

Magical gem: Anguipes with torch (A) vox in Ouroboros (B)

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References	Michel, BM, no. 226; Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.4.a_5
Material	jasper, green to black
Dimensions	19 x 14.5 x 3 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Anguipes, cock-headed; torch; weapon: shield, with Ἰάω; weapon: armour?; clothing: tunic; Ouroboros
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβρασάξ; Ἰάω; Βαῖνχωωωχ, variants



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A: Frontal view of cock-headed Anguipes in tunic and armour(?), head to right. Left hand holding a burning torch, right hand holding a round shield. Inscription in the shield: $\iota\alpha|\omega \rightarrow \text{Ἰάω}$. Inscription in the free field: $\alpha\beta\rho\alpha\sigma\alpha\xi \rightarrow \text{Ἀβρασάξ}$.

B: Ouroboros, head to right, enclosing inscription in three lines: $\alpha\beta\omega|\chi\omega\nu|\iota\omega\chi \rightarrow \text{Anagramma for Βαῖνχωωωχ}$.

Bibliography

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