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Attrition - "The Attrition Of Reason" CD - This classic 1984 LP from influential English industrial/darkwave group Attrition shows the infancy of Martin Bowes and company's sinister, ghostly electronica. Far removed from his later forays into ambient and proto-classical music, 'The Attrition Of Reason' presents a much more experimental side of the band's development. Having much in common with kindred souls like the Legendary Pink Dots or Chris & Cosey, tracks like 'You Will Remember Nothing' are amorphous slices of moody, dark electronics, with wailing, pained vocals from Julia/Chryzz. 'Take A Walk' is a rhythmic kaleidoscope of early EBM, primitive and sounding oh-so-very 80's. 'Prayer For The Head' is a deeply foreboding track of morbid atmosphere, whereas the 4 songs included here from the later 'Voice Of God' EP are much more electro-pop oriented, with well-defined structures and melodies. A good piece of historical evidence from an often-forgotten innovator. (Two Gods/Voiceprint)

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