

# Metal Only

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Band: Antropofago (F)  
Genre: Death Metal  
Label: Kaotoxin Records  
Albumtitle: Aera Dementiae  
Duration: 35:22  
Releasedate: 14.08.2015



A concept album about the topic of dementia? I was flabbergasted while I was reading this. Dementia as generic term describes the progressing loss of cognitive capabilities (thus, specific brain functions), the most common type is the Alzheimer's disease.

Medical topics always had a firm place within Death Metal and Grindcore, but usually they dealt with bizarre showpieces from the horror gallery of the human body, of course best served with an appropriate artwork.

But well, on their second album, similar to their debut "Beyond Phobia" (2011), the Frenchmen lyrically worked off a part of the human mind.

Already while I was listening to the album the first time, the lovely brutal vocals attracted my attention. Although the vocalist sounds cruelly crooked at the one hand, he knows how to put some emphasis into it at the same time. This is a really good singing technique indeed.

The rest of the band is barrelling through the half an hour duration with proper uptempo. One has to listen twice or even threefold for being able to follow the song structures. Again and again breaks and subsequent guitar soli interrupt the pulling stream of relentless Death Metal.

Of course innumerable bands already have cultivated this style, and further innumerable bands will follow. The Frenchmen belong to the better Technical Death Metal bands, because technical finesse and clear song writing are balanced, which cannot be taken for granted when one looks to some other bands from this genre. The sound is clear and powerful, only when it comes to the blast beats the drums are sounding a bit hollow. But this is even the only point of criticism that I was able to find.

The album will also be released as a limited double album with the EP "Between Fear And Madness" (2012).

Conclusion:

Technical Death Metal below average, especially the vocalist and the balance between catchy songs and musical-technical details know how to impress.

Rating 7/10

Recommendations: Encounter with the Doppelgänger, Voices

Weblink: <https://www.facebook.com/antropofago.deathmetal> , <https://antropofago.bandcamp.com/>

Lineup:

Gordon Huillery - Guitars  
Melmoth The Wanderer - Vocals  
Vincent Labelle - Drums  
Clément Roig - Guitars  
Alaric Déléris - Bass  
Vincent Moly - Sound tech

Tracklist:

01. Intro
02. Encounter with the Doppelgänger
03. Body Cell
04. Helter Skelter
05. Aera Dementiae
06. Paranoid Visions (pt.2)
07. The Other Me
08. God ov Fire
09. Voices
10. Insania Lupina

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