

# Magical gem: Animal-headed figure surrounded with animals (A) Anguipes (B)

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| <b>Cbd-Number</b>               | CBd-841  |
| <b>ID-Number</b>                | GB-BM-MMEu_G 218, EA 56218   |
| <b>Collection</b>               | GB_London, The British Museum  |
| <b>Inventory</b>                | G 218 (EA 56218)   |
| <b>References</b>               | Michel, BM, no. 483; Michel, DMG, no. 27.4.b_2   |
| <b>Former Collections</b>       | Eastwood, George   |
| <b>Material</b>                 | haematite (black)  |
| <b>Dimensions</b>               | 26 x 18.5 x 3.5 mm   |
| <b>Dating</b>                   | 3rd-4th c. AD (Michel)   |
| <b>Iconography</b>              | Ouroboros; figure, with indistinct animal head; bird: swallows (4); gesture, ithyphallic; star; whip; weapon: shield, with Ἰάω; weapon: armour; Anguipes, cock-headed; animal: crocodile; scarab, with outstretched wings; hieroglyph, ankh; birds (4) |
| <b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b> | Ἰάω  |



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A: Enclosed within an Ouroboros, head in profile to right, an ithyphallic human figure with snake-neck and -head represented from above, or ibis-head and -neck in profile (?). The figure holds an ankh-sign in his right hand, and is surrounded with animals: at the top, a scarab with outstretched wings, two swallows on both left and right, facing inwards, at the bottom, a crocodile, in profile to right. (For an interpretation, cf. [CBd-2](#).)

B: Frontal view of a cock-headed Anguipes, in armour, right hand raised and holding a whip, left hand hidden behind a round shield, inscribed with  $\iota\omega \rightarrow \text{Ἰάω}$ . In the free field to the left of the figure, a six-pointed star.

## Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-841](#)

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