

Today, I'll be reviewing 'Naughty Word' by Motorhead. First up, I just want to explain that the band never really released an album called 'Naughty Word' BUT they have released an album that's title is a naughty word. So there you go. For whatever reason the album being discussed was mainly released in Germany and is kind of hard to get hold of in England. Maybe Germans like naughty words more? The country is certainly known for such words. I know how to swear in German, and I've known many people who can as well, yet they can say literally nothing else. The delight on their faces when saying the forbidden words has stuck with me to this day. Sure I can swear in French, too, but the fun factor just isn't there. I don't know why. If only Motorhead released an album with a curse in the title AND the word 'efficiency' the band would most likely be perceived as Gods to the foreigners. Or even better, curse word, efficiency, bratwurst. Almost too good to be true.

Maybe the album isn't very good and that's the reason it hasn't done so well? Nope. Not true at all, it's actually regarded as one of the group's best. Maybe it would have done better in England if the title was more 'English'. Scrap the curse word, Brits are polite people. How's this for a title: 'Tea, Fish and Chips, and Only Speaking One Language'? THAT'S good. I would make an argument that the reason English people most often speak their own language alone is because it's the best language, but of course that's not true. Again, if some of the people I've known in the past could speak German, they could probably attain eternal happiness. Forget saying the same word over and over again, with the whole language you have near infinite combinations of filth. (Expletive) weather; (expletive) cyclists; no one's cleaned up that (expletive) dog (expletive) etc. It could be that some of the old swearing people I've known had anger problems especially the guy who said the German 'S' word CONSTANTLY, but again, most say such words for recreational purposes.

Let's move on from the album name, let's talk about the band's label at the time of release. 'ZYX Music'? I can't see how that's efficient; I can't see how it's offensive unless you're particularly thin skinned; and I can't see how it relates to sausages. Again, if it was/did, it would too good to be true. Amazing. Perfect. I'm wondering if ZYX Music has a deep meaning. I mean, the letters are the wrong way round, it should be XYZ. MAYBE the label want one of Motorhead's best albums to be their most obscure because it's also the wrong way round. The opposite of what's expected, I mean. Wrong way round records. What's the point is anyone's guess, but that does appear to be what's happened. Maybe Germans found that very funny. As in 'These guys have a label that's the alphabet, but the wrong way round?? Jajajaja! How's that efficient???' Classic German humour. Wikipedia says the album that followed the 1993 release in question was an album called 'Live in Brixton '87'. An album was released in 1994 and 7 years too late? I would have expected it from ZYX music, but the live album's label was Roadrunner Records. I guess they tried to outdo ZXY. If so, maybe they have or at least come damn close.

To conclude, I've just realised I've been very offensive to Germans. I really do apologise, but I think I can get away with it because of my name, which is German. It makes me wonder how much further I could have taken things. Let's fit a tendency to be overly concerned about early sunbathing in the album title, too. Then I thought, 'No. It's wrong.' Anyway, enough about how well the album did, what do I think of it? Believe it or not, as I was typing this review up I didn't listen to a single second of the LP. BUT, I do remember it, it's very good! 9.25 out of 10! Now how to beef this

paragraph up? Some of the more innocent and nicer people reading this could wonder what the German swear word I kept referring to is. Well, it rhymes with 'wiser.' I also know a French curse word that sounds like 'murder', but not quite. Personally, I think the German bad word shouldn't sound like an English word that is so positive. The Germans not being quite so efficient, there. That'll do, bye!