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There are many ways to portray darkness and evil and it isn't all in being mean and tough.

~Mat McNerney

I don't think there's anything remotely "new" or "experimental" about any modern metal bands.

~Mat McNerney

In the past stories have been what tethers us to the world and they've made us who we are.

~Mat McNerney

I have a lot of mental scars from being brought up Catholic and being sent to Catholic school for 13 years!

~Mat McNerney

When you're trying to free yourself from a religion that has been ingrained in you since childhood, it's more like ripping out your veins and tendons.

~Mat McNerney

Ultimately I want my metal in a bar and not an art gallery.

~Mat McNerney

I do try to pay attention to new bands and what's happening within the scene. I try to make sure I give everything a listen - even if I loathe it.

~Mat McNerney

Bands are more willing to take risks and we don't need this big label over us anymore telling us what it means to sell records and get into magazines.

~Mat McNerney

I think when you have a band that are so separate and isolated then

you have to know each others styles and characters quite well.

~Mat McNerney

People are appreciating the old stuff again and there's no MTV-style scene police to try to make us all listen to Machine Head and Pantera \*puke\*!

~Mat McNerney

I don't think it's "true" to sit and play old school heavy metal just so that you can send it to Fenriz or get a pat on the back from the guys you admire and hang out with.

~Mat McNerney

I don't bring any ideology or barriers with me into my music.

~Mat McNerney

I think Nouveau Gloaming is a classic black metal record and I would hate to be a band that kept trying to recapture the same essence, but failing, for the rest of its days.

~Mat McNerney

I think there's a certain limit to the number of times you can raise hairs on the back of peoples' heads before it gets kind of saccharin.

~Mat McNerney

I don't want people to feel like they'd overdosed on too much candy.

~Mat McNerney

Basically every song on modern metal albums follows a formula and you get that formula in between one to three tracks.

~Mat McNerney

Everyone's attention span these days is limited to how long it takes to flick the iPod wheel on to the next song.

~Mat McNerney

I loathe most crossover music. Yet I like to think when it comes to Code it's something different.

~Mat McNerney

I don't like bands who would play music like Code. I mean I hate most bands with emotional singing parts (I adore metal singing like Iron Maiden though!)

~Mat McNerney

You never leave a band like DHG. There's very few who are insane enough to be a part of something like that and you just can't take it out of you that easily!

~Mat McNerney

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