

Today, I'll be reviewing 'Vitalogy' by Pearl Jam! What does vitalogy mean, I wonder? I know 'ology' means 'the study of something', so we have the study of vital things (which by definition is important), vitamins (also important) or vit, which spellchecker seems to suggest isn't a real thing and therefore can't be classed as important. The latter is like me claiming bleb is important, it's not clever and it's not something to base music on. Also, the CEO of Scientology claims that the name means the study of science, but science IS study isn't it? So really Scientology should be simply called science or ology. What I'm saying is Pearl Jam AND Scientology are in the wrong. Let's ask Google what Vitalogy means... Nothing? Well, neither does Scientology and that's doing pretty well. Oh, I am so sorry! I must confess that I lied just now and ASSUMED Google would say vitalogy means nothing, it actually means 'the study of life', this is not good reviewing! On the plus side though, I was right about ology meaning 'the study of', right? How would I grade my reviewing so far? Well, an A is out of the question obviously, so how about a B+? Speaking of life, I have an album called 'Abundavida' and that means 'abundant life'. In a perfect and logical world, either it would be called 'Abundavita' or the Pearl Jam album would be 'Vidalogy'. I guess a healthy attitude is to accept the way things are now and to move on.

Oh, Google says 'Vitalogy is also the science of vitality and heath'. I was close when I said it suggested the study of vital things, right? Three letters more and I would have been bang on, giving me the highly sought after A grade. Google also says the album name was inspired by a book of the same title that's a 'home health guide'. An album based on a home health guide? It's the kind of topic that would genuinely anger even the most hardcore Metallica fans. It's not badass enough, is it? Cannibal Corpse or Slipknot on the other hand? Even worse. Is the name so bad for a hard rock/grunge band, though? It's certainly RELATIVELY good, I mean there's a Nirvana song about drinking tea... Again, if Metallica were to write that kind of stuff? It just wouldn't work. If I was confused by the word 'vitalogy', you can imagine my reaction to PJ song 'Hey Foxymophandlemama, That's Me'. Let's try and break that word down. 'Foxy' means attractive, so now we have attractive mophandlemama. The best I can do is point out how 'moph' sounds like 'morph', 'le' is French for 'the' (I think) and mama means 'mum'. Attractive morph the mum? I'm sorry, I just can't make sense of that, so I'll have to use Google again. Ahhh, NOW it says it's a made up word. Of course it is, I've never heard of it in my life. One could assume it's the kind of thing a highly educated person would say, for example 'Too conclude, in this current volatile economic climate, we can consider the foxymophandlemama factors'. However, I haven't heard that kind of thing, either.

Ah, Wikipedia says three songs in the end of the album get repeated as they are different versions. I THOUGHT I heard the same tracks more than once as I was listening to the album whilst doing my various typings, I wasn't sure though. All in all, am I REALLY qualified to review this album? I feel my grade slipping from a high B+ to a plain old B. :(Anyway, I DO like the music, I just think the previous two LPs are better, that's all. I think a respectable 9.25/10 is justified, hell if I listen to the album properly, I might even score it higher! Not yet, though. Let's find out what label the band were on at the time... Epic?? Epic music about home health? If you say so, it's just for me, the word 'epic' better applies to the album 'The Odyssey' by Symphony X. I get it, reading the instructions you get with some medications can take at least 10 minutes. A mini adventure, maybe. That sounds weird but it gets worse, as Wiki

also says the guitarist abused alcohol and what kind of person punches or mocks a drink? Having said that, I have heard the phrase 'alcohol abuse' many times now, and whilst it appears bizarre, many people do genuinely have a problem with it. Lots of people seem to have solvents, too. Now what to say? Ah yes, maybe if I were to point out that the original version of the album has 14 tracks and the reissued album has 17, that would boost my grade to a B+ again? And on that optimistic note... Bye!