



A 16TH CENTURY ALLEGORICAL FIGURE OF THE PLANET SATURN

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Saturnus.

Cartographer	PASSE, Crispijn de.
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	Engraving with etching. 130 x 105mm.
Condition:	Small hole in margin.

DESCRIPTION:

A full-length allegorical figure representing the planet Saturn in the form of the Roman god. He stands holding a baby boy, whom he is about to eat to prevent a prophesy that he would be overthrown by one of his own sons. At his feet is a dragon. In the four corners are vignettes: the zodiac signs Capricorn & Aquarius, a cockatrice and a pot on a fire.

Plate 1 of seven illustrations of the planets of the Solar System, plus a titlepage, engraved and published by Crispijn de Passe the Elder (1564-1637).