Saturn: the Heart of Darkness

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According to Sinister tradition, there is a nexion or portal called Falcifer through which acausal energy enters the cosmos. Falcifer is short for “Deus Falcifer,” or “Sickle-Bearing God,” which is a traditional moniker of an agricultural Deity named Saturn.

When Anton Long wrote “Come as a reaper, for thus you will sow,” he was referring to the teaching that it was possible for Saturnian energies to saturate an individual. Naturally, the name “Saturn” comes from a word (satu) which translates to “sow.”

There are three different versions of the being known as Baphomet. The Baphomet venerated by the templars was depicted as a head or skull, whereas the variant described by Long was a blood-smeared woman. Eventually, the title of Baphomet became ascribed to a drawing by Eliphas Levi of a half-beast hermaphrodite called the Sabbatic goat, a drawing which clearly depicts the reconciliation of two opposite polarities.

Anton Long’s description of Baphomet as a blood-smeared woman is associated with a star known as “Dabih” or Beta Capricorni. This star is called the head of the goat and the lucky star of the slaughterer, and it has an astrological influence described as a mixture of Saturn and Venus.

The templar’s Baphomet, being a decapitated head, is clearly related to Algol or Beta Perseus. Algol, called the head of Satan [Rosh ha Shaitan], emanates an astrological influence like unto a hybrid of Saturn and Jupiter. It would appear, then, that Dabih expresses the feminine polarity of Saturn while Algol expresses the masculine aspect.

Crowley called Baphomet as an Androgyne “the glyph of Satan,” and perhaps it is also the glyph of Saturn. While Algol and Dabih are
purported to carry inauspicious influences, the energies which they emanate are blessings to those of the Left Hand Path in the same way that Friday 13th is a day of power for witches.

The Qlipha associated with Saturn is called Satariel, and it is ruled by Lucifuge Rofocale. E.A. Koetting linked Lucifuge to the Black Sun, and T.B. Scott linked Eisheth Zennunim to the same. According to *the Veil of the Temple*, Eisheth Zennunim is the hidden Goddess of Satariel.

The Black Sun, which resides in the sixth Qlipha (Thagiriron of Belphegor), is purported to be the source of the Black Flame within man (see *the Black Ship* by Malphas). This is the nucleus of acausal energy called spiritus, ether, akasha, and azoth which affords magickal and psychic potential to humanity.

What should become clear to the reader is that Saturn is the Heart of that which is Sinistral and Adversarial. It is the aperture in the sky through which the Black Light shines.