

Brainwashed - Ak'chamel, "The Totemist"

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First vinyl release of Ak'chamel after a prolific cassette discography, *The Totemist* marks a new direction for the mysterious group. Equipped with studio quality recordings and a (somewhat) lighter tone, as opposed to the oppressively lo-fi sound the group is known for.

This is a deep psychedelic-folk album with hints of mysticism, some of which was written and recorded in a ghost-town in the Chihuahuan Desert in far West Texas - a place where the dead outnumber the living. Various overdubs and field recordings were captured in the historic Terlingua cemetery : an ancient burial ground filled with small grottoes and graves made of sticks and stones. This being the final resting place for miners who succumbed from illnesses derived from the toxic rare-earth element known as mercury.

More information can be found [here](#) .