

Simon: Hello! You've always said how Unholy have to be the darkest band of all time. Are they still darkest?

Simon: I got talking to someone online after reviewing a couple of his albums for Metal Rules, and after I got to know him a bit, I gave him the question I give most people: 'Have you heard any music as dark as this?...'

Simon: Go well?

Simon: Yes! He replied saying Unholy were tame compared to a band called 'Thou'. I was thinking to myself 'now that's a lie...' but I checked the album out on Youtube anyway.

Simon: Are Unholy tame compared to Thou?

Simon: At first I was thinking 'not really' then I heard track 'Diaphanous Shift' and my opinion changed pretty damn quickly.

Simon: It shifted?

Simon: It sure did.

Simon: Did it shift diaphanously?

Simon: Let me just Google the word...

Simon: ...

Simon: Well, diaphanous has a few meanings. The first one that comes up is 'almost transparent'...

Simon: Did your opinion shift in a way that was almost transparent?

Simon: The thing is, how can an opinion move in a way that is almost transparent?

Simon: Maybe it has nothing to do with opinions, and it means a murky window moved a bit.

Simon: Is that really something to write a song about?

Simon: I think it would be song worthy if a window moved by itself. It would be creepy.

Simon: Fine it would be creepy. But not terrifying, like the song is.

Simon: Did you talk about anything else with the person?

Simon: Yes, I showed him my 'The Danger of Proverbs' book and he gave it five stars on the American Amazon site!

Simon: Was that because you gave his albums high scores?

Simon: Probably. Talking of his music, he told me he was self-taught which annoyed me.

Simon: Do you have any stories of other books?

Simon: Yes, a friend on Facebook said that he published a book, so I left a comment saying 'oooo'. Hopefully that didn't come across as sarcastic.

Simon: Why not say 'well done'?

Simon: I did, but in my own special way.

Simon: Ok. Any thoughts on toy guns?

Simon: I know it's just a toy for a computer game, but isn't 'justifier' a silly name for a gun? Can you imagine a real gun being called that? It's like calling a gun 'the ridiculater'.

Simon: I guess I wouldn't take an army seriously if they had such weapons...

Simon: Yeah, and they have grenades called 'condoners' and rocket launchers called 'vindicators'.

Simon: Stick with AK47s and M16s?

Simon: Exactly.

Simon: So no guns called 'the astonisher'?

Simon: Right.

Simon: Any thoughts on thieves?

Simon: I saw an online news story that said and I quote 'prolific thief stole 17 tubes of Pringles in one go'. Doesn't that sound funny to you? The thief told the police, and I quote again 'once you pop, you cant stop'!! This is real! Google it!

Simon: Either he was trying to be funny or he came up with one of the worst excuses of all time...

Simon: I like either, really.

Simon: Me too. Have you been immature on the gym stair climbing machine again?

Simon: Yes, as someone worked harder on the thing than most people, and left me to enter the 'initials' on the scoreboard, me writing 'god' has lasted a good few days!

Simon: A very arrogant few days.

Simon: It doesn't really get any more arrogant does it?

Simon: Can you try?

Simon: Hm. With just three letters?

Simon: Uh-huh...

Simon: You know what, I don't think I can.

Simon: Do you have any good names for a band?

Simon: Yes, 'Liivahiir' (pronounced 'leave-a-hear'). It sounds really epic, right?

Simon: I guess. What's it mean?

Simon: It's Estonian for 'gerbil'.

Simon: Ah.

Simon: What?

Simon: It doesn't seem as epic now.

Simon: Sure it does.

Simon: Ok. Do you have German anecdotes?

Simon: I was watching a Key and Peele sketch called 'Messing with the Driver' and the passenger seemingly made up a German phrase as a joke, but I actually Googled what he said and it actually meant something...

Simon: :O What did he say?

Simon: He said 'ich bin ein schein'. Sounds like nonsense anyone could have said, right? Think again...

Simon: What's it mean?

Simon: It means 'I am an illusion'! Either that was intentional and he can speak the language OR the actor heard the phrase once and forgot it, and he subconsciously believes that as far as German people are concerned, he is an illusion.

Simon: Well, all actors are illusions, right?

Simon: Yes!

Simon: Is it just German people who see him that way?

Simon: Maybe. Some people believe actors are real, but Germans are known for their efficiency. In this case their efficiency in spotting phoniness in actors.

Simon: Makes you proud to have a German name...

Simon: :D

Simon: Do you have any Twitter stories?

Simon: Someone on Twitter posted a joke about him not being funny. Do I like that comment as other people did? It's just that if I do, that means I agree he's not funny, but if I don't it would be impolite as he always likes my comments. In the end I did. :S

Simon: Don't worry, there's a 50/50 chance you did the right thing.

Simon: Thank you!

Simon: You still think of X as Twitter?

Simon: So do you!

Simon: Fair enough. Any thoughts on Charles Manson?

Simon: Yes, he once said something like 'do you feel blame do you feel bad, do you feel goo-jago-goboogaloo-boogaloo?'

Simon: Wow, a load of gibberish...

Simon: Yes, that's what you would think, but ACTUALLY it's a quote from Finnegans Wake.

Simon: What's it mean?

Simon: Well, it's a very cryptic book so I could only ever speculate...

Simon: Any ideas at all?

Simon: It seems to be a cross between goo and boogaloo, and boogaloo is Latin music.

Simon: I still don't understand...

Simon: What I think he was trying to say was something like 'do you feel blame, do you feel bad, do you like gooey Latin music?'

Simon: Why??

Simon: Maybe he was just making polite conversation...

Simon: It was plain odd.

Simon: I know, but so is the book.

Simon: Seen any documentaries?

Simon: I saw a short documentary on Youtube about why bleak 'brutalist' (concrete) architecture is good. I was thinking 'oh this will be good, go on try and convince me' but rather than pointing out how artistic the style was as I was expecting, the person in the program kept saying he likes things to be depressing. So fair enough. Also, I learnt the word brutalism is based on a french word meaning 'concrete' not as I assumed based on the word 'brutal'. In my defence, I had my reasons for assuming that. Moral of the story, don't let depressed people design buildings.

Simon: Also, if you want to name an art movement, don't base the name on a foreign word as it will only cause confusion.

Simon: The thing is, brutalist architecture does look brutal.

Simon: Agreed. Any stories about Youtube subtitles?

Simon: I saw a program about prisons, and it was explained that one prisoner suffers with PTSD. The subtitles on the other hand said he suppers with PTSD.

Simon: How can you supper with PTSD?

Simon: Tough one. Maybe you could give someone the nickname of 'PTSD' and have dinner with the person, but that sounds weird, too.

Simon: Maybe the hypothetical person has PTSD.

Simon: Then I suppose it's a completely valid nickname.

Simon: Any stories about politics?

Simon: I saw the prime minister on TV saying he'll listen to whatever the poles say or whatever. Why is he so concerned with Polish people? Or maybe he meant literal poles which would be even weirder.

Simon: I knew a Polish person once. Nice guy.

Simon: Ok, and how do you explain the PM's respect of literal poles?

Simon: They're very sturdy.

Simon: Ok.

Simon: Any stories about curry?

Simon: The internet page of my local curry house has expired and there is an advert saying I can buy the domain name! Not a nice thing to do the restaurant as I assume

they'll still need the site some time in the future, but come on, it would be funny!

Simon: Wiedemanncurry.com...

Simon: The thing is, I know nothing about curry.

Simon: Not looking good, is it?

Simon: I know what curry is...

Simon: What is it then?

Simon: You know what, on second thoughts I don't really know how to define curry.

Simon: If you do buy the site, for the love of God don't say what you've just said.

Simon: Ah, I've checked the site again and now it's disappeared. There is no advert selling the domain name.

Simon: Good. It would be bad if you tried to buy it.

Simon: Ok.

Simon: Any stories about lost CDs?

Simon: Oh I never lose my CDs... With the exception of one... As explained a while ago, I wanted to buy the rock guitar soundtrack of game 'Guilty Gear', but instead bought an album of nothing but Japanese people talking, I guess it was the dialogue of the same game. You'd think it wouldn't really get to me if I lost such an album, but it would make the most random Christmas gift ever.

Simon: And to finish things, do you have any numberplate stories?

Simon: Always do, always do. Not only did I see a plate with 999 on it (one of the coolest numbers between 0 and 999) I saw a numberplate ending with XCX, which is a pointlessly long, Roman way of saying 100. I'm just saying XC means 90, C means 100, and CX means 110, so XCX means 100. It's hard to explain. The plate could have been an example of ancient humour! Romans would just be like 'Hahahaha! What's the point of writing 100 in such a lengthy way?!' I'd laugh anyway. Not just a plate now is it?

Simon: Great stuff. Bye?

Simon: Byeeeeeeee!