



A band of intelligent musicians, poetic activist. They speak from their hearts about the rights of man and the horrors of mankind. Those who have turned a deaf ear to this band have truly lost the ability to be educated and grow. Presented here for your empowerment, the words from the mouth of Corporate Avenger...



**Corporate Avenger is, in my mind, one of the most outspoken bands I've ever been exposed to. Your lyrics are strong and poignant, but unfortunately they offend some people. What do you have to say to people that won't give you the opportunity to speak peacefully about your cause or convictions?**

They should simply not listen to our music. We are artists who write and perform songs about topics that we feel passionately about. The core of our message is completely positive. Because we are old punk rockers and we speak a certain way, it is our normal every day speech. We cuss more than we should I guess, but it's the way we speak every day. Some people find it offensive.

It's still a free country...so listen to something else. As far as holding us back, we don't worry about that stuff. We just do what we do. As long as our intent is good, we will be o.k. It is not our intention to offend for the sake of offending, we are simply not afraid to offend. We are not politically correct. We believe that all life is sacred and that everyone alive has been given the incredible gift called life and that every moment is a gift from the creator.

We believe that you get away with nothing and that we are all connected to each other in a spiritual way. So we do our best to avoid confrontations and mind our own business. Usually, the only time we ever have problems is when there are extremely religious people who are insecure in their beliefs and are offended with what we sing about. They feel a need to voice that to us or have an urge to prevent others from hearing what we have to say.

**You have tackled so many issues with your lyrics that, in this short interview, it is hard to focus on just one. Could you give us your thoughts on a few? How do you feel about the legalization and decriminalization of marijuana?**

We don't know of anyone who smokes or doesn't smoke marijuana on the basis of legality. We do, however, know of many people whose lives have been ruined by their interaction with the war on drugs. We have relatives and friends who are forced to put their lives on the line enforcing the insane policy of prohibition by simply doing their job as law enforcement personnel. We live in California where we have a horrible budget problem. It's insane...they are thinking about closing down schools because they are out of money and they won't legalize and tax a group of people who are going to do it anyways and who would be HAPPY TO PAY TAXES ON IT SO THEY WON'T BE CONSIDERED CRIMINALS ANYMORE.

**How about our current political landscape?**

It seems like every day we are all paying for the extreme religious views of human beings behaving like idiots with our freedom. It's all over organized religion at the core. It's mind boggling what has been done in the name of Allah and Christ and whoever else people want to hurt others for. It doesn't even make sense. If your god makes you want to harm others, then you're worshipping the wrong god. The governments of the world have a very tough job and of course we don't always agree with how they go about things (obviously). But at least in America,



we are still able to voice our opinions with our art, which is something very important to be able to do. What we have to say may not be popular or important, but it's important that we remain free to say it. We believe that the creator, who gave us a mind and a mouth, gave us freedom of speech and so it's a God given right, if you will. In any case, as for the



political landscape, even though it changes all the time, it kind of seems to stay the same. It's actually incredible that we are able to change leaders all the time and keep the same political system. The patriotic fervor, which swept the nation after 9-11, was better than apathy. It really woke some people up to how precious life is and how lucky we all are to be alive. It seemed like we were all a lot nicer to each other for several weeks after that happened and we hope that no one will ever take life for granted again. It is an incredible gift.

**Back to the musical portion of our program...Corporate has reportedly built a new studio. Has this allowed for more freedom in the creative process?**

Absolutely. Right when we think it's done, we add something. It gives us the freedom to try a bunch of ideas without paying by the hour in a studio and we can experiment quite a bit more. It is a good place to come to and get away from the every day pressures of trying to make a living and just create.

**You have wound up with some side project material known as "Sitting Bull." Any hints as to when that will reach the public and what it sounds like?**

After we do the next Corporate Avenger record, we are going to record those songs and release them. They sound like a cross between early Black Flag and Black Sabbath. It's all live band and we like it quite a bit. The lyrics are very different from Corporate Avenger in the approach. They are much more poetic, as opposed to direct. We enjoy it very much.

**Is there any release date on new Corporate stuff yet?**

No date, but we are hoping for the end of summer/early fall.

**How about a tour?**

That's a good question. It's all a matter of finances. If we can afford to, we will go out and play shows, but we aren't in positions to loose too much money on touring since we are doing it all ourselves.



**You have parted ways with Taxman. Can you shed some light on that situation?**

Yes, no problem. I played bass in a band called 20 Dead Flower Children for a while in the early days of Corporate Avenger. I used to paint up and everything and one night at a show in L.A., Taxman came to the show painted up like me. He went wild and it was great. I knew him for quite a while before that and he really liked Corporate Avenger. So after that night, when Corporate Avenger would perform, he would show up painted up and go wild...so we incorporated him into the presentation. Naturally, we were good friends and all so it was really fun. He worked with Kottonmouth Kings as their stage manager and they took Corporate Avenger out on tour with them all the time, as we were on Suburban Noize Records, which was their label. Daddy X, who is my brother, is the one who basically got behind pursuing the whole Corporate Avenger project. In any case, it was awesome. Since he was working for KMK anyways, it was easy to have him

on the road, since it didn't cost us anything extra. After we recorded *Freedom is a State of Mind* and we kind of branched out on our own away from KMK tours, we still kept working with Taxman because we love him and it was cool. Not very soon after the release of *F.I.A.S.O.M.*, the label (Koch) pulled all support for the record and we were not in a position to tour. Taxman had to go to work for KMK and when we started rehearsing again and writing there was not too much for him to do with Corporate. After a while we drifted apart. He went on with KMK and we went on doing what we do.

Our band has evolved into a solid line up of musicians performing in more of a traditional rock format, so it all worked out o.k. Recently, I went to a Kottonmouth show and introduced them and performed "Peace, Not Greed" with them. I hung out with Taxman and it was awesome. To be honest, we miss him very much.



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## **What is your connection to Suburban Noize, Kottonmouth Kings and that whole crew?**

Daddy X is my brother (I am spike). The guys in kmk are our friends. Richter, D loc, and Daddy X and i all grew up in the same neighborhood basically. We worked with kmk for several years and they helped us out ALOT! It was because of them that we were able to perform our music to a national audience. Suburban Noize records was the record label we started on. They put out taxes are stealing and the new testament. Koch then signed a distribution deal with Suburban Noize Records for the Corporate Avenger, which gave us all international distribution. We are no longer signed to Suburban Noize Records, or to Koch we just felt like we wanted to do our own thing..we didn't want to just do tracks and vocals we wanted to do a live band and Suburban Noize wasn't in a position to support a live band, and Koch stopped supporting our band so we just decided to do it on our own..

## **What is something we should all know about the music industry from the point of view of Corporate Avenger?**

That if you are a musician or artist you are very lucky to be doing what you do now because you can do it all on your own. You don't need the "music industry" you can sell your cd's through your website and through independent distributors and at your shows. You can communicate directly with the people who like your art through the internet and through email... it's an incredible time to be an artist!!!

## **And to wrap it up. Is there anything you would like to get off you chest and send out to all our readers?**

Yes, sometimes we feel like some people miss our point which is that every moment is a gift and that all life is sacred. We all make choices on how we conduct our selves and none of us live a perfect life, but that should not stop us from striving for perfection in everything we do, it makes us better people. Please spend as much quality time as you can with your family, it is the most important group of people you have and none of us is alive this life forever.. some parents get bummed at their kids listening to the corporate avenger..to that we say, ,, honor your parents and turn it off...the cd will be around for a lot longer than your parents go spend time with them it's a better use of your time. We encourage everyone to get a skill which allows them to make a living in this economic system... apply yourself,, get a degree, learn a trade,, read, learn, pray, be a good person, care for your fellow human being and for this amazing mother earth...honor your ancestors and learn the real history of your world. We always remind people not to believe a band or a religion, believe what you learn on your own from your life experience from your amazing view of the universe and stay positive, everything will be o.k. if you operate from a perspective of love and kindness. Thanks for your time. Corporate Avenger