

One To 31

J-Live

What up man? We're back
Ah what up? Fancy meeting you here
Yeah what up man, how you been?
Been good, yo sit down man
Time to start
Oh yeah?

Peace, peace, peace
My name is Justice Allah
I way to New York my way of my old earth
(That means mother)
My father came here from Haiti about 40 years ago
My father did not teach me his language
I barely knew him as my father
He is like the devil in that he gave me nothing
Why's he like the devil?
Because he avoided me since I was a little boy
Why do you not seek him out now that you're a grown man?
Because my mother gave me food for thought and belly
Does this have anything to do with the above question?
I didn't need him to acquire the knowledge of myself
What is the knowledge of your self?
I own self is a righteous god
Are there any gods other than righteous?
I beg your pardon, I never heard of one

After all that degree ain't hard
Cause if you ain't righteous how you supposed to be god
Another question you might have no doubt
How does god on his album cover looking knocked out?
For me it's simple and plain
Let me explain
Its symbolic to the fact I've been through some things
I was tripping to taking no ass whooping literally I'm just trying to show
you my pain
Cause life imitates art like even before I had kids naming my best album
the best part
The life of this artist was drawing kind off dark
But darkness accentuates the light's spark
To reveal there's room full of powder keg
That explodes into all of these sounds
So visually that was me knocked out
Musically this is me getting up off the ground
I use the assault and battery to energize
And set sail on a whole nother enterprise
Boldly go where MCs are scared to
Man up in ways boys ain't prepared to
Take life's hardest hits one the chin
Wipe the blood off my cheek and begin again
So why these rappers fantasize and pretend
This just shows you art imitates life now and then

How many records have you released as J Live?
A little over five
How many records have you sold combined since your first album?
Approximately 100,000
Do you mean to say that the millions of people

Who love hip-hop aren't aware of your music?
Yes sir
I can hardly believe that unless they were blind, deaf and dumb
Well they were made blind deaf and dumb
By popular culture since they were babies
Can a label fool J Live?
No not nowadays
Do you mean to say the labels will fool J Live in the ten years?
Yes
The labels made the interpretation I'd receive gold for my labor
More than I could earn in my own company
Then did you receive gold?
No
The labels disappeared
And there was no one there to speak my language
Then what happened?