



Dark Energy

Krawallgeier - How did the project form?

I was and still am having problems locating worthy musicians for this project. Where I live, there are barely any metallers. Around me is nothing but mainstream crap. So in 2001 I started Dark Energy. I had already been working with a few songs under the solo project name "Sothis". When I began to embrace the art of recording, mixing, and mastering, I started Dark Energy with three new songs which are on "Hybridized Repopulation". Ive been going from there.

Krawallgeier - How would you describe your music style?

I have no idea. I have many different influences. Some people say I sound kind of like Ihsahn from Emperor or Dani from CoF. Some have said my music reminds them of Bal-Sagoth. Some have said theres soul in my music. I play whatever I like. I come up with a riff and turn it into a full song then and there. Thats one good thing about being solo and having a digital workstation (My computer). I want the listeners to tell me what I am playing. I really dont know. I just love metal.

Krawallgeier - Which bands are your paragons?

I listen to whatever sounds good to my ears.

Krawallgeier - Do you follow these bands? / Do you copy these bands?

I, as everyone else does, gain a bit of influence from all the groups I listen to. I wouldnt be surprised if someone said I sounded like another band in one way or another. Although of course, I would hope every band would be as original as they can. If youre going to copy a metal band, you might as well copy a mainstream band and make money doing it. So, no, I copy no bands and follow noone.

Krawallgeier - How do your songs come into existence?

It starts with a riff and ends as a song. I dont write full songs and then record. I write and record a song from scratch.

Krawallgeier - How is the reaction of the people refered to your music style? Any criticism?

I dont think I have enough feedback to answer this question, but, I havent had any bad criticism except for the fact the drums are from a tracker. Some can tell and some cant. I wish this didnt have to be but its the only thing I can do right now. I would like some more feedback, but thats one bad thing about being a solo project.

Krawallgeier - Why do you make music? (mission, passion, expression, hobby)

I started to listen to Maiden when I was 13. They were my favorite band. I had some of their live videos and wished that was me on stage. Thats how it all started.

Krawallgeier - Let's talk about your albums. / Tell us something about your albums?

I have 3 CDs with 3 songs each, a full length CD and I am working on another full length CD. The first 3 song CD "Hybridized Repopulation" was my first attempt to bring my scifi interests together with my music. "Hybridized Repopulation" is sort of a mini concept CD. The CD "Following You Into The Cosmos" is another such mini 3 song concept CD. I dont like "Following You Into The Cosmos" that much personally. The sound just didnt come out right as I was and am still learning the art of recording, mixing, and mastering. One day I might rerecord that CD. The third 3 song CD "Afraid To Face The Future" was so far, I think, the best work I had done since the first 2 CDs. Now we get to the full length self titled 10 song CD "Dark Energy". I like this one a lot. I intended it to be a concept CD. It kind of is and isnt. When I listen to it, I feel the music. Lots of melodies and harmonies. Heavy too. Thats my opinion. Right now I am working on a new concept CD titled "Lifeless". I have all music done but still need to add lyrics to a few more songs. I am also hoping to have a session drummer put the drumtracks down instead of a drum tracker. It will be released sometime next year.

Krawallgeier - What about the future of the band. Have you got some plans or do you just wait and see?

I hope to gain more fans through great websites such as this and other means. I work a lot and really dont have a lot of time for self promotion. When I feel I have enough fans, I will recruit band members and take Dark Energy to the masses, unless anybody wants to join me now.

Krawallgeier - Is there anything you want to tell the people out there? Like a final say?

Stay metal. Its true. For the true, by the true. Fuck mainsteam. If I wanted to, I could, as many others could also, easily sellout to the mainstream and join some limpshitty korny band, deface metal, twist it all to hell with some rapcrap and make millions. Fuck that. Jalien of Dark Energy

Krawallgeier - Thank you for this interview.