

CAPInv. 849: **thiasos**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Caria
iii. Site	Tabai

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θίασος (<i>La Carie</i> II no. 35, line 4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>thiasos</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	1 (?) BC - 200 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i> For the cultic connotations of this term, see also below V and X.iii.
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>La Carie</i> II, no. 35 (ca. 50 BC - 200 AD?).
Note	Cf. also <i>BE</i> 1955: no. 201.
Online Resources	PHI: Tabai 3 Harland, AGRW no. 12780
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication of an altar in Greek.

i.c. Physical format(s)	Small, white marble altar.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Varalı.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	γραμματεὺς τοῦ θιάσου, <i>grammateus tou thiasou</i> (lines 3-4) The dedication is made by the secretary (<i>grammateus</i>) of the association, one Mousaios son of Mousaios.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The inscription is the dedication of an altar, presumably to the god that was worshipped by the <i>thiasos</i> .
Deities worshipped	Helios Theos Megistos "Sun the Great God" designates the cult of a popular god in this period, Sol Invictus. Cf. <i>inter alia</i> Fauth 1995 on the worship of Helios in the Roman and Late Antique periods.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Fauth, W. (1995) <i>Helios Megistos</i> , Leiden. Robert, L. (1954), <i>La Carie II. Le plateau de Tabai</i> . Paris.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	Given that the <i>thiasos</i> has a demonstrable level of organisation (a secretary) and an apparent vocational purpose (cult), it can be considered a cultic association, almost certainly of private character.