

I've had Imaginations From the Other Side by Blind Guardian since I was about 16. I never really liked it that much at the time, but is it a grower? I mean it's had about 15 years or so to make an impact on me, so you can't say I haven't given it a try. I guess it's a bit of a grower in that I don't mind the album, but when you consider the fact even things you find really disgusting at first such as olives frequently end up being loved, that kind of puts BG in a bad light. Am I suggesting black metal has the potential to be loved by people such as the elderly, for example? Well, according to olive theory, yes.

But it's not all bad for BG as A Past and Future Secret IS a cool song. Kind of medieval sounding. 'Medieval sounding music on a power metal record??' Well, it's olive theory again. You haven't heard of it? To be clear, it's when things most people hate end up being adored. Again, olive theory. Get the phrase into your brain and be wiser because of it. 'Hang on, I've heard of olive theory. According to Google it has something to do with relationship compatibility'. I've just Googled the phrase, too. I guess there are two olive theories, then. (That is if the one on the internet wasn't thought up by some weirdo who doesn't know what he's talking about, which is what I strongly suspect).

Anyway, the band. Wikipedia says they were originally called 'Lucifer's Heritage', but they later changed names because they didn't want to be associated with Satanic black metal. They certainly weren't trying at first, were they? I don't understand what was going on in their heads. They must have known LH sounded evil. It would be like me saying I want to start a pop band called 'Rotting Corpse Stench' but I don't want people to think I'm a death metal musician. Ookay then.

'Bright Eyes' is another strong track and it features the lyrics 'fool, just another fool'. I guess maybe you are a little foolish, but everyone makes mistakes. However the lyric 'everything is out of control' is simply not true. You do have control, you just need to think more clearly. Only joking, I'm sure those words don't apply to their old band name. Ironically it was me being the fool. This review is largely the product of writer's block, BUT I haven't talked about pizza again, so am I getting out of my rut? Maybe! (Though I will be getting a Papa John's this, Saturday... Aaargh! It's happening again!)

Because this album is kind of so-so to me (though I do still appreciate it), I'm sure I would be forgiven for assuming Heaven (the other side) isn't all it's cracked up to be. However, the bible says it's great so I don't know what to believe. Without a doubt priests will prefer the book to the band in question and really, they're the ones who know what they're talking about. Now for the rating... I have given this stuff a few listens and it IS well written, so let's be ultra-rational and objective and give it a solid 8 out of 10! :O Now's the time to browse PJ's website in anticipation! Byeeeeeeeeeeee.