

# Magical gem: Armoured figure holding snakes (A) Greek inscription (B)

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<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 26, EA 56026
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 26 (EA 56026)
<b>References</b>	Chifletius-Macarius, no. XXIII 94; Bonner 1951, no. 61; Michel, BM, no. 610; Michel, DMG, no. 53.2.b_3
<b>Former Collections</b>	Towneley Collection
<b>Material</b>	carnelian (colour unspecified)
<b>Dimensions</b>	26 x 19.5 x 5 mm
<b>Dating</b>	17th c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	figure, unidentified; snakes (2); weapon: armour; weapon: helmet; tropaion
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	voces, unidentified; vocales



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A: Warrior in armour and helmet (topped with a small tropaion), head to left, both hands stretched out to the sides and holding snakes. In the free field, inscription running vertically: ωσομλληλυχη|ομλρυντι|νευουδη (on the right, from bottom to top), μευλλονοχωλη|ιηπευεδλωργολλ|ηνυσσωγ (on the left, from bottom to top) → unidentified voces.  
B: Inscription in four lines: αιηωσ|ωιηηαι|οεωσ|αοεω → vocales.

Post-antique. Probably designed after a drawing in [Chifletius-Macarius, Abraxas](#), see [Cbd-2849](#). Cf. also [Cbd-970](#) (reverse), and [Cbd-2189](#).

## Bibliography

[Chifletius-Macarius, Abraxas](#) XXIII 94.

[Bonner 1951 on Cbd-969](#)

[Michel, BM on Cbd-969](#)

[The British Museum Collection database on Cbd-969](#)