

Saturn / Kronos

The Greek 'Kronos', son of Uranos (heaven) and Gaia (earth), constantly eats up his children (not a minute too soon). Only the youngest, Zeus, can save his wife Rhea. He is also Chronos, the god of time. He is portrayed as a gloomy old man, usually with a hood. One attribute is the sickle, which signifies harvest and death, but also the sickle with which he emasculated his father. Another attribute is the snake biting its own tail. According to the Romans, Kronos became Saturn, a slightly less sinister god. He is the patron of viticulture and agriculture. His name is also associated with 'satus' (in Latin 'seed' or 'procreation').

As a planet, it takes the longest for its orbit to repeat itself. It is always a somewhat challenging planet, and it is considered to be jealous. Lead is ascribed to it as a metal, and the bronze figure is 180cm tall.

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