

Magical gem: Anguipes (A) voces, characteres (B)

CBd-Number	CBd-2238
ID-Number	IT-Roma-MNR_60894
Collection	IT_Roma, Museo Nazionale Romano, Medagliere
Inventory	60894
References	Mastrocinque, SGG II, no. Ro 15
Material	jasper, green and red
Dimensions	19.4 x 15.6 x 2.8 mm
Iconography	Anguipes, cock-headed; weapon: shield; whip; stars (3); moon, crescent
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβλαναθαναλβα, palindrome; Ἰάω; voces, unidentified; Ἀβλαναθαναλβα, variants; σεμσειλαμ and variants; Μιχαήλ



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Upright oval gem with trapezoid section, edge diagonally cut. Minor chipping on the edge of the obverse, the letters are filled with a yellowish milky substance.

A: Frontal view of a cock-headed Anguipes in armour, head to right. Whip held high in his right hand, shield in his left hand. The two notches inside the shield are perhaps indications of the porpax and the antilabe. Above the figure, an eight-pointed star and a crescent open to top, two more stars to the right. Greek inscription in the free field around the figure: ωυμ|αβλαν|ιαω → unidentified vox, variant of Ἀβλαναθαναλβα-palindrome?, Ἰάω.

B: Inscribed in six lines: αβλα|ναθαν|αλβαμ|ιχαηλσ|εμεσι|λαν → Ἀβλαναθαναλβα-palindrome, Μιχαήλ (name of the archangel Michael), variant of σεμσειλαμ.

(Description: Chiara Ciampi – CBd. Alterations from A. Mastrocinque in SGG are based on close observation of the gem by Chiara Ciampi and Á. M. Nagy, 2015-2016).

Bibliography

[SGG II](#), 135, Ro 15.

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