

Magical gem: Deities standing on uterus (A) Greek inscription (B)

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Collection	US_Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology
Inventory	26067
References	Bonner, SMA D. 142; Michel, DMG, no. 54.2.k_3
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	20 x 18 x 3 mm
Iconography	Anubis as mummy; Chnoubis-sign; clothing: bandage; clothing: garment; crown, unspecified; figure, female; gesture, greeting; gesture, protective; hieroglyph, name (Nb.t Hw.t); Isis; key (7-bitted); Khnum; Nephthys; Ouroboros; scepter, was; solar disk; throne; uterus, in the form of a cupping vessel
Divine Names & Voces	vocales; ἰάω, variants; ορωριουθ; Σαβαώθ; φορβαφορφορβα and variants
Logoi	σοροορ-logos



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A: Ouroboros, with head at top to left, encircling a uterus and key with deities above them. Uterus in the shape of a cupping vessel, ligaments and fallopian tubes visible, the key is seven-bitted. The mummy of Anubis, facing right, holds a was-scepter; an unidentified goddess faces him with hand raised in greeting. On the far left, Isis, wearing crown; on the far right, Nephthys, with her name in hieroglyphs on her head. Both goddesses wear long garments, their winged arms are raised in a protective gesture. Next to the uterus-symbol, the ram-headed Khnum sits on a throne, his head, to left, is crowned with the solar disk, his right hand holds the handle of the key. Inscribed around the edge: "the Soroor formula, partly illegible through abrasion" (Bonner); inside the Ouroboros, around, beginning at top left: (character) ιαια ιαιω ειω σαβαωθ. To the left and right of the uterus: α|ηι, (character) υ → vocales including variant of ἰάω, Σαβαώθ, ν.

B: Enclosed within an Ouroboros, head at top to right, an inscription in eight lines: ορωρι|ουθιαηω|ω (three characteres) σαβαω|θ (character) ιαιωειαι|βρρβρορπαρ||φορφορβα|ρφορφορ|ραι → ορωριουθ, vocales including variant of ἰάω (twice), Σαβαώθ, variant of φορβαφορφορβα.

Bibliography

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