When I was in the third grade I thought that I was gay- ‘Cause I could draw, my uncle was, and I kept my room straight- I told my mom tears rushing down my face- She’s like “Ben you've loved girls since before pre-k,”- Yeah, I guess she had a point, didn’t she? Bunch of stereotypes all in my head.- A preconceived idea of what it all meant. For those that liked the same sex

Yesterday, the guitarist from ‘christian metalcore’ band For Today made a series of offensive tweets of his thoughts on the ‘sin’ of homosexuality– thankfully – a lot of artists and journalists have spoken out against his comments. Don’t be deceived, homosexuality is a sin. This sin with all other sins, is what Jesus died. He conquered so that we would be free.

Greg, I am a huge fan of your work with Dillinger and a metal fan overall. I am also homosexual. WHOA, right? My question is this – metal fans seem to pride themselves on being outsiders and letting anyone into their fold, yet homophobia is still huge in metal. Why is this exactly? It seems in this day and age especially, this mentality would have dissipated but sadly, it hasn’t. What is your take on this?

Intro: Plato, 400 years before the alleged birth of Jesus Christ, said Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul. Music is a beautiful tool to educate ourselves with. The purpose of education was not to mandate ignorance and intolerance but to overcome it. Through the Prose: Greg Puciato of Dillinger Escape Plan Being the Man in what Many Metal Heads would Call ‘A Gay/Fags Shirt’ by Calum McMillian, Some Thoughts Re: Homophobia/Music by Rou Reynolds of Enter Shikari, Poetry: Same Love by Ryan Lewis and Macklemore, and a Hip Hop Scholars on homophobia article- The Unapologetic Homophibia of Tyler the Creator by Jorge Rivas. The following POI calls out homophobic musicians and argues that there is no place for hate speech in our music.

During a radio interview with Megadeth main cunto Dave Mustaine the subject of gay marriage was somehow broached. When asked as to his thoughts on gay marriage Mustaine replied: “Well, since I’m not gay, the answer to that would be no,” When then asked as to whether he would support legalidation of the idea of gay marriage Mustiane gave the following statement, “I’m Christian, the answer to that would be no.”

The realest moment in Sunday’s MTV Music Video Awards was when Tyler the Creator’s proud mom’s hands rose to the sky as she jumped for joy when she heard her son was the winner of MTV’s Best New Artist award.. But if you consider all the moms who have gay and lesbian teens who come home crying complaining of the bullying they face in schools, or the moms who have lost their young boys because they couldn’t take it anymore, you really wish that MTV executives would’ve never put Tyler the Creator on the ballot for Best New Artist in the first place. His latest album, “Goblin,” uses the word “faggot” and variants of anti-gay lyrics a total of 213 times.

The thought that we actually toured and shared the same stage as this musician in 2011 now makes me feel a bit nauseous. If I knew he held views as embarrassingly archaic and morally disgraceful as this, we wouldn’t have ever gone near the band. No such thing as a gay Christian, the same as there is no such thing as a Christian who loves his sin.

Dear Anonymous: “I really think masculinity insecurity issues are the problem, and listening to testosterone music and putting on a tough guy front enables the people with those issues to live in a sort of constructed “ma suit,” helping them to feel more adequate in their gender/sex role confusion. Proper education and culture exposure will catch everyone up, but again, waiting is annoying… and I totally see what you are about the comical false masculinity that is unfortunately prevalent in metal and hip hop and country music.

There is obviously no place in our modern metal, punk, hardcore, rock for homophobia. In fact, there should be no place for these views anywhere full stop, especially not in music. For thousands of years Music has been one of the main things that brings us humans together! Not something that has divided or segregated us. Through coming together to experience melodies and rhythms and the plethora of emotions they can generate. Therefore, anyone wishing to label and exclude other humans as ‘sinners’, for simply loving the human that they wish to love, does not even deserve to pick up an instrument, history has proven to us that every musical instrument is a tool of unity, of diversity and of peace. Don’t be fooled by the formation of a state church as though the government is being converted, they only use the name Jesus for their Progressive Liberal agenda.

If I was gay, I would think hip-hop hates me. Have you read the YouTube comments lately  
"Man, that’s gay" gets dropped on the daily

I’m not homophobic. I just think faggot hits and hurts people. It hits. And gay just means you’re stupid. I don’t know, we don’t think about it, we’re just kids. We don’t think about that shit. But I don’t hate gay people. I don’t want anyone to think I’m homophobic. Well I have gay fans and they don’t really take it offensive, so I don’t know. If it offends you, it offends you.

It’s not a coincidence that homophobia is the most rampant in those three genres, and that those genres are primarily embraced by low income groups, groups that have low exposures to quality education, and almost no exposure to travel or different cultures.

We become so numb to what we are saying, a culture founded from oppression yet we don’t have acceptance for ‘em. Call each other faggots behind the keys of a message board, a word rooted in hate, yet our genre still ignores it.

But regardless of his intent, the words are still problematic. “Whether or not Tyler the Creator intends to offend gay people is irrelevant. The reality is that anti-gay slurs are harmful.” They have the power to fuel intolerance and hostility. It’s an irresponsible message for him to send to his young fans.

Gay is synonymous with the lesser, it’s the same hate that’s caused wars from religion, gender, to skin color, the complexion of your pigment. The same fight that led people to walk outs and sit ins. Its human rights for everybody, there is no difference! Rather than fighting nor humans that have had their rights stolen I might not be the same, but that’s not important. No freedom till we’re equal, damn right I support it.A world so hateful some would rather die than be who they are and a certificate on paper isn’t gonna solve it all, but it’s a damn good start. No law is gonna change us. Whatever god you believe in, we come from the same one. Strip away the fear underneath it’s all the same love. About time that we raised up. And I can’t change even if I tried. Even if I wanted to.

As for you, the person who submitted this question… don’t let that shit get you down. Feeling ostracized may sting at times, but the truth is that you’re a forward person in a primitive time. Moving at a faster speed than others. Being ahead of the pack? That’s called being a leader. Embrace it.