

Magical gem in a modern gold mount: Anguipes (A) Greek inscription (B-C)

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Collection	AT_Wien, Kunsthistorisches Museum
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References	Zwierlein-Diehl, AGWien III, 2237; Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.1.1_4
Former Collections	Peez, Carl von (1858-1919)
Material	jasper, green and red
Dimensions	16.2 x 12.1 x 2.8 mm
Dating	late 2nd - 3rd c. AD (Zwierlein-Diehl)
Iconography	Anguipes, cock-headed; weapon: shield, with Ἰάω; whip
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβρασάξ; Ἰάω, variants



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Description: Upright oval, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Green jasper with red flecks (heliotrope). Set in a modern gold ring with a revolving bezel, now separate. Edges strongly damaged. Purchased in 1908 from Generalkonsul C. v. Peez.

A: Frontal view of a cock-headed Anguipes in armour, head to right. Right hand bent in elbow and holding a whip, left hand holding a round shield, inscribed with αἰω → variant of Ἰάω.

B-C: Greek inscription starting on the edge and continued on side B: [- -]β[- -]αξαιδιανοια[- -]υφυλαξ → voces including Ἀβρασάξ and the Greek word φύλαξ. 'Protect.'

Bibliography

[Zwierlein-Diehl, AGWien III on CBd-2481](#)

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