

Today I thought I'd do something different and review an instrumental album, that being 'The Order of Control' by once Paul Gilbert co-band member Bruce Bouillet. However, things are a little risky as me commenting on a super unknown artist is less like a review and more like harassment. If I reviewed The Beatles? Fine. However, if I were to review someone with probably as many fans as the average member of the public has friends on Facebook, in a freakishly weird way and then post that review online for as many people to see as possible? It's not the same, is it? The fact I'm trying to get money from such a review is even a violation of poor Bruce. It could have been worse, I was considering calling his foreign name 'fascinating'. I find the worst insults are dressed as compliments as you can't do anything about them, but please don't worry Bruce as I'm honestly not trying to insult you at all! I would be lying if I said I wouldn't say that kind of thing to other people, though. 'You really are a king amongst men, aren't you?' Oh you're offended by that? Call the police.

There's surprisingly little guitar shredding in the album meaning Bruce is a more mature guitarist than Paul Gilbert. Again, not a violation. However, it arguably would be if I ended the compliment with a winking face. Which I didn't and wouldn't! Bruce's music is pretty good, as well! (No winking face). I'm reminded of later Tony Macalpine so Bruce probably shouldn't get too excited, but later Tony Macalpine is good! Just not too original, but what is, what is? Having said that, I find Paul Gilbert's instrumental music has a more unique sound, but he's less mature so things balance out. Wow, A.I. says the album's concept explores themes of manipulation and a hidden force controlling humanity? Can't say I picked up on that to be honest. With the lack of lyrics I mean. Again, the music sounds good though. Of course, you can't trust A.I. too much though as it once said one of the songs I wrote won a huge award in Germany, just last year. First I've heard of that and it wasn't some other guy with my name, either. However, I did laugh when A.I. said some fans of heavy metal music were annoyed at me when I reviewed for Metal Rules and suggested listeners of extreme music are 'mentally ill'.

Whilst the music may have no words, you can at least read the track listing to get an idea of what Bruce had in mind. 'Crowd Control', 'The Manipulators' and 'Defiant'. Makes sense, but what in God's name does 'Akiko' mean? Well, let's find out! It's a popular name for a girl in Japan? Japanese girls aren't really trying to manipulate the population from behind the scenes are they?? The name means 'bright child'? I guess you must be clever to do such a thing, but it just sounds a little off to me. Something doesn't make sense. Bruce doesn't have paranoid schizophrenia, does he? If so, there is help out there! And things aren't just bad for Bruce obviously, but for everyone called Akiko, too! It's the kind of thing misogynistic Youtubers would claim. Oh wow, Bruce has won a grammy for his production work? I guess he has more fans than I assumed! Unless everyone hates his producing, but why would he win a grammy? Remember the name: Bruce Bouillet! I actually Googled the meaning of the name and it means a 'copse enclosed by a hedge'. However, I read that as 'corpse', making me more than intrigued how he got that name.

Oh wow, Wikipedia suggests that Bruce is even more famous than I realised just a few seconds ago, he's played with lots of successful musicians. He's played with DC-10? I know I've heard that name before. Ah, Google says that's the name for a passenger plane, I guess I haven't heard of the band then. Still though, he has toured with G3. That sounds like a kind of aircraft too with the letter and number and

all, but nope, it IS a group, well know, too! Is A7X a band or a plane, I wonder? No, it's a band, it stands for Avenged Sevenfold, you don't want to call a commercial jet THAT. Oh cool, Wikipedia says his surname is pronounced 'boo-YAY'! I'd love a name that was an expression of excitement. As in 'Simon's here, booyay!' 10/10 for his name, but what do I score his album? It's a perfectly respectable album, A.I. said more or less the same thing, so let's give it 9/10! Now what to say? Nothing, I've said enough already. Booyay! However, am I referring to the guitarist or my sense of happiness? It's hard to say, right? And on that enigmatic note... Bye!