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[Slayer 'Offensive' Album Destroyed in India](#)

'Christ Illusion', pulled from the market for religious reasons

The latest Slayer album, 'Christ Illusion', sparked such a huge controversy in India, initiated by the religious group called the Catholic Secular Forum, that the band's label, EMI Music, was forced to pull it off the market and assure the raging protestants that it was destroyed. The Forum did not care that, when it was released in August, the album made it straight to the number five position in the Billboard or that Slayer music falls under the freedom of artistic expression and had some very strong arguments against both the tracks included on 'Christ' and the cover. A spokesperson for CSF deemed the album 'offensive and in very bad taste', saying that the tracks 'Skeleton Christ' and 'Jihad' offended not only Christianity but also Muslims. But it was the album cover that drew the most heat, as it represented a Christ with amputated limbs and a missing eye, sitting a bloody sea, filled with fragments of dead bodies. Although the American label of the band immediately issued another cover for the album (seen here in the second photo), the Indian EMI refuses to sell the album any more. 'We have met with the CSF and were apologetic while assuring them that all copies of the album will be pulled out. Last week we recalled all the albums and destroyed them as we did not want any community to be hurt. We have no plans of re-issuing it in any way', the spokesperson for the record company stated.