

Magical gem: Crowned figures with scorpion

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ID-Number	GB-BM-MMEu_G 198, EA 56198
Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 198 (EA 56198)
References	Michel, BM, no. 639; Michel, DMG, no. 51.3_1
Former Collections	Hamilton Collection
Material	chalcedony, white to brown/grey
Dimensions	32 x 25 x 25 mm
Dating	17th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	figures, unidentified (2); clothing, unspecified; crown, unspecified; scorpion; plant: branch
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified



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Truncated globe, bored through, functioning as a seal.

A: Two figures facing each other in profile. Both wearing knee-long garments and crowns, one hand raised to mouth, the other resting on the hips and holding a branch. Between the two figures, a large scorpion from above, crawling to top. In the free field at the top and bottom, inscription only partly transliterated: $\delta\eta\nu\kappa\mu\epsilon\iota|\chi\eta\epsilon\rho\nu\delta$ → unidentified voces.

B: Untransliterated inscriptions also on the outer surface of the seal.

The gem may have been designed after a drawing in [Chifletius-Macarius, Abrasax](#), see [Cbd-2870](#).

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on Cbd-998](#)

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