

## Guru f/ Bob James, Common

### "State of Clarity"

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\* The word "nigga" is censored in the song\* [Common]  
My mind blows decisions, at times indecisive I think  
about the paradox that life is Keep my head to the sky  
and understand who Christ is Turn off the news cuz  
everyday is a crisis Lifeless \*niggas\* on the couch  
weeded out It's like LaDanians certain types of  
\*niggas\* out my life I weeded out I believe in the route  
of soul before paper No gold before labor, truth told  
with no glaziers Days are getting darker quick I was  
told it was written, I'ma author it Wanna go the same  
place that the martyrs went The Black figures on the  
wall in my apartment Like LaDanian y'all I be charging it  
Touching down with the people from my town It's the  
Chi that be giving me my ground Dug in the crates of  
my soul and I found, clarity Chorus: Guru + (Common)  
Be yourself, (yeah and be so clear) Hey yo, just be  
yourself, (and be so clear) So just be yourself, (y'all be  
so clear) C'mon, just be yourself, (and be so clear)  
(repeat x 2) [Guru] Toiled in the trenches, faced judges  
on benches Betrayed by some that I failed not to  
mention Standing here now in the best condition Up,  
outta the dirt so I suggest you listen See money can't  
make you or me Protect my mind with nines cuz it  
shines more than jewelry Used to do things that  
weren't too productive Now I breathe life into mics for  
your comfort I see past the groupies and goldiggers to  
find women How I'm living? Doing me and not savagely  
driven Taught the game of fortune and fame So I'm not  
playing no more I hold the torch with flames I've lost  
and gained at the same time Mc's biting and swagger  
jacking still commit the same crimes Once you see past  
the surface That trash is worthless, with me you get a  
lasting purpose

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