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GONEMAD - PLANET 9

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Where have I been? GONEMAD hails from West Palm Beach, Fl. and their newest album PLANET 9 has been out since January 99. Hmmmm....I feel like I've been missing something cause these guys are pretty fuckin great. You are at once blown away as the first track SORRY breaks free through your speakers. The guys Craig McInnis-voice/guitar, Cliff Powell-guitars/b.vocals, Gerald Brown-guitars/vocals, Scott White- bass/b.vocals, and J.C. Dwyer-drums/b.vocals capture a merger of metal, hard-core, rap, rock and funk throughout all twelve tunes. Heavy music today has turned to an angry, pulsating over the top style where GONEMAD intertwines a sense of fun in between the rage and power. One listen to DIRECT APPROACH, KNUCKLEDRAGGER and OVERCOME shower you with in your face beats where THE PIG breaks a funky, jazzy feel to it and BORED GAMES shows you just how much "love" means to the band. The guys have toured the East Coast fourteen times since 97, so hopefully you have heard or seen them before this. Currently the band is working on new music for a new release. gonemad.com



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Gonemad - Planet 9 "Sorry" starts off with an almost Soundgarden crooning and then changes course for groove filled power that again changes directions for a more melodic buildup that blasts out in the listeners fractured face. After pulling out our teeth, Gonemad reminds us that they just buried their last release "Curse the Day". Much of the CD is similar to "Sorry" with songs like "Direct Approach" and "Knuckledragger" adding in some decent raps. "Bored Games" (after being declared a love song) roars out of the speakers at breakneck speed but never leaving the melody behind. In today's quest for the ultimate combination of melody and heaviness (which usually gets confused with Korn-like devotion) Gonemad sidesteps their way into my CD player. About time huh?

- J-Sin