





Far beyond the original use of this word, the concept of Underground has been and will continue to be an immortal entity which refuses to die. Can you explain what the word "Underground" really means to you?

Mark Greenway (Napalm Death, UK): "To me, first and foremost, it was about independence – that is the key word. It didn't necessarily depend on the heaviness of the music or lack thereof, it was more about the point that music could operate creatively and unrestrained outside of the cabals of the major music industry. As any band gets more attention, there comes with that the temptation to surrender significant parts of your creative control or become involved with certain organizations that aren't particularly palatable from an ethical point of view. But I always tried to resist those parts of it that, in my opinion, would betray the band, not to mention me as a part of that band with a certain view on things.

Sure, we have a record label that handles things because we know we couldn't deal with the sizeable task of distributing our releases. But still we have an arrangement they don't involve us in any situation that might be ethically questionable. We also have an agent / manager who was responsible in part for shaping the underground from a live music point of view, so he knows instinctively those certain situations not to involve Napalm Death in. All those things combined work well and it gives us more time as a self-contained unit to concentrate on the creative side of things.

Alongside that independence, the underground scene itself is a conduit for amazing, enduring friendships. Speaking personally, I'm convinced that side of things just wouldn't be the same if we didn't have access to that kind of community."







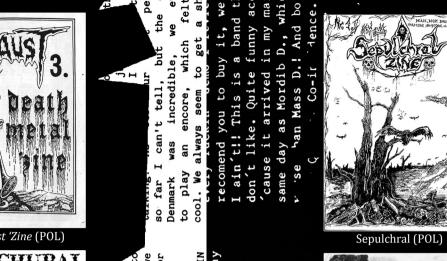








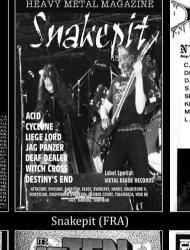






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It would be impossible to list the entire array of fanzines printed during the first decade of the metal scene (the "formation"). There were too many to count, and it seems as though they emerged from every corner of the world. Although their impact is incalculable and their quality greatly varied, fanzines were the voice of the underground.

A great percentage of them were edited and designed in the classic copy and paste style of layout. Raw, primitives, unprofessionally written. Nobody cared! Their wild spirit kept the flame of the scene burning strong. Unfortunately, it was very common that they didn't last more than a few issues, but every one of them helped to push underground bands to get signed or the so-called recognition from the fans. A lot of these fanzines were published in English instead of their editors' native language, so they could be distributed interna

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