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Vader
 Sothis
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As much as I love Vader's most recent work, I have to admit that hearing Sothis excites me a lot more. I had a friend that had a copy of this in our younger days but I have never even seen the original album, let alone had my own on CD. Metal Mind has brought this underground classic back and dusted it off to remind us where Vader came from. And remind us it does.

One thing that surprised me when listening to this again is how brutal Vader where, I tend to think of them more as superb musicians now and less like one of the most brutal bands to ever wield guitars. Sothis is unrelenting and passionate though, it never lets up while beating you down from the opening incantation "Hymn to the Ancient Ones" to the haunting "Black Sabbath," which ends this seven song disc.

This album is punishing, raw, and often scary. Re-listening to this album has been a real eye opener and I'm sure that other longtime Vader fans will feel much the same. If you are looking for a reason why extreme metal soared in the new millennium than you need look no farther than its roots- Sothis is a great place to begin.

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