

Magical gem: Lizard (A) Greek text (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-1792
ID-Number	US-NY-ANS_Schwartz 57
Collection	US_New York, American Numismatic Society
Inventory	Schwartz 57
References	Schwartz-Schwartz, 57; Michel, DMG, no. 14.1.a_6
Material	hornblende (grey to black); garnet (red)
Iconography	animal: lizard; moon, crescent
Divine Names & Voces	voces, unidentified



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A: Lizard seen from above, crawling to top. Above, a crescent, pointing downwards. Letters around: πηρα. Perhaps → πηρά. 'Blind'?

B: Inscription in two lines: κανθε|σουλε → κανθè σ' ούλε. 'Eye, be healthy!' (The interpretation of 'σ' is uncertain. However, the inscription including 'σ' seems to appear more frequently on magical gems of the type.)

Bibliography

[Schwartz - Schwartz on CBd-1792](#)

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