

Magical gem: Sarapis-head on vessel, αἰών

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References	Bonner 1951, no. 7; Michel, BM, no. 637; Michel, DMG, no. 9.1.b_1
Former Collections	Towneley Collection
Material	amethyst (purple)
Dimensions	17 x 12 x 4 mm
Dating	17th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Sarapis; vessel, unspecified; plant: stalks of grain; kerykeion; rays (6); modius



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A: Head of Sarapis on a round-footed vessel with two square handles. On the two sides of the vessel, stalks of grain; a palm branch or a futher stalk of grain pierced through the right handle, a kerykeion pierced through the left handle. The head of Sarapis surrounded with six rays, and crowned with a modius. In the free field on the left, inscription running vertically, from bottom to top, in mirror-writing: αἰων → αἰών.

B: Plain.

Bibliography

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