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*The House of Love. The House of Love. Phonogram Ltd.*

I received this C.D. just as I would have if I had bought it at the record store. No press release packet, no background, nothing. All there was to this was some nice cover art and the C.D. itself. Needless to say, I was upset.

I thought, "Oh well, I guess I'll just have to be happy with the musical content." When I started to listen, I thought: "Wait, didn't I do something to do with The Church last week?"

If you will remember, I called Nuclear Valdez a group of ripoff artists that sounded like Bon Jovi doing Church tunes. Well, if you want to hear what a group of talented musicians can do with the same influence, but a lot more taste, grab this new release.

This band is obviously influenced by both The Church and U2. What do you expect from a band from the U.K. trying to get some state-side exposure?

I'm definitely not bitching. I've been waiting to hear some quality alternative music that is also good for sitting back and enjoying. Finally, a band that is not a slave to the all-holy dance trend. There are a few tunes upbeat enough to dance to, but first and foremost they are well-

executed pieces of music.

This release gets an easy three-and-a-half cute little graphic thingies. Hey Nuke V.! Listen to this and learn.

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