

# Magical gem: Anguipes, Greek inscription (A) Greek inscription (B)

<b>Cbd-Number</b>	Cbd-992
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 62, EA 56062
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 62 (EA 56062)
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 633; Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.1.n_7; Chifletius-Macarius, no. XV 61
<b>Former Collections</b>	Towneley Collection
<b>Material</b>	chrysoprase (green)
<b>Dimensions</b>	17 x 16 x 8 mm
<b>Dating</b>	17th c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	Anguipes, cock-headed; weapon: armour; weapon: shield; whip
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ἀβρασάξ, variants; σφεον



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A: Frontal view of cock-headed Anguipes in armour, head in profile to right. Right hand raised and holding a whip, left hand holding a shield, with porpax and antilabe visible. Inscription in the free field around the edge, beginning on the left: σφεον.

B: Inscription in one line, horizontally: ζασα → variant of Ἀβρασάξ?

The gem may have been designed after a drawing in [Chifletius-Macarius, Abrasax](#), see [Cbd-2747](#).

## Bibliography

[Chifletius-Macarius, Abrasax](#), XV 61

[Michel, BM on Cbd-992](#)

[Michel, DMG](#), 362, Liste 3.A.1.n\_7 Taf. 93, 633.

[The British Museum Collection database on Cbd-992](#)

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