

Magical gem: Anguipes with Ouroboros-like snake's legs

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 66 (EA 56066)
References	Michel, BM, no. 228; Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.4.b_7
Former Collections	Towneley Collection
Material	jasper, yellow
Dimensions	27.5 x 21.5 x 4.5 mm
Dating	17th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	Anguipes, cock-headed; weapon: armour; weapon: shield; whip; clothing: mantle; star
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω; vocales; Μαρμαραουώθ and variants



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A: Frontal view of cock-headed Anguipes in armour, head to right. Right hand raised high and holding a whip, left hand holding an oval shield, mantle thrown over the left shoulder. Ouroboros-like snake's legs reach upwards and meet above the head. Inscription in the shield: $\alpha\omega\mu\mu\alpha\rho\alpha\omega\theta$ → Ἰάω, variant of Μαρμαραουώθ, below the figure, in two lines: $\alpha\omega|\alpha\iota\omicron\alpha\iota$ → Ἰάω, vocales. Next to this: a seven-pointed star. Inscription around the figure, beginning on the left side: $\upsilon\sigma\iota\eta\omega\upsilon\sigma\sigma\upsilon\sigma\eta\upsilon\sigma\iota\omega\upsilon\sigma\iota\upsilon\sigma\iota\upsilon$ → vocales.

B: Plain.

Bibliography

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