

Magical gem: Helios riding lion (A) Anguipes (B)

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References	Goodenough, JS, III, no. 1106; Bonner, SMA D. 226; Michel, DMG, no. 37.A.3.d_2
Material	pyrites (brass-yellow)
Dimensions	23 x 18,5 x 5 mm
Iconography	Anguipes, cock-headed; Helios; crown, unspecified; rays (7); gesture, greeting; bucranium; animal: lion, with snake-headed tail; plant: palm branch; clothing: tunic; weapon: shield, with Ἴάω; whip; clothing: kilt
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβρασσάξ; Ἴάω



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A: Helios on the back of a lion striding right, its left forepaw resting on the skull of an ox, its tail ending in a snake's head. The god's head is turned right and is surrounded with seven rays, his right hand raised in greeting. On the right, facing Helios and the lion: a female figure, wearing a long garment, left hand lowered beside the body, right hand raised in greeting. In the free field above the lion: Ἴάω → Ἴάω, below the figures: ἀβρασσάξ → Ἀβρασσάξ.

B: Frontal view of a cock-headed Anguipes, wearing kilt and tunic, head to right. Right hand raised high and holding a whip (?), left hand holding a round shield inscribed with: Ἴάω → Ἴάω, palm branch in the field over the shield.

Bibliography

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