Case 2-Afr-Egy-Hyksos-Scarab-2nd Intermediate Period-1782-1550 BCE



**Case No.: 2**

**Accession Number:**

**Formal Label:**

**Display Description: (All hieroglyphs refer to Gardiner’s list.)**

**This scarab amulet was** a powerful social device in the disordered world of the Second Intermediate Period that attempted to link personal spirituality and feelings of well-being with the king’s putative cosmic and political apotropaic power. The symbolic abstractions of Second Intermediate Period scarab amulets were produced by erudite and politicized functionary artisans to stimulate manifold religio-political feelings of stability in a politically chaotic world.

Second Intermediate Period scarab amulets utilize **hieroglyphics to express the linkage between the civilian and the king. For instance, this scarab is encompassed by Gardiner I 10** “ḏ” **cobra** http://egyptianhieroglyphs.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/I10.jpg **. In the upper left quadrant is** an unknown hieroglyph **separated by M 9** sšn “lily” **or “lotus flower.” Below the lotus is V 30, which we interpret as “Owner” since it is a sign smaller that the following V 30. Below this V 30 is a double spiral which we interpret as “chaos”. Below this is a second, larger V 30, which we interpret as “Lord” or “King”.**

**LC Classification:**

**Date or Time Horizon:**

**Geographical Area:**

**Map:**

**GPS Coordinates:**

**Cultural Affiliation:**

**Medium:**

**Dimensions**:   
**Weight:**

**Provenance:**

**Condition:**

**Discussion:**

**References:**

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