

Dead Prez "Shuffering + Shmiling"

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[Jorge Ben Jor] (scat singing)
[stic.man]
(to the ancestors)
can't keep quiet
this time gon' be more than a riot (to the warriors)
can't keep quiet
this time gon' be more than a riot (to those who came
before us)
can't keep quiet
this time gon' be more than a riot (long lived the
revolution)
can't keep quiet
this time gon' be more than a riot
[stic.man]
religion is like prison
keep the people locked up in different divisions
some of them promise you heaven
but I see a whole lot of bullshit ism-scism
imperialism in the form of spirituality
slave mentality, escape reality
what we supposed to just suffer and smile and be
content?
sendin our prayers to the clouds? (stic.man - uhn uh)
i want my heaven now, freedom on earth
and if the preacher ain't with us, then we takin his
church
what is it worth to have the biggest religion
when the people got miserable living conditions?
no water, no lights, no rights
all over africa we fight, but we have to unite
cause ain't no power in the gospel
when the priest puttin powder in his nostril
and the elder's council fails to lead
and the children suffer from daily need
and the people can barely eat
is it a sin to stand up
to fight against the ones that put is in handcuffs?
goddamn, what happened to the daily bread, spread
love
and not what the bible said, but in the name of the bible
how much love is spread compared to how much blood
is shed

chorus:

[Bilal]

everyday my people get inside the bus

(women - shuffling and smiling)

everyday its the circle

(women - shuffling and smiling)

everyday my people get inside the bus

(women - shuffling and smiling)

everyday its the circle

[Jorge Ben Jor] (scat singing)

(women - shuffling and smiling) x4

everyday its the same thing

[Talib Kweli]

yo

every day I wake up is a miracle, thank you

separate religious and the spiritual, thank you

see, I don't be askin in the air, every action is a prayer

the bear won't attack me, I be, attackin the bear, see

back in the day I used to work in a bookstore

my job was to find whatever book you look for

i remember one day this lady came for a bible

we was out, so I started showin here other titles

tryna share information about a religion

everything that I showed her was written by christians,

still

she got the hell up outta the place

wonderin something about me shakin her faith

now, knowledge is power, we spread information

how strong is your faith? what it take to be shaken?

yo, I think she missed what jesus was sayin

can't keep your eyes closed to a revelation

you could be speakin in tongues

could be speakin of sons and daughters

my reflection of course, within the water is

beautiful, attractive, my musical contraption

classified as unusual practice but

thats what it take to be a man

free the land, crash down on babylon like the sea to the

sand

peace to the fam, we want you all to stay strong and

live long

like a de la song, c'mon

[stic.man & Talib Kweli]

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[m1]
this way of life, ain't right
pray all day and night and don't fight
poped up, doped up
work three jobs to fill the gold cup
no water, no food, no lights, no rights
no power til the people unite
it's gone - divison and they work us in prison
look round, how my niggas is livin
everything we make, they takin it to the bank
while we sittin up in the church to give thanks
don't you know the preacher got bank? (m1 - uhn uh,
uhn uh)
don't you know the deacon smoke dank? (m1 - uhn uh,
uhn uh)
did you ever think the bible was a prank? (m1 - uhn uh,
uhn uh)
somebody bout to faint
before they came
they had the bible, we had the land
now, we got the bible, they got the land
and what do you believe in, heaven or hell?
life is what you make it, so thats why I rebel
uncle sam, got blood on his hands
good god, how the devil can dance
nobody wanna help a nigga
put your hands together, do it yourself my nigga
don't sit there
you won't have nobody rushin to die
so do something don't just suffer and smile
[chorus]
[Jorge Ben Jor] (scat singing)
[m1] (repeats until end)
africa, africa, africa
aids is killin
africans, africans, africans

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