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**MetalGate Records 2014 – the first taste of “The Amazing Ascendancy” album is here!**

If you follow the MetalGate Records website, or belong to the fandom of the **progressive power metal band Ascendancy** from Vsetín, you surely registered the news regarding the **new album** of this act. And we kept you informed rather thoroughly. You saw the signing of the album deal, got a sneak peak of the recording sessions, as well as were presented with the visual side of this new piece. Before the album itself, entitled “**The Amazing Ascendancy**”, is released, then how about a **little music appetizer**?

Indeed, for right now you can listen, **on the Ascendancy [Bandzone.cz profile](#) or on band’s [YouTube channel](#)**, to **one of the brand new songs** that compose the new album! As this single, we picked **the fourth of the total 13 blasts**, which is entitled “**Why?**” and concludes, within the overall tracklist, the first act of the story that this album tells. A story indeed, for if you recall, “The Amazing Ascendancy” is a **conceptual album** containing a **narrative in the superheroes vein** about a confrontation between a group of world guardians and the vile Count Illuminatus, who, as any other proper comics villain, aims for nothing less than the demise of mankind so that on its ashes his envisioned utopia could arise.

And since such an antagonist is not born overnight, the **first four tracks** are dedicated to exploring what can crush one’s spirit so much so that one becomes a **zealous agent of the apocalypse**, and **it is precisely in “Why?”** that we arrive to the proverbial **breaking point**, after which all that is left is to modify the famous quote of Cato the Elder into “Moreover, I consider that **mankind must be destroyed**”. Whether the Count succeeds or is thwarted, is the question answered in the remaining nine songs.

So, enjoy the “Why?” single!

Additionally, with new album comes a **new band lineup**, whereby the current members Libor Kukula (guitar), Ivan Jakubo (vocals) and Jan “Mani” Pavlůsek (keyboards) are joined by bass guitarist **Radek Kročil** (Abstract Essence, Irokez) and drummer **Zdeněk Čepička** (Forgotten Silence, Ador Dorath), as well as a **new stage image**, which you can see on the brand new promo photos of the band.

“**The Amazing Ascendancy**” is to be released at the turn of March and April 2014, and also will be **streamed in full on Bandzone.cz for several days, starting March 29**.

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