

Today I'll be reviewing 'Peace Sells... But Who's Buying', by Megadeth. First up, what does the title even mean? It's like someone saying 'I'm hungry... But I'm full.' Or 'The man was tall... Yet he was small ;)'. To be fair, I do think those two examples have a nice ring to them (as does the album name), but the truth is, I was deliberately trying to be confusing. Not deep. Interestingly, the title track's lyrics sound like 'Pete says 'But who's buying?' You can have some fun imagining the lyrics that way. Again, not profound, but strangely entertaining. You may be aware of the videos on Youtube, where people interpret indecipherable death metal lyrics in their own way. For example the lyrics 'Grrrr, Brrr, aaaargh!!!' can be heard as pretty much anything. Pigeons, grapes, pizzas, any old cliché, and sometimes more obscure words, too. (I think people mainly 'hear' words that mean something to them). The interpretations rarely make any kind of sense, unless you're a creative wonder boy who can link those three words together in a poetic way, but still, they are often pretty funny. It's the same thing with Megadeth, just on a smaller scale. Lol, Pete. Great stuff, it's just an amusing name.

Ok, to be fair the phrase 'Peace sells, but who's buying' could mean 'peace sells, but what KIND of people are buying?' However, I know for a fact (unless the internet has lied, which it might have done) band leader Dave Mustaine heard the phrase on TV and he thought it sounded pretty cool, so he copied it. I don't actually know if the musician even knows what it means, which is a strange concept. It would be like a musician hearing the phrase 'two minutes to midnight' and thinking it has something to do with partying late at night. (As I did). Actually the phrase refers to how close the world is to nuclear annihilation. Needless to say the hypothetical guy was WAY off and will likely cause offence or extreme confusion, if his use of the words aren't delivered in the right way. It would be like the performer going 'How are we all feeling?? In the mood for a party?? Well, it's two minutes to midnight!!', and the audience going 'You want to party?? We're all going to die!' The performer would be like 'Really? You sure? Sounded pretty fun.'

You know when I said the album could be about who might be interested in buying peace? Check out the album cover. Everything is destroyed and a poor individual has turned into a skeleton. Turns out no one wanted to buy peace. (Unless they did, but got ripped off, maybe). Not even the skeleton wants peace, he (judging by its build, it IS a he, or maybe a female body builder) looks quite unconcerned, to me. Don't take my word for that, though. I'm no body language expert, and trying to read skeletons alone brings its own problems. As far as I'm aware, reading expressions on skulls is impossible. So don't bother. Day wasted. Then again, this is a thrash album, isn't it? Ever heard of such a release that is about everything being fine? How can you semi-shout positive lyrics? It would be comical. I mean, the band's called Megadeth, (as in a million deaths) for God's sake. Such bands don't say how happy they are. It wouldn't make sense.

Here's something that's confusing: My CD says the title track isn't a true title track. It's called the shortened 'Peace Sells'. And peace doesn't sell!!! Why is everyone dead??? Oh screw this, I don't have to think about this subject anymore if I don't want to. Moving on, track 'My Last Words' has a solo section that sounds like Yngwie Malmsteen's track 'Rising Force'. Is Yngwie a Megadeth fan?? Haha! (That's a very specialist joke. I'll explain it: Apparently Yngwie Malmsteen only listens to classical music now. (Well that's something I read, anyway). However, that fact is worth taking

with a pinch of salt, as he also once claimed he thinks about the individual notes of all his solos with extreme consideration. A little hard to believe if you're aware of his soloing style. However, as I read the 'facts' a few years ago now, I may have made parts up or all of them. Sorry, Yngwie).

In conclusion! Well, it's a very good thrash album, there's no arguing with that. Even so, I don't know what it means. No clue whatsoever. Maybe it's anti-war, maybe it's the exact opposite. If you want some more misheard lyrics from me, check out Papa Roach's song 'Time is running out.' It sounds like the singer is going 'I read toes to surrender!' over and over. What does that mean, you say? Maybe reading toes... Maybe... You see... No it's gone. Let's get help from the internet, this last time. Apparently he's really going 'I refuse to surrender.' I've just discovered that fact, this second. I've finally got around to doing it, and I feel disappointed, tbh. I prefer the toes version, as THAT'S poetry that's hard to decipher. (And therefore more fun. Only joking, I almost never read poetry, explaining my lack of skill. Go to the monologues section if you don't believe I'm not a poet. And if you don't believe me... Thank you). Now the score! Let's say... 9/10! Bye! (Oh yes, and one last thing - Yngwie may only listen to classical music NOW (maybe), but Peace Sells came out ages ago, so the earlier 'specialist joke' I made doesn't work. :) ) Bye!