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JOHN COLTRANE/ Evolution-The Road to Giant Steps: I'm not going to beat my head against the wall for your entertainment trying to figure out how this 4 cd set does and doesn't track the excellent "Sideman" compilation on Fantasy 5 years back. Covering the same ground and concept, this collection expands on Coltrane's Fantasy sideman days bringing in sides where he helped out for Miles on Columbia, and turns on Blue Note and Savoy, along with some interviews that give you glimpses of the man behind the blowing. Decisively tracked numbers leading up to his "Giant Steps" solo breakout, whether you've tilled this earth before or not, this is Coltrane showing he could blow just fine through a heroin haze whether Miles liked it or not. The kid from the Campbell's soup factory made good and here's a load of the proof. A righteous collection