DJ Spinna, Time Zone

(feat. Apani B-Fly Emcee, Talib Kweli)

[Apani]

Time zone travellin, unravelin

The secrets of mysteries that follow humans for centuries

Theories appear crisp and clear to me as air

Magically through meditative focus, mechanically I'm there

The dreams stay in connection, then awake

To the main theme in a carefully constructed scene

Which began with a bright beam of light

Become a satellite seen as a flash in the sky

Through the eyes of a writer, who shall remain anonymous

Lust for higher learnin, surgin, burnin, yearnin

Inspired by spirits of great grand descendants

Get rich off the dark skin signin over freedom on documents

Marked with X's, illiterate, stiffed up languages

Slave masters metaphorically ripped out they larynxes

Yet they beat drums and sang songs

Now I keep it movin along in the same form and context

Since the torch has been cast to the next generation

My main motivation is to be a cipher nation

360 degrees all around, above, and below

Is the planet where I hold jurisdiction, yo

Kweli I know you fed with this whole situation

I know you reflect on revolution

Can only be one conclusion, one action conduces

Changes - some civilizations have been in war for scores

Blood shed on history pages and in the end

What side wins? Old has been replaced by the new

When all is said and done, stand out amongst the few

As examples of what one can do

It's a true story, cried at the end when Denzel died in Glory

Knock on wood when I'm gon' be, launch me into the galaxy

I'll be a solitary star in the constellation

Transferrin information into the minds of young prodigies lookin up

Wishin all my energy until the day they become

Entities parallel to me, the universe's Cycle of Destiny

What exists is more than we see, more than we see...

Forget the years you been alive, we livin in the same age Tell me where your mind is at, we livin in the same age

Tell me what's on your mind, we livin in the same age [x3]

[Kweli, vaguely] yo, yo, outrageous, courageous, advantageous..

Once again on mission, driven by ill thoughts that we envision

Got a lotta ambition, now we got a pot to piss in Cats seem to be quick to whip they shit out, and they missin

While I aim straight, it's a new era, you feel the transition?

Man listen, you know the libras, how they just balance it out

Through the ages, droppin wisdom like sages

While the whole world go through phases

Peep how the rhyme is vintage like a wine

Gets better with age and time

Niggas think they free - who need to change

When you can enslave the mind? like true conquerors

They call the explorers brave

Say they collectin when I say they rob graves

It's complex, you know what, I be ? Apani

Do this ego trippin, like De La, on Nikki Giovanni

So I try to put that behind me but it got me In an ill position like the Kama Sutra

The past kicks my ass back to the future, it reminds me

Not the losers, but the winners tell the story Ignore the truth, take out the gory details and get the glory My grandfather died when I was a shorty He fought for our country It couldn't be his 'cause to this day, they still don't want me My great grandmother put arsenic in the master's tea After she came from hearin a speech by Marcus Garvey Not separate or equal, so fuck Ferguson and Plessy Folks of slaves, bringin it like Nat Turner and Denmark Vesey The Age of the Industry, the plantation system was dead Let em work, they can make enough to éat And keep a roof over they head You still a mothafuckin slave! Doesn't matter if you near-white or little light Or blacker than a thousand midnights We right in the new age with new slaves, we need to bless the stage 'Cause the audience' brains affected by devils like cage Call us brave, but the system got our peoples actin depraved Forget the years you been alive, we livin in the same age Yo tell me where ya mind is at, we livin in the same age Take that wit'chu to your grave, grow up before you show up [x3]

[Apani]

Time is relative, we livin in the same age Open up your third eye, we livin in the same age