Inscription in eleven lines:

οντεσωτ|ουαριαωρ|εωηλφονα|ωραιητοσσω|ιμαωαηαι||
ωλουηαηιοα|λπειωασεε|ωηαωηιφιη|λωηαεψσει|σημαιηη||σηη → voces including chiefly vocales.
Post-antique. Copy after Chifletius-Macarius XVII 69. See also:

- 1) Carnelian: [Cbd-981](#)
- 2) Haematite: [Cbd-2188](#)
- 3) Garnet: [King, Gnostics](#), 289; , No. 264.
- 4) Dark red agate, once Whelan collection: [King, Gnostics](#), 290.

Bibliography

[Chifletius-Macarius, Abraxas](#), XVII 69.

[Michel, BM on Cbd-982](#)

[The British Museum Collection database on Cbd-982](#)