

Magical gem: Anguipes (A) archangel names (B)

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References	Goodenough, JS, III, no. 1080; Michel, BM, no. 215; Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.4.a_3
Material	jasper, yellow
Dimensions	27 x 20 x 5 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Anguipes, cock-headed; weapon: armour; whip; weapon: shield?
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβρασάξ; Ἰάω; Σαβαώθ, variants; Μιχαήλ; Οὐριήλ



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A: Frontal view of a cock-headed Anguipes in armour, head to left. Right hand holding a whip, left hand holding a shield (?). Inscription in the free field, beginning next to the right snake's leg: αβρασαξιαω → Ἀβρασάξ, Ἰάω.

B: Inscription in four lines: μιχαη|λουριη|ρσαβα|ω → Μιχαήλ, Οὐριήρ, Σαβαώ.

Bibliography

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