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But hey, what about the funeral procession on the back cover of *Abbey Road*? What about that "28IF" license plate? Or Paul being barefoot, and George wearing a gravediggers uniform? Or the backwards masking heard on "Revolution #9" from the *White Album* ("turn me on, dead man").

Or about how Paul "blew his mind out in a car," — a lyric heard on "A Day In The Life" said to be about how Paul McCartney lost his life in a 1966 car accident?

Questions, Questions, Questions...

The thing is, such things as deciphering these various "clues" were a lot of fun back then — especially if you happened across a completely obsessed twelve year old Beatles fan like I was.

But seriously? Get real. The only guy who read this much into Beatles lyrics back then was Charles Manson, and the circumstances of that are a matter of rather tragic, but unfortunately historical record.

Most of us have since long gotten over it. But as unbelievable as it may seem, there are some people who still take this shit quite seriously. For all I know, Charles Manson is probably one of them. But my suspicion is that Joel Gilbert, the guy who made this DVD, isn't.

Gilbert is a guy who has made a number of unauthorized Bob Dylan DVD's, where he mostly goes around dressed as a mid-period Dylan wannabe trying to fill in the blanks on things like Bob's "Jesus years." On this DVD, he even sneaks in some of that Dylan devotion in the extras included.

But beyond that, Gilbert takes the whole "Paul Is Dead" myth to ridiculous and honestly, quite humorous lengths. And it is in that spirit, that *Paul McCartney Really Is Dead* should be taken.

Because honestly, when put into that context this DVD is actually a lot of fun. Based upon a mysterious, clandestinely delivered tape from someone purporting to be a badly voiced George Harrison on his deathbed, a fairly convincing case for the "Paul Is Dead" conspiracy is actually made during the early parts of this DVD — at least until they get to the badly scripted parts about British intelligence agents named for Beatles songs like "Maxwell."

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[Paul McCartney Really Is Dead: The Last Testament of George Harrison](#)

Release date: 2010-09-01

Running time: 95 minutes

Publisher: Highway 61 Entertainment

In the summer of 2005, a package arrived at the Hollywood offices of Highway 61 Entertainment from London with no return address. Inside were two mini-cassette audio tapes dated December 30, 1999 and ...

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Sep 11, 2010 at 7:28 am

I just saw the film at a free screening. Anyone in the audience over 30 was laughing and shaking their heads. However I object to the fact that this movie is an uncredited rip-off of two books that detail the true origins to the "clues" about Macca's supposed death- "The Walrus Was Paul" and Turn Me On Dead Man." Pick up one of these two books and don't give this jerk a penny. I hope he gets sued.

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I'm over 50 and remember all too well the "Paula Is Dead" hoopla. I never bought it then. What a croc!

3 - [Greg Barbrick](#)

Sep 11, 2010 at 10:43 am

I don't know. "The Girl Is Mine" with Michael Jackson, Give My Regards To Broad Street, the marriage to Heather Whatseaname?

Are you sure this isn't a Paul imposter?

4 - [Glen Boyd](#)

Sep 11, 2010 at 7:01 pm

I'd bet you my copy of Duran Duran's Arena to your Band On The Run that he was no imposter...questionable artistic choices notwithstanding of course.

-Glen

5 - [JC Mosquito](#)

Sep 11, 2010 at 8:49 pm

I almost bought this at my local WallyMart tonight, til I remembered that Paul only went missing for years, finally coming back just in time to replace his replacement and record the wunnerful Flaming Pie album.

6 - [Glen Boyd](#)

Sep 11, 2010 at 8:54 pm

Ha! Yeah he's made a few good ones since too... "Memory Almost Full" and that Fireman record are both pretty decent. Not bad at all for a dead guy...

-Glen

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Sep 11, 2010 at 9:00 pm

...actually got this into WalMart?



...past, I'm fairly stunned if that's true...WalMart is notorious

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for being pretty picky about what they'll actually stock. That is, unless you're just trying to sell me a story similar to the one presented in this film...

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-Glen

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