

Today, I'll be reviewing 'Fear of a Blank Planet' by Porcupine Tree! A while ago I pointed out how I chose between the just mentioned album and an album by Pineapple Thief and only picked FoaBP. I also mentioned how I later checked out the fruit stealing act on Youtube and to my great annoyance I really liked it. Well, turns out there is no reason to be annoyed at all as FoaBP is a super album as well! I'm wondering what the album title means. Fear of a blank planet? A fear of a planet where all you see is white, maybe? I guess that would be creepy. Never seen a white flame before? Me neither, so you touch the flame simply out of curiosity and suddenly you're in incredible pain... which is something to fear! It could also mean a planet where everyone is emotionally blank. I'm not sure why I'd be afraid of that. Couldn't give a toss. In fact, if I had a choice between sitting next to someone keeping to himself and staring into the distance and an annoying person who insists on talking to me, I'd choose the former any time.

Blank can also refer to ammunition that is non-lethal. Why fear that? Are the band saying they fear a planet where you can't shoot people? That has to be the most terrifying option out of the three. That sounds like an idea of a death metal band, but what kind of DM act calls themselves 'Porcupine Tree'? The not so different Pork PAIN could work maybe, forget about the tree. Unless it's a surreal DM band? Then I guess Pork Pain Tree could work. It doesn't make sense to ME, but that's the whole point of surrealism, isn't it? Maybe the band are saying they fear a planet where everything is white; people are expressionless; and where no one can get shot. Is that like based on a cheese dream, or something? I'm just saying that because the band are prog rock/prog metal and such genres are known for their creativity. Let's have a look at the album cover and see if it offers any clues. Well, on the cover is a picture of a boy. He doesn't look blank, nor is he wielding a real or toy weapon, BUT he is all in blue. I suppose blank planets don't have to be white, right? Yeah, why not all blue? Very scary. You can get blue flames, so you don't have to worry about touching them out of curiosity, but ever seen blue radioactive waste? No, that's green! I think the band are scared of curiously getting radiation poisoning but you may disagree.

Ah, Wikipedia seems to be saying the band fear a planet where people are emotionally blank. Phew. What I do know after my Wiki browsing is that one of the album's themes is how young people often have ADHD. That's funny, because actually I was too ADHD to read the article properly, which is why I said 'Wikipedia SEEMS' to be saying. Yep, I couldn't be bothered to research the album I'm reviewing, I previously relied on my own world view and intuition, so in a way the band are writing about me! Ok, not JUST me, but definitely partially me. I appear to be part of the problem according to the band, but at very least they don't want to shoot me with live ammunition. That would be way too far, and they would have lost a fan. I've just Googled images of porcupine trees, and pretty much all that's come up are pictures of the musicians. Do porcupines even come from trees? If so, the group should give themselves a well earned pat on the back for being much more famous than nature.

If I were to put 'apple tree' into Google images and I wanted to just see pictures of me, would that be a sign of megalomania or would it just be harmless ambition? Something to be respected? Me putting in 'water' for example and wanting to see only me would be too extreme as there is obviously a whole lot of water in the world,

it would quite literally be world domination. There is nothing wrong with Taylor Swift wanting to be successful, but if she said she wanted to be the focus of the whole world, that would only lose her fans. I'd probably like her more, but most wouldn't. I'm not saying I want domination in an aggressive, warlike way I want to make that very clear, but if I had the world peacefully? Yeah, sounds pretty fab! No, I've changed my mind. Actually, you will be relieved to read that I don't want world domination, as most of the attention I get is negative. If I were to say I DID want complete control of the Earth but in a negative way, THAT'S something to be concerned about. But I don't. Oh yes of course, the rating. 9.75/10! Very good! Bye!