

# Texts and Contexts of the Oldest Runic Inscriptions



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39. SCHWANGAU (Bavaria, Germany). In the *Prähistorische Staatssammlung*, München. A silver-gilt brooch, a *Scheibenfibel* or *S-fibel*, dated around 600. Found in 1981 in an Alamannic woman's grave. The runes have a vertical long-stretched form, and are carefully and clearly carved. They read: **aebi**



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The **b** has its loops set far apart, which is a common feature in the Continental inscriptions.

**aebi** is a PN nsm. *i-* or *ja-*stem *Aebi*. In OHG, the spelling *ai* is older than *ae* (cf. PFORZEN, FREILAUERSHEIM, WEINGARTEN I) and becomes *ei* in later OHG.