

Magical gem: Chnoubis, Ἰαεω-palindrome, vocales (A) Chnoubis sign, Χνουβί, vox (B)

CBD-Number	CBd-690
ID-Number	GB-BM-MMEu_G 458, EA 56458
Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 458 (EA 56458)
References	Michel, BM, no. 304; Michel, DMG, no. 11.3.f_2
Former Collections	Blacas Collection
Material	chalcedony, white to brown/grey
Dimensions	29 x 18 x 7 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Chnoubis, lion-headed; Chnoubis-sign; rays (7)
Divine Names & Voces	vocales, αηιουω; voces, unidentified; Χνουβίς
Logoi	Ἰαεω-palindrome



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A: Lion-headed Chnoubis in profile, to left. Seven rays around the head. Inscription in the free field, running around the edge, beginning at top left: ιαεωβαηρηνεμ[- -]νοθιλαρικριφιαεουεαιφιρικραλιθου. Inscription in the second line, beginning at bottom left: ομενερφαβωεαιαηιουω → Ἰαεω-palindrome, the Greek vowel series.
B: In the center: Chnoubis-sign. Inscription around the edge: χνουβιαλαμβητωρ → Χνουβί, vox.

Bibliography

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