

Magical gem: Chnoubis with triads of animals (A) Anguipes (B)

Cbd-Number	Cbd-3
ID-Number	HU-SzM-Ant_53.171
Collection	HU_Budapest, Museum of Fine Arts, Classical Collection
Inventory	53.171
Material	bronze
Dimensions	39.2 x 30 x 10.4 mm
Dating	post-antique copy of an ancient(?) gem
Iconography	Anguipes; animal: crocodiles (3); animal: quadrupeds, unspecified (3); birds (3); Chnoubis, with unspecified head; rays; scarabs (3); snakes (3); weapon: armour; weapon: shield



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Divine Names & Voces vocales

Description: Upright oval, side A flat, side B strongly convex. Shape 2–3. Bronze.

A: Chnoubis-snake with unspecified head, rays around the head. Around him, triads of animals: at the top scarabs; birds and snakes on the left; quadrupeds and (fish-like) crocodiles on the right.

B: Frontal view of an Anguipes in armour, with elongated trunk, head to left. Both hands raised, right hand holding a round shield, cock-head and whip not indicated. Hollowed depression in the zone of the heart. On the two sides and around: characteres and letters, mostly vowels, making no sense. Above the left hand: va; below the elbow: μ; on the two sides of the waist, respectively: ζηι|υοι and ιηνλσ (inverted) |υο; beneath the snakes: αυυιμηνυ → voces including vocales.

The gem belongs to the Anguipes-Chnoubis group (for a list of items in this group, see [Michel, BM on Cbd-1005](#)). See also [Cbd-1005](#).

Bibliography

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