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Let's face it, how can you not like Vader? If you are a death metal fan, chances are these veterans from Poland have been on your list of favorites for many years. Their 1998 EP *Kingdom* has recently been reissued by Metal Mind Productions, and despite its brief playing time of just under 30 minutes is well worth adding to your collection if you don't already have it. The first three tracks make up the *Kingdom* section of the EP, and are typical Vader in every aspect. "Creatures of Light and Darkness" and "Breath of Centuries" combine Slayer styled thrash with Vader's brand of Polish death metal. The former especially is a crushing example of just precise and brutal this



band could get when they wanted to. Peter's vocals and guitar riffing are just monstrous here. Things slow down to a grinding intensity on the title track, but don't get too settled in. The next section is called *Black to the Blind* and features just one song, the manic "Anamnesis", a brutal song featuring crazed blast beats from Doc, bone crunching riffs, and Peter's lethal growls. The third and last section is called *Bonus Special Remixes*, and is the most unusual set of songs in the Vader canon. "Inhuman Disaster Mix" and "For Internal Darkness (Quicksilver Blood Mix)" are both remixes, each one exceeding 7 minutes in length, and feature techno, industrial, and ambient beats & loops added to passages from "Heading" and "Carnal". Each one is pretty strange, and probably won't warrant more than a listen or two, but they are worth hearing. Overall, *Kingdom* does contain four excellent Vader songs which amount to roughly 13 or so minutes, so if you can get a copy of this at a decent price you'll certainly want them in your death metal collection.

## Track Listing

- 1. Creatures Of Light And Darkness
- 2. Breath Of Centuries
- 3. Kingdom
- 4. Anamnesis
- Inhuman Disaster Mix
  For Internal Darkness (Quicksilver Blood Mix)

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