

**ARTIST**: Envy

**TITLE**: Atheist's Cornea **CATALOG**: TRR259

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## TRACK LISTING

- 1. Blue Moonlight (4:09)
- 2. Ignorant Rain and the End of the World (3:29)
- 3. Shining Finger (7:04)
- 4. Ticking Time and String (4:36)
- 5. Footsteps in the Distance (5:31)
- 6. An Insignificant Poem (4:42)
- 7. Two Isolated Souls (5:43)
- 8. Your Heart and My Hand (6:27)

## **SALES POINTS**

- First new album in five years from legendary Japanese post-hardcore band
- North American tour in summer/fall
- Praised for their influence on DEAFHEAVEN, ISIS, THURSDAY, TOUCHÉ AMORÉ, MOGWAI

## **PRESS**

"Envy is the band that others imitate."
– Stylus







## BIO

By now **Envy**'s influence on various strains of underground music has been cemented – and reiterated by artists as varied as **Thursday**, **Mogwai**, **Deafheaven**, **MONO**, and **Touché Amoré**. With legacy comes expectation, and expectation often breeds complacency. It takes only 20 seconds into opener "Blue Moonlight" for **Envy** to dispose of the gentle, lilting guitar figures that have marked much of their past couple albums. So begins the journey that is *Atheist's Cornea*, their first album in five years.

Despite its relative brevity (at 43 minutes it is **Envy**'s shortest album since their early 90s thrash days), *Atheist's Cornea* is easily the band's most progressive work. Beginning with a punishing pummel, holes of light are gradually punched open to reveal an uncanny series of dynamic, emotionally charged epics. Not only does *Atheist's Cornea* showcase some wholly unexpected new turns for **Envy**, it also often reaches transcendent heights that could overwhelm a major blockbuster film — all while vocalist Tetsuya Fukagawa sings, screams, and speaks like his life depended on it.

Atheist's Cornea is the purest, most distilled example of **Envy**'s brand of brilliance. It is also their bravest album, taking new risks with a much welcomed, broader vocal palette — the stripped-bare confessions of "Ticking Time and String" are particularly revelatory — and an instrumental experimentation that navigates blistering shifts from impenetrable noise to poetic, pin-drop introspection with astounding grace. **Envy** have finally mastered the art of being effective and efficient without sacrificing an ounce of either — a truly inspired evolution from a band whose mastery of both remains unparalleled.

"There are few bands whose immediate impact stops you dead in your tracks. **Envy** are without a doubt one of them. Like nothing I've heard then or since. Long live **Envy**!" – Stuart Braithwaite, **Mogwai** 

**"Envy** embodies what's crucial in music to me. The passion with which they create and play remains at the very heart of what makes their music a vital part of being alive." – *Aaron Turner, ISIS* 

"It's nearly impossible to overstate the influence that **Envy** have exerted on the underground music scene over the last 20 years. They are a furious maelstrom of beauty and terror."

- Geoff Rickly, Thursday/United Nations





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