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'A Collection of b-sides, rarities and unreleased tracks from the 'Forget Yourself' sessions.'

The ever prolific Church have done what we've begged, nay demanded, they do - put out the remainder of the album sessions for us to experience, evaluate, fall in love with, scratch our heads at and then compile the 'Forget Yourself' era cassette compilations to end all cassette compilations. As the six unreleased tracks on 'Parallel Universe' and the 'Quick Smoke At Spots' album prove there are gems just waiting to be heard.

Only The Church could have something as strong as the sublime sweeping *'Crash / Ride'* and dreamy uplifting *'Jazz'* sitting on the shelf awaiting a home. The tracks are a mixture of previously released, semi-released i.e. available as downloads and wholly unreleased tracks.

'Song In Space' b-side *'Hitspacebar'* features along with the three tracks from the USA-only 'Forget Yourself' bonus disc including *'Cantilever'* which became a sprawling psychedelic encore during the early 2004 tour and two instrumentals.

'Crash / Ride' and *'Nervous Breakthrough'* were available as then exclusive downloads from I-tunes USA and are now made widely available for the first time.

Three further tracks are previously unreleased in any form, *'Jazz'*, *'Tel Aviv'* and *'The Illusion Mysteries'*.

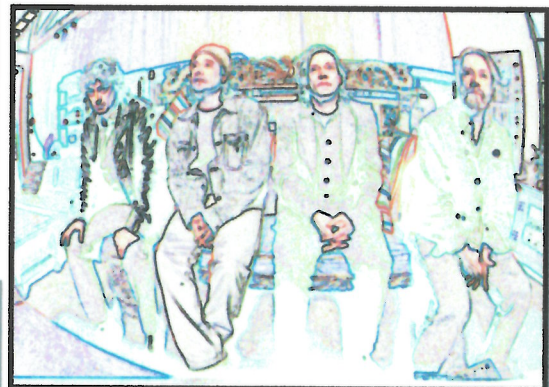
The album gels surprisingly well and whilst the tracks often take a slightly more unorthodox form there's an underlying character, feel and quality to them. *'Crash / Ride'* meanwhile is just a straightforwardly great melodic song merging 'Maya' with 'After Everything', adding strings and tying a great big ribbon around itself - it is that attractive a gift from the band !

'Cantilever', *'Jazz'* and *'Crash / Ride'* are immediate highlights of an album which despite the temptation of cherry picking through, between the heard and unheard has a spirit all of its own when experienced as a whole.



Jazz
 Hitspacebar
 Crash / ride
 Moodertronic
 Tel Aviv
 Nervous Breakthrough
 The Illusion Mysteries
 Cantilever
 Serpent Easy

Sleeve also contains exclusive original artwork by Steve Kilbey



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