

Magical gem: Lion-headed Anguipes (A) Greek inscription (B)

Cbd-Number	CBd-1153
ID-Number	GB-AshMus_1892.1276
Collection	GB_Oxford, Ashmolean Museum
Inventory	1892.1276
References	Henig-MacGregor 2004, no. 13.5
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	quartz (colour unspecified)
Dimensions	16 x 15 x 4.5 mm
Dating	3rd-4th c. AD (Henig - MacGregor)
Iconography	Anguipes, lion-headed; rays (7); weapon: armour; whip; stars (3); globus?
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; voces, unidentified



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A: Frontal view of a lion-headed Anguipes, nimbate head to left, encircled by seven rays. Right hand outstretched and holding a whip, left hand holding patera (Henig - MacGregor) or a globe decorated with a cross (?). In the free field around the figure, three stars and signs. Greek inscription around the edge.

B: Inscription in four lines: με|ωμιζ|αμτομ|ιαωχι → voces including Ἰάω.

Bibliography

[Henig - MacGregor 2004](#), 123, no. 13.5

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