

Today I'll be reviewing 'Left Hand Path' by death metal band Entombed. Interestingly the album cover has a path that is on the right. I once read why that was but I can't remember, suggesting either the explanation was boring, I was tired or I hit my head soon after reading it. I don't think I found the reason disturbing, so I doubt I've repressed the memory. Would the explanation be something like 'We made the album cover so Simon Wiedemann dies'? Surely not. It just wouldn't make sense. How and why? Unless the band members practice voodoo maybe, but I was only 1 when the album was released, I don't know what I would have done to upset them. I'd like to know now the reason now though, just not enough to do any research. Well half of the path is on the right, the other part's on the left. It's as if the artist didn't know the difference between left and right and went 50/50 instead of risking a complete fail. I employed a similar strategy in school, but it didn't work.

It's definitely worth learning the difference between left and right though, not just because if you don't know you'll be perceived as somewhat clueless, the left and right hand paths in the world of magic are complete opposites, too. The right hand is good magic, the left hand is bad magic. Imagine you want to cast an evil spell on someone, get confused and give the person a super power. Or imagine wanting to heal someone from a deadly disease, but instead you magically burn all of his possessions. Is that what you want? Also, you shouldn't be driving if you don't your lefts and rights. To say you'll be living on numbered days would be a huge understatement. Even handling the wrong kind of scissors could end badly for you. Maybe not death, but certainly mild frustration at very least. I'll be as clear as I can: Learn the difference between left and right. It is SO important. Teach your children they need to know the difference so they can put their shoes on properly and won't fall over, mention the darker reasons later on.

The album is also famous for popularising a once failing distortion pedal which is interesting. Evidently most people thought it sounded horrible, but I guess that's the whole point of the DM genre. I'm guessing the maker of the pedal was thinking to himself 'Well, I tried marketing a pedal that sounds like complete crap, but the gamble didn't pay off'. Then his friends would be like 'We tried to warn you! It didn't make any sense!' Words eaten not long after. Words really eaten in fact, as the sound became very popular shortly after the LP was released. Fat because of so many words eaten. Is that a phrase? Well it is now. Now that I think of it, why is left associated with evil? Left handed people such as myself have enough problems being more susceptible to mental illness, I'm evil too? What a day this has been.

Also interestingly, the album in question (their debut) features singer Petrov, as does all the other band's releases, excluding their second album. 'He was fired because of personal disputes'? Evidently not for long. I wonder what the personal dispute was, it couldn't have been too big. Maybe he was responsible for the LHP album cover mistake. The other band members would be like 'You idiot! Now people think we don't know the difference between left and right! We're a serious band with song titles such as 'When Life Has Ceased' and 'The Truth Beyond'. Now we might as well just call our songs 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'. Eventually they'd calm down and be like 'Ok, ok, you were HALF right at least.' But that's just speculation. What do I think of the album? I like the awful sounding guitars! Had I been less confident of my intellectual abilities, I would be mad at the group for making me question my sense of direction but on the whole, yeah, pretty good! 9/10!