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The metal highlight of this Spring approaches! The tomes *Black Metal: Evolution of the Cult* and *Black Metal: Prelude to the Cult* to be published in Czech translation

The Prague-based label and publisher MetalGate Records is poised to unleash a literature treat this May especially for all fans of extreme metal, as the books *Black Metal: Evolution of the Cult* and *Black Metal: Prelude to the Cult* will get their premier release in Czech translation. Both volumes are penned by Dayal Patterson, whom you may know as the author of the *Rotting Christ* official biography.

Black Metal: Evolution of the Cult is a comprehensive probe into the history of the genre, going to the very roots, as well as onto the contemporary scene. Local fans will surely be pleased by the fact that alongside such bands as Venom, Celtic Frost, Mayhem, Darkthrone or Burzum, appear also the Czech pioneers Master's Hammer. The book comes with plenty of archival and rare photos.

Black Metal: Prelude to the Cult then perfectly complements the first volume. It is comprised of interviews the author conducted over the years with for example Mayhem, Gorgoroth, Marduk, Impaled Nazarene or Enthroned. One can thus dive in not only to the history, but also to the thoughts of the key personae themselves.

Dayal Patterson has a long affinity for black metal, and considers it the most thought provoking, most inspiring and liveliest segment of the entire heavy metal. "*Truly enduring, it is a multifaceted beast, at once fiercely conservative yet fearlessly groundbreaking, undeniably visceral yet at times thoroughly cerebral. Its combination of primal, philosophical, spiritual, cultural, and artistic qualities have allowed it to transcend even its own fascinating controversies to become one of the most important forms of modern music,*" states the author in the preface for *Black Metal: Evolution of the Cult*.

Black Metal: Evolution of the Cult and *Black Metal: Prelude to the Cult* are striking voyages into the heart of a genre, which has been commanding heightened emotions for decades. Both books shall enter the Czech market by the end of May 2021. This pitch-black saga is published by MetalGate Records under licenses from publishers Cult Never Dies and Feral House.

Teaser: <https://youtu.be/MiVx8GindbE>

Excerpt from the first book: <https://metalgate.cz/en/records-en/1422-black-metal-evolution-of-the-cult-excerpt>