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"B.I.B.L.E. (Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth)"

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Knowledge this wisdom, this goes back when I was
twelve
I loved doin' right but I was trapped in Hell
Had mad ideas, sad eyes an' tears
Years of fears but yo, my foes couldn't bear

I searched for the truth since my youth
An' went to church since birth but it wasn't worth the
loot
That I was payin', plus the prayin'
I didn't like stayin' 'coz of busy bodies an' dizzy hotties

That the preacher had souped up with lies
Had me cooped up lookin' at loot, butt an' thighs
Durin' the service, he swallowed up the poor
An' after they heard this, they wallowed on the floor

But I ignored an' explored my history that was untold
An' watched mysteries unfold
An' dropped a jewel like Solomon but never followed
men
'Coz if you do, your brain is more hollow

Than space oblivia or the abyss
With no trace of trivia, left with the hiss
Does it pay to be deaf, dumb, blind?
From a slave we was kept from the mind

An' from the caves he crept from behind
An' what he gave was the sect of the swine

When the Bible, it condemned the pig
I don't mean to pull your hems or flip your wigs
But we used to wear a turban but now we're in the
urban
No more wearin' beanies an' dress like a genie

No hocus pocus 'coz I focus on the facts
An' put it on the tracks an' brought it through the wax
I speak on Jacob, it might take up some time
An' too much knowledge, it might break up the rhyme

I did it anyway just to wake up the mind
Of those who kiss stones or prays on the carpet
Those who sit home or sell books by the market
Need to chill an' get their mind revived

For years religion did nothing but divide
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I strolled through the books of Job to unfold
An' open Bibles instead of hopin' on revivals
Calling on His name an' screamin',
Hallelujah
When He hardly knew ya, that's how the Devil's fooled
ya

See, look into my eyes, brethren, that's the lies of a
Reverend
Why should you die to go to Heaven?
The Earth is already in space, the Bible, I embrace
A difficult task I had to take

I studied 'til my eyes was swollen an' only arose when
I found out that we were The Chosen
I deal with the truth an' build with the youth
An' teach my son as he kneels on the stoop

Son, life is a pool of sin, corrupted with foolish men

An' women with wicked minds, who build picket signs
To legalize abortion, the evil eye distortion
I quiz son with my wisdom

Before I converted, I was perverted an' knowledge was
asserted
The study of wisdom, I preferred it
The understanding, it gave me mental freedom
I even learnt Caucasians were really the Tribe of Edam

The white image of Christ is really Cesare Borgia
An' uhh, the second son of Pope Alexander
The sixth of Rome an' once the picture was shown
That's how the Devil's tricked my dome

I prophesized to save a man but no one gave a damn
For my nation, the seed of Abraham
Blessed with the tongue of Hebrew
Now we're strung on needles an' some are plungin'
evils

So study an' be wise in these days of darkness
Peace to my nephew, Marcus

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