

# Murder, suicide, crime or just head-banging tunes?

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Peters isn't the only rock knocker in the United States there is also "Freedom Village USA". This "Place of Second Chances" was created to deal with victims of satanic rock music. Parents, probation officers and pastors send rock-music-junkies here for deprogramming.

According to a PBS documentary, at Freedom Village USA in the bible belt there are about 120 teens living on campus. Every day begins at 6 a.m. with prayers, then classes. The girls must wear skirts and they are taught home-making. The boys take carpentry. There are also bible study classes which are an intense part of the curriculum. Rock music is forbidden, and T.V. is only watched on Sundays ("Freedom Village T.V.").

**SLAYER**  
**"NECROPHILIAC"**  
*I feel the urge,  
The growing need  
To fuck this sinful corpse  
My task's complete,  
the bitch's soul lies raped  
in demonic lust*

Pastor Fletcher A. Brothers, founder of Freedom Village, has been saving rock-tortured souls from the ideals and beliefs picked up from music, for 10 years.

"Today a kid lives that music, they identify with that group, wear that costume the tattoo of that group... They identify so tightly with that individual that individual begins to make their beliefs," he told PBS.

Not only are heavy metal and

death bands under Christian scrutiny but so are musicians like John Denver for promoting drugs, George Michael for being immoral, Prince for being pornographic and the Eagles for being satanic.

"Metal and more specifically death and grind-metal all deal with negative imagery in their lyrics, but to claim these lyrics can actually make someone commit a crime is insane. How weak-minded can a person be to follow what they hear on a cd, or tape?" said Mike Campbell editor of The Sepulchral Voice magazine. Campbell adds, "They (these religious groups) seem to know the songs quite well, so why aren't they going around killing people?"

**OZZY OSBOURNE**  
**"BARK AT THE MOON"**  
*He finds his Heaven spewing  
from the mouth of hell  
Those that the Beast is looking  
for  
Listen in awe and you'll hear  
him  
bark at the moon.*

Rock music has also been accused of brainwashing young teens to do things they normally wouldn't do. According to Evangelist Alex Maloney, when a teen listens to a certain record the music projects subliminal messages.

You can only find these messages when you play the record backwards. With Maloney's hi-tech record-playing-backwards equipment he discovered that Prince's "Darling Nicki" played backwards revealed: Hello, Hello, how are you, I'm fine so fine cause I know that the Lord is

coming soon. (Maloney wonders if it is the Lord Jesus Christ or the Lord Satan). Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust" says it's fun to smoke marijuana. Elvis' "Heartbreak Hotel" reveals, "I've decided to serve Satan."

Dwayne Cochrane, an avid metal music listener who doesn't have long hair or ripped jeans, and says he doesn't do drugs, thinks the whole notion of corrupt musical influence is foolish. He feels both the evangelist and a person who uses music as an excuse are just trying to gain attention.

"If there is a person that says 'music made me do it' then that person is using that as a scapegoat (for their problems)," he said. "If the Evangelist uses music as a forum then they are just trying to make the donation plate bigger."

Cochrane, who listens to thrash like Venom, Metallica and Stryper admits that he has never played a record backwards. But he doesn't think that music can influence people to commit crimes against society.

"A couple of years ago, I used to hang around a group who listened to heavy metal music and I would get into trouble, but it was because of the people I hung out with not the music," he said.

Recently the controversy over subliminal messages in rock music was finally put to the test in the United States courts.

CBS Records and the band Judas Priest were accused of causing the suicide of two young men as a result of subliminal messages in their music.

James Vance and Raymond

Belknap were best friends who had problems with school and work, and both used drugs. Two days before Christmas in 1985 they played the album over and over again and then they shot themselves with a sawed off shotgun.

The band was acquitted on the basis that there was a lack of evidence to prove that there were messages of suicide on the album.

Jamie Hosking, a Radio Durham D.J. who followed this case, agreed with the court's decision.

"Heavy metal music alone can't make somebody do something they don't want to do. Usually people who do something that rash are a little whacked anyway.

"This particular type of music is stress relief. Crank it up to eleven, and you feel much more relaxed when the song is over. It really works wonders," he said imitating a comatose-like state.

In Canada, the band Random Killing was involved in a controversy over the song "Kill your parents" off their *This whole*

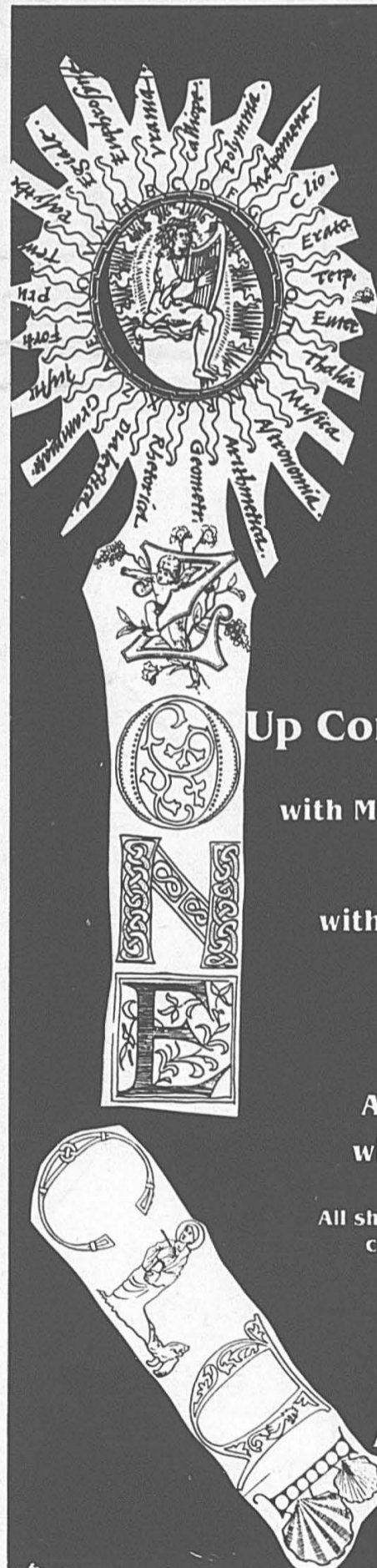
*world album*. Because of the nature of the song they had to include a two line note that said the song is against the Young Offenders Act and does not advocate killing a person's parents.

Dayglo Abortions were also taken to trial when a police officer overheard the album playing on his daughter's stereo. Both FRINGE PRODUCT and the Record Peddler were charged with the distribution of obscene material.

The members of Dayglo Abortions were acquitted of all charges in relation to their two albums: "Feed US. A. Fetus" and "Here today Guano Tomorrow". But it cost FRINGE PRODUCT about 75-80 thousand dollars in court charges.

According to Dave Rudat of FRINGE PRODUCT, it hasn't stopped them from signing on new bands or from distributing Dayglo Abortion's music.

"It hasn't stopped us," he said. "We have (and are releasing) the new Dayglo album 'Two Dogs Fucking'."



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