

# Metal Only

Das einzig WAHRE Metalradio im Netz!

Band: Thy Darkened Shade (GR)  
Genre: Black Metal  
Label: Forever Plagued Records  
Albumtitle: Liber Lvcifer I: Khem Sedjet  
Duration: 78:49  
Releasedate: 31.10.2014



Of course, Black Metal limits itself through its own given borders. Some say that it is a good thing because thus it is really true. Others find nothing to say as they are unable to get on with Black Metal.

Then there are still the Greeks of Thy Darkened Shade who do their own thing not only regarding the bandphotos, pseudonyms or having no real website (Ok, you can find them on Facebook, there they have a open mind). As a result they describe their own sound as "Acausal Necrosophic Black Metal".

Indeed, this kind of presentation isn't new but it doesn't really matter whether it makes sense or not because here it's all about music which is already really good. For sure, sometimes you pick out Dissection or Watain as well as the blastbeat reigns here and insane frenzy defines the sound. But what makes the album so interesting are the interspersed choirs and the polished arrangements.

I haven't heard often such a intense Black Metal album related to the basic mood that has a fair duration.

Some bands of this genre only focus on brutal hardness and loud productions by what these sound static. Whereas the Greeks enrich their sound with sacred choirs and have burned a damned creepy mood on CD as well. Even if some songs have a duration over 10 minutes, one never gets bored. The reason behind is that the bands knows how to preserve the atmosphere and to offer always something new without overtaxing the listener.

The creepy mood reminds me of former times when I listened to Mercyful Fate's "Don't Break The Oath" the first time over the night with headphones.

Right now during me listening to Thy Darkened Shade a several times, a thunderstorm with awesome lightnigs is raging outside. That is really cool and fits damn good to the soundtrack of apocalypse - as I would say it.

Conclusion:

One who likes intelligent Black Metal or better Acausal Necrosophic Black Metal should devinitively listen to it. As I already said, the album offers a really special atmosphere in addition to a good technical realisation and awesome arrangements .

Rating 8/10

Weblink: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Thy-Darkened-Shade/391172430930927>

Line-Up:

Semjaza - Guitars, Bass  
The A - Vocals  
Luciferian(Choir Of The Damned) - Choir  
H.G. - Session Drums

Tracklist:

01. Holy Lvcifer
02. Revival Through Arcane Skins
03. Elixir of Azazel
04. Black Light of Sitra Ahra
05. Or She-ein Bo Mahshavah
06. Nox Profunda
07. Drayishn I Ahriman O Divan
08. Saatet-ta Renaissance
09. Liber Lvcifer
10. Deus Absconditus
11. Daemon Phosphorus

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