

Ashes to Ashes

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The long road to one's own destiny ain't paved
This treacherous path through the wilderness is only for the brave
Sometimes you'll seem like a madman, shot out of a cave
All everybody else see is death, all I see is the parade
The soul that gave birth to my grandmother was a slave
So I refuse to "Walk On By" crying, like Isaac Hayes
For every day I missed Salah, I intensify zakat
Told the truth from the Pyramid top, like Anwar Sadat
Ashes to ashes, I took my time like molasses
With these civilization clashes I dish out to the masses
I'm like a miniature Jesus of Nazareth
Slugged up with my Solja Rag in my Reebok Classics
If they ask what's my sign: 'Falling Rocks Ahead - Hazardous'
The edge of my fort is dern and my sheath is the jaggedest
I'm exorcising all demons - internal, external
I got it out the mud, now I'm climbing out the inferno
My flesh, bone, and dark matter may pass away
But every bar I spit in the name of the Christ will remain eternal
You couldn't walk a mile in my ruby slippers from God
Or even replicate one ink drop from my Holy Journal

"Can you-can you-what do you mean when you say 'the God of Religion'? As in-is that as opposed to 'the God of' something else? Or what do- what do you mean when you say 'the God of Religion'? Why do you use such a qualifier, because you could just say 'God,' and people understand what you mean when you say 'God,' but- why do you say 'God of Religion'?"

"Yeah, thank you. I did use that language-language deliberately and contrasting it with another God in particular, the God of Philosophy. And that in my book, 'The Book of God: An Encyclopedia of Proof that the Black Man is God', there's a contrast between the God of Religion, which is the God found in all of the scriptures. Not just in my scriptures, not just the religious scriptures of the Bible and the Quran, but also the scriptures of the hieroglyphic or Medu Neter scriptures of Ancient Egypt, the Sumerian, religious theological writings, or scriptures, of ancient Mesopotamia. The God religious texts-ancient religious texts are in agreement about the reality and nature of God, and so I use the language 'God of Religion' to refer to the God as gleaned from ancient religious texts"