

Magical gem: Youth standing on stele (A) christogram (B)

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Inventory	10.130.1395
References	Bonner, SMA D. 154; Michel, DMG, no. 55.1.a_3
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	18 x 14 x 3 mm
Dating	2nd c. AD (MM Coll. website)
Iconography	christogram; figure, male; gesture, arms tied; gesture, lying; moon, crescent?; solar disk?; stele



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A: Nude youth standing nude, to right, with hands bound together in front, atop a gabled stele lying on its side. Behind him: a vertical line of characteres. On the stele: meaningless combination of Greek letters, and the signs of sun and moon - cryptography?
B: Christogram.

Bibliography

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