G.o.d. (gaining One's Definition)

Common

After bein' 25, you know, just trying to survive in the world 'Bout to have a little boy or baby girl, who knows? Anyway, just when you start getting' that little age And experience to you You start thinkin' about stuff, tryin' to make the right moves So bust it out, this is what I was thinkin', check it Yo, the education of the Lon-chicka-Lonnie Lynn Began, began with time Bein' my bloodline is one with the divine In time brotha, you will discover the light Some say that God is black and the devil's white Well, the devil is wrong and God is what's right I fight with myself in the ring of doubt and fear The rain ain't gone but I can still see clear As a child, given religion with no answer to why Just told believe in Jesus 'cuz for me he did die Curiosity killed the catechism Understanding and wisdom became the rhythm that I played to And became a slave to master self A rich man is one with knowledge, happiness and his health My mind had dealt with the books of Zen, Tao the lessons Koran and the Bible, to me they all vital And got truth within 'em, gotta read them boys You just can't skim 'em, different branches of belief But one root that stem 'em But people of the venom try to trim 'em And use religion as an emblem When it should be a natural way of life Who am I or they to say to whom you pray ain't right That's who got you doin' right and got you this far Whether you say, "In Jesus name", or, "Al hum du'Allah" Long as you know it's a bein' that's supreme to you You let that show towards others in the things you do 'Cuz when the trumpets blowin', 24 elders surround the throne Only 144,000 gon get home Only 144,000 gon get home Only 144,000 gon get it, baby I've lived and I've learned

I have taken and I've earned

I have laughed, I've cried
I have failed and I have tried
Sunshine, pouring rain
Found joy through all my pain
I just wanna be happy with being me
Let me voice my concern
So many of my fellow brothers have given themselves a title
That their actions didn't earn

Our ignorance is in the same breath as our innocence
Subconsciously, seeking to find
An impressionable mind to convince
I've finally come to the realization
Why black people in the worse place
'Cuz it's hard to correct yourself when you don't know
Who you are in the first place, so I try to find the clue in you
But evidently, white folks know more black history than we do
Why're we bein' lied to?

I ain't know our history was purposely hidden
Damn, somethin' in me wanna know who I am
So I began my search, my journey started in church
It gave my heartache relief when I started to understand belief
Hustlin' was like a gift spent my share of time in the streets
Taught me survival from this evil I'm just gonna have to deal with
And I felt like a fool when I tried to learn it in school
It almost seemed like a rehearsal when the only
Science and math are universal
Takin' elder advice, read the Bible, the Koran
Searched scrolls from the Hebrew Israelites

Hold on, this ain't right, Jesus wasn't white

Some leads were granted with insight

And it's all in the plan, but it took me some time to overstand

He still created with the imperfection of man

So, with followin' I disagree

By no means have I forgotten or forgiven
What's been done to me but

I do know the devil ain't no white man, the devil's a spiritual mind That's color blind, there's evil white folk and evil niggas You gon surely find there's no positivity without negativity

But one side you gonna have to choose
Any chance to speak I refuse to misuse
So how can you call yourself God
When you let a worldly possession
Become an obsession and the way you write your rhymes
And can't follow your lesson

If a seed's sown, you make sure it's known You make sure it's grown

If you God, then save your own, don't mentally enslave your own If you God, then save your own, don't mentally enslave your own If you God, then save your own, don't mentally enslave your own

Well, I've lived and I've learned
I've taken and I've earned
I have laughed, I have cried
I failed and I have tried
Sunshine, pourin' rain
I found joy through my pain
Just wanna be happy, bein' me, bein' me

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