"I'm not saying I'm gonna change the world, but I guarantee that I will spark the brain that will change the world" - Tupac Shakur." "The "In The Shadow of an Icon" CD will allow a new generation to continue learning through the words of a range of artists who have grown out of the shadow of the fallen Souljah, Tupac Shakur."

"Wars come and go, but my soldiers stay eternal" – Tupac Shakur

"Sometimes I sit and look at life from a different angle." - Tupac Shakur

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"To all the seeds that follow me protect your essence, Born with less, but you still precious." – Tupac Shakur

"I'm a reflection of the community." – Tupac Shakur

"I feel close to Marvin Gaye, Vincent van Gogh, because nobody appreciated his work until he was dead. Now it's worth millions." - Tupac shakur

"I'm doing this for the kid who truly leads a 'thug life' and thinks it's HOPELESS." - Tupac Shakur

"Hip Hop was supposed to be this new thing that had no boundaries and was so different to everyday music. As long as it has soul to it, hip hop can live on." - Tupac Shakur

"Of course I'm going to say "I'm a thug" that's because I came from the GUTTER and I'm still HERE!" – Tupac Shakur

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"I know it seems hard sometimes but remember one thing.

Through every dark night, theres a bright day after that.

So no matter how hard it get, stick your chest out, keep ya head up.... and handle it." – Tupac Shakur

"I set goals, take control, drink out my own bottle

I make mistakes but learn from every one

And when it's said and done

I bet this brother be a better one

If I upset you don't stress

Never forget, that God isn't finished with me yet" - Tupac Shakur

"During your life, never stop dreaming. No one can take away your dreams" - Tupac Shakur

"Why am I fighting to live, if I'm just living to fight

Why am I trying to see, when there aint nothing in sight

Why am I trying to give, when no one gives me a try

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Why am I dying to live, if I'm just living to die?

someone tell me y" - Tupac Shakur

"God

When I was alone, and had nothing

I asked for a friend to help me bear the pain

No one came, except God

When I needed a breath to rise, from my sleep

No one could help me.. except God

When all I saw was sadness, and I needed answers

No one heard me, except God

So when I'm asked.. who I give my unconditional love to?

I look for no other name, except God" – Tupac Shakur

"There should be a class on apartheid. There should be a class on why people are hungry, but there are not. There are classes on...gym. Physical Education."

"Hell, no. There's nobody in the business strong enough to scare me." (When asked whether he went to Death Row Records for protection.)

"Yellow M&M's don't move with green M&M's. I mean, you don't put M&M's peanuts with M&M's plain." (On the possibility of a Bad Boy/Death Row collaboration.)

"Well, the first two days in prison, I had to go through what life is like when you've been smoking weed for as long as I have and then you stop. Emotionally, it was like I didn't know myself."

"I don't have no fear of death. My only fear is coming back reincarnated."

"In my death, people will understand what I was talking about."

"A coward dies a thousand deaths. A soldier dies but once."

"June 16, 1971, mama gave birth to a Hell rasing heavenly son."

"My first words was thug for life and papa pass the mack"

"To me, I am the hardest Nigga out there cause I am real I cry when I need to but I am real"

"What of fame? Everybody knows your name: never again are you alone."

"The people made me from the littlest crack head to the biggest baller so if iam bad its because of the bay and if iam good its because of the bay"

"When I die and they come for me bury me a g."

"I didn't introduce thug life to America. Thug life is America. I don't get why the whole world is fearing me. I am scared, but so are they. It's like I am having a panic attack cause I have 15,000 people wanting to do what I want, listing to everthing I say."

"I am crazy, but you know what else: I don't give a fuck."

"I'm 100 percent original, and that's what got me here. My rap music is more understandable, slower. It tells a story. You can write a book on each of my thoughts." i was raised in this society so theres no way you can expect me to be a perfect person iam gonna do whatever i like iam not a rolemodel.

Niggas Talk a lot of shit but thats after we're gone

--cuz they fear us the the physical form let it be known

--we troublesome...

Tupac Shakur

"You dont know me, you just met me, well if i couldnt have it..silly rabbit, why ya sweat me"

The Only Thing That Comes to A Sleeping Man is Dreams"

Tupac Shakur

"There's gonna be some stuff u gonna see that's gonna make it hard To smile in the future, but through whatever you see, Through all the rain and all the pain, you gotta keep your sense of humor. you gotta be able to smile through all this bullshit"

Tupac Shakur

"Let me say for the record, I am not a gangster and never have been. I`m not the thief who grabs your purse.I`m not the guy who jacks your car. I`m not down with the people who steal and hurt others. I`m just a brother who fight back."

EVEN THOUGH I'M MARKED FOR DEATH, I'MA SPARK TILL I LOSE MY BREATH"

Tupac Shakur

"Money gone, fuck friends, i need a homie that know me when all these mothafuckin cops be on me."

Tupac Shakur

NOW I'M TRAPPED IN THA MOTHERFUCKIN' STORM

Tupac Shakur

"Everybody's at war with different things...I'm at war with my own heart sometimes".

All good niggers, all the niggers who change the world, die in violence. They don't die in regular ways." Tupac Shakur in Details magazine interview, spring 1996.

Tupac Shakur

Reality is wrong. Dreams are for real.

Tupac Shakur

I believe that everything that you do bad comes back to you. So everything that I do that's bad, I'm going to suffer from it. But in my mind, I believe what I'm doing is right. So I feel like I'm going to heaven.

Tupac Shakur

I put the pistol by my head, and say a prayer. I see visions of me dead, Lord are you there?

"Live by the gun die by the gun."

Tupac Shakur

Oh Lord, help me change my ways, Show a litlle mercy on judgement day, It aint me I was raised this way, Never let em' play me for a busta, Makin' hell for a huslter.

Tupac Shakur

A coward dies a thousand deaths; A soldier dies but once.

Tupac Shakur

I'd rather die like a man than live like a coward.

Tupac Shaku

I'm just as guilty for not doing anything as I am for doing things. Not with case (the 1994 sexual abuse conviction), but just my life. I was so scared of this responsibility that I was running away from it. But I see now that whether I show up for work or not, the evil forces are going to be at me. They're going to come 100 percent.

Tupac Shakur

Imperfection is inherited, therefore we all sin, but fighting the war of sin is the greatest war of all because we all die in the end no matter how hard we fight.

Tupac Shakur

"When my Heart Can Beat No More I hope die for a principal or a belief that I have lived for"

Even though i'm marked for death, i'm a spark till i lose my breath

Tupac Shakur

Only God can judge me.

Tupac Shakur

I thought I had friends but in the end n*iggaz dies lonely.

Tupac Shakur

Picture Me Rollin

My only fear of death is comin back reincarnated.

Tupac Shakur

We talk a lot about Malcom X and Martin Luther King JR, but It's time to be like them, as strong as them. They were mortal men like us and everyone of us can be like them. I don't want to be a role model. I just want to be someone who says, this is who i am, this is what i do. I say what's on my mind.

Tupac Shakur

The only thing America respects is power and power concedes nothing. After the LA Riots, they tried to calm us down and nothing changed since.

Tupac Shakur

I am societies child, this is how they made me, and now im sayin what's on my mind and they dont want that. This is what you made me America.

Tupac Shakur

Though are hands are chained like they are, they haven't taken music from us yet. So that's how I'll fight. People tell me don't quit like everyone else. I wont have no fear.

Tupac Shakur

The only thing that comes to a sleeping man is dreams.

Tupac Shakur

The american dream wasn't meant for me, cause lady liberty's a hypocrite she lied to me, promised me freedom, education, and equality never gave me nothing but slavery but now look at how dangerous you made me callin me a mad man because im strong and bold.

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Tupac Shakur

Let the Lord judge the criminals.

Tupac Shakur

Life's a wheel of fortune and it's my chance to spin it.

Tupac Shakur

Support me... If you don't understand me don't write about me

Suge is the boss of Death Row, the don, you understand? But im the underboss, the capo. That's my job to what's best for Death Row

Tupac Shakur

I never thought I was the best rapper the best nothing'. I think I'm the realist nigga out there

Tupac Shakur

People might be, like, "This niggas conceited," but fuck it. I feel like I shine. And I don't give a fuck how many white people, the Media, black people, playa haters, police, whoever, try to darken my shine, Im'a always shine through

Tupac Shakur

All I can say is I always try to be a real nigga in my heart. Sometimes its good, sometimes it's bad; but its still us. Its never to hurt anybody

Tupac Shakur

I truly believe I've been blessed by God, and God walks with me

Tupac Shakur

If you walked by a street and you was walking a concrete and you saw a rose growing from concrete, even if it had messed up petals and it was a little to the side you would marvel at just seeing a rose grow through concrete. So way is it that when you see some ghetto kid grow out of the dirtiest circumstance and he can talk and he can sit across the room and make you cry, make you laugh, all you can talk about is my dirty rose, my dirty stems and how am leaning crooked to the side, u can't even see that I've come up from out of that

Tupac Shakur

Thug Life hit me like the Holy ghost.

Thug Life hit me like the Holy ghost

I smoke blunt to take the pain out and if I wasn't high I'd probably blow my brains out.

Tupac Shakur

America, America, America, I charge you with the crime of rape, murder, and assault.

Tupac Shakur

One day I'm gonna bust, blow up on this society, why did you lie to me, I couldn't find a trace of humanity.

Tupac Shakur

My Mama used to tell me if u can't find somethin to live for, you best find somethin to die for.

Tupac Shakur

I don't bang for the color or the land. I bang for the principles and for the honor. I'm bangin' for the Westside- this is in my heart, this is how I feel.

Tupac Shakur

I was the truest nigga involved in Biggie's success.

Tupac Shakur

Biggie is not a playa. He's never been. He's never had bitches until he got some fuckin' money. That's a trick-that's not a playa.

Everything he wanna have-I got.

Tupac Shakur

Biggie forgot. The same shit that made him wanna kick it with me is the same shit that's whoopin' his ass right now.

Tupac Shakur

I said it in the beginning. That I was gonna take them niggaz out the game and sure enough I will. Already people can't look at Biggie and not laugh.

Tupac Shakur

Can't nobody touch me right now. Maybe next month all of this will be over. But this month I'm takin' every movin' target out.

Stole my lyrics. I stole his bitch. Took my rhymes. I took his wife. If he talk all that shit about being a playa and I got his wife two days after I got outta jail- imagine that gangsta shit he's talking, imagine how plastic that shit is.

Tupac Shakur

How many bruthas fell victim to the street rest in peace young nigga there's a heaven for a G, It'd be a lie if I told you that I never thought of death, My niggaz, we the last ones left, Life goes on...

Tupac Shakur

Bury me smilin' with G's in my pocket

Have a party at my funeral let every rapper rock it Let the hoes that I used to know, from way before Kiss me from my head to my toe

Gimme a paper and pen so I can write about my life of sin, Couple bottles of gin, in case I don't get in...

Last year we poured out liquor for ya'll

This year nigga life goes on We're gonna lock down Get money, evade bitches, evade tricks, give playaz plenty of space

And basically represent for you baby

Next time you see your niggaz we gonna be on top They're gonna be like damn them niggaz came up That's right baby, life goes on

Tupac Shakur

Maybe now niggaz feel me now

Picture my pain

Embrace my words

Make the world change

And still I smile nigga

Tupac Shakur

Dangerous and ambitious while schemin' on gettin' riches. I'm spittin' at tricks cuz I'm addicted to pretty bitches. Currency motivated, not easily terminated,

Now that we made it, my niggaz can never be faded. This is my prophecy, I gotta be paid

All you cowards that try to stop me is beggin' for early graves I thought we was cool I was a fool. Thinkin' you could be true, when I don't fuck with your punk crew

Tupac Shakur

Your body is bangin' baby I love it when you flaunt it Time to give it to daddy nigga now tell me how you want it.

I heard a rumor I died

Murdered in cold blood dramatized

Pictures of me in my final state

You know mama cried

But that was fiction

Some coward got the story twisted

Like I no longer existed

Mysteriously missin'

I'm known worldwide baby

I ain't hard to find

Now on this ride there's gonna be some real muthafuckas and there is gonna be some pussies. Now the real niggaz are gonna be the ones with money and bitches

The pussies are gonna be the niggaz on the floor bleedin'. Now everybody keep you eyez on the prize cuz the ride gets tricky

See you got some niggaz on your side

That say they your friends but in real life they your enemies And then you got some muthafuckas that say they your enemies

But in real life those niggaz will be the snitches

It's a dirty game ya'll

Ya'll gotta be careful about who you fuck with and who you don't fuck with

Cuz the shit get wild ya'll

Keep your mind on your riches baby

Keep your mind on your riches.

don't player hate don't discriminate participate before i punch you in your face, cause you know i don't play..

Tupac Shakur

Sheddin tears, reminiscin on my past fears

Cause shit was hectic for

me last year

It appears that I've been marked for death, my heartless

breath

The underlying cause of my arrest, my life is stressed

And no rest

forever weary, my eyes stay teary

for all the brothers that are buried in the

cemetery

Tupac Shakur

I'm not the king. I'm not the teacher or nothing like that, but I feel like I don't have no peers. I've been out les than a year, convicted of allegations that usually end niggas careers. Shot five times in the nuts and the head. I came out and in less than a fuckin' year and outsold Biggie almost three times. I sold more records than his whole fuckin' label.

Tupac Shakur

I'm gonna change the rules in the rap game. You know, how, like politics, the Republicans are in now; well, I represent that style; I'm the new nigga, I'ma shake up the whole Congress, by puttin' out a double-album-that nobody ever did-I had the most expensive album on the Charts...and I outsold everyone of them muthafuckas. And I did it in two months.

The real tragedy is that there are some ignorant brothers out here. That's why I'm not on this all-White or all Black shit. I'm on this all-real or all fake shit with people, whatever color you are. Because niggaz will do you. I mean, there's some [foul] niggaz out there [in the streets]; the same niggaz that did Malcolm X, the same niggaz that did Jesus Christ- every brother ain't a brother. They will do you. So just because it's Black, don't mean it's cool. And just because it's White don't mean it's evil.

Tupac Shakur

To me, I feel that my game is strong. I feel as thought I'm a shining prince, just like Malcolm, and I feel that all of us are shining princes, and if we live like princes, then whatever we want can be ours. Anything.

Tupac Shakur

There ain't nothin' like a Black woman.

Tupac Shakur

My music is not for everyone. It's only for the stong-willed, the [street] soldiers music. It's not

like party music- I mean, you could gig to it, but it's spiritual. My musi is spiritual. It's like Negro spiituals, except for the fact that I'm not saying 'We shall Overcome.' I'm saying that we are overcome.

Tupac Shakur

I remember crying all the time. My major thing growing up was I couldn't fit in. Because I was from everywhere, I didn't have no buddies that I grew up with...Every time I had to go to a new apartment, I had to reinvent myself, myself. People think just because you born in the ghetto you gonna fit in. A little twist in your life and you don't fit in no matter what. If they push you out of the hood and the White people's world, that's criminal...Hell, I felt like my could be destroyed at any moment.

Tupac Shakur

We are in the midst of a very dangerous, non-productive, self-destructive civil war. And it's not just rap shit. It's ideals. And this rap shit is just bringin' it to a head. The East Coast believe one thing, and the West Coast believer one thing. The East Coast got one way of life, the West Coast got another wayof life, it always co-existed. We're coming to the turn of the century where we gotta mash together. But we can only do it one way, one style. And that's what we're trying to figure out now, and I think the world is watching that.

To me, it reall y troubling because I took ouver at that's successful- Marky Mark, Hammer, Vanilla Ice, New Kids On The Block selling twenty-two million copies, and I want that [kind of success] so badly, but I can't do that. I would be wrong to do that, knowing what I know and having the brain that I have, for me to even go and write some simple shit would be wrong even though I would get paid and I would get more people's money. I would rather leave something so that when people pick up 2pacalypse Now or any of my other albums in 1999, they'll go, Damn! Brothers had it hard back in the day, but brother were working it out.

Tupac Shakur

Gangsta Rap is dead. I've moved on.

Tupac Shakur

And the raps that I'm rappin to my community shouldn't be filled with rage? They shouldn't be filled with same attrocities that they gave me? The media they don't talk about it, so in my raps I have to talk about it, and it seems foreign because there's no one else talking about it."

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If you know in this hotel room they have food every day and I knock on the door. Every day they open tha door to let me see tha party, let me see that they throwin' salami, throwin' food around telling me there's no food. Every day. I'm standing outside tryin to sing my way in- "We are weak, please let us in. We're week, please let us in." After about a week tha song is gonna change to, "We're hungry, we need some food." After two, three weeks it's like "Give me some of tha food! I'm breakin down tha door." After a year it's like, "I'm pickin' the lock, comin' through the door blastin." It's like, "I'm hungry."

You reached your level, you don't want any more. We asked ten years ago, we were askin' with the Panthers, we were askin' in the Civil Rights Movement. Now those who were askin' are all dead or in jail, wo what are we gonna do? And we shouldn't be angry!?

Tupac Shakur

I guarantee if people keep mm..supportin' me....Just buying my records, goin to my concerts, just supporting me..l'ma keep givin' money....Like Makaveli, every time it go platinum, I'm putting money up for community centers.

Tupac Shakur

And now i'm like a major threat, 'Cause I remind you of the things you were made to forget.

There's no way I can pay ya back, but my plan is to show ya that I understand.

Tupac Shakur

I didn't get that power from gunz..coz there's no gunz in jail..I got that power from books and from thinking and strategizing..... That's what I want little niggaz to see.

Tupac Shakur

Don't shed a tear for me, nigga I ain't happy here, I hope they bury me and send me to my rest, headlines reading murdered to death, my last breath.

Tupac Shakur

Mama raised a hellraiser why cry, That's just life in the ghetto, do or die.

My raps are a decision, rabble rousing, spiritual, like gospel music. I don't want to dance. We have so many things to deal with, we need to talk straight up and down.

Tupac Shakur

I don't see why everybody feel as thou that they gotta tell me how to live my life (you know), Let me live baby, Let me live.

Tupac Shakur

I believe that everything you do bad comes back to you. So everything that I do that's bad, I'm going to suffer for it. But in my heart, I believe what I'm doing in my heart is right. So I feel like I 'm going to heaven.

Our unborn never got to grow, never got to see what's, next, In this world full of countless threats.

Tupac Shakur

I don't advocate senseless violence of any human being. I'm the one who's been beat down. But I will not be a victim again.

Tupac Shakur

Fuck the fame, I still won't change, are you still down?

Tupac Shakur

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Tupac Shakur

Walked in the store what's everybody staring at, They act like they never seen a mutha fucker wearing black, Following a nigga and shit, Ain't this a bitch, All I wanted was some chips.

God come save the youth

Ain't nothin else to do but have faith in you

Dear Lord I live the life of a Thug, hope you understand Forgive me for my mistakes, I gotta play my hand.

Tupac Shakur

They claim that I'm violent just cuz I refuse to be silent.

Tupac Shakur

You know it's funny when it rains it pours, They got money for wars, but can't feed the poor.

Tupac Shakur

Mr. Police, Please Try to see, That there's a million muthafuckas stressin' just like me.

Tupac Shakur

So many other things for us to see, Things to be, Our history so full of tragedy and misery.

Tupac Shakur

I guess cause i'm black boy, I'm supposed to say 'peace', sing songs, and get capped on.

Tupac Shakur

My only fear of death is comin back reincarnated.

They should've shot me when I was born, Now I'm trapped in the muthafuckin' storm.

Tupac Shakur

We ain't meant to survive, cause it's a setup, And even though you're fed up, Huh, ya got to keep your head up.

Tupac Shakur

It's kinda hard to be optimistic, When your homies lying dead on the pavement twisted.

Tupac Shakur

They say it's the white man I should fear, But it's my own kind doin' all the killin' here.

I'm tired of being a nice guy, I've been poor all my life, but don't know quite why.

Tupac Shakur

I struggle to be rugged and raw dude, trying to survive in the trials and lawsuits, Everybody wants to test me, WHY ME?

Tupac Shakur

Dont blame me, I was given this world, I didn't make it.

Tupac Shakur

I was raised in this society so you can't expect me to be a perferct person cause Ima do what Ima do.

Don't ever stop, just push until you hit the top, and if you try, atleast you know you gave your all, be true to you, and that way you can never fall ... be true to you, believe that there is no one bigger, cause they can all suck dick.

Tupac Shakur

The only thing that comes to a sleeping man is dreams.

Tupac Shakur And I hope I'm forgiven for Thug Livin when I die.

Tupac Shakur

While I'm dreaming, Wake up screaming, Cuz I can hear them suckas scheming.

I ain't racist but lets trade places.

Tupac Shakur

A thug nigga drinkin hard liquor, This ghetto life has got me catchin up to God quicker.

Tupac Shakur

I bring truth to tha youth tear tha roof off tha ol' school.

Tupac Shakur

No longer living in fear, my pistol close in hand, Convinced this is my year.

Tupac Shakur

They wanna censor me, they ratha see me in a cell, livin' in hell, with only a few of us to live to tell.

Tupac Shakur

He was a nice middle class nigga, But nobody knew the evil he'd do when he got little bigger.

Tupac Shakur

Goin insane, never die, live eternal, who shall I fear?

Tupac Shakur

Study your lessons, don't settle for less.

Tupac Shakur

Gettin high, livin' everday, like i'm gonna die.

Tupac Shakur

Yo get a real job. Rappin doesn't pay the rent

I hate the studio cause that's where all my money went.

Tupac Shakur

Questions for the lord, why he don't like me, guard my soul, Though my life was hard with no remorse.

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Tupac Shakur

First ship them dope, let them deal to brothers, give them guns, step back and watch them kill each other.

Tupac Shakur

I'm tired of being a nice guy, i've been poor all my life, but don't know quite why, so they label me a lunatic, could care less death or success, is what I quest cause i'm fearless.

Tupac Shakur

This fast life soon shatters, cause after all the lights and screams, nothing but my dreams matter.

Stabbin for a fee, it gets hard on the fuckin streets, It's like a madness, fuck making gravy

I rhyme and do crimes, cuz either way pays me A little rough with a hardcore... theme

Couldn't rough something rougher in your dreams.

Tupac Shakur

As far as jealousy, being a celebrity,

No matter who committed the crime, they all yell at me. And the media is greedier than most. Y ou could sell em your soul and they'll be on ya till a nigga's a ghost.

And everyday I read the paper, there's another lie. They show my picture for the crimes of another guy.

Never surrender, it's all about the faith you got don't ever stop, just push it til you hit the top and if you drop, at least you know you gave your all be true to you, and that way you can never fall.

Tupac Shakur

Money made me evil, court cases got me stressed Niggaz aimin at my head but I still wear my vest.

Tupac Shakur

"Now I was born alone, took my first joint and I got high alone Now I'm an Outlaw nigga, I never die alone.

Tupac Shakur Down to die, for everything I represent

Meant every word, in my letter to the President.

You want us to fight your war

What the fuck I'm fightin for?

Shit, I ain't got no love here

I ain't had a check all year.

Tupac Shakur

Burnin' churches, fearin' God

Who can be so cruel

We all ignorant to AIDS

Till it happens to you.

Tupac Shakur

Thinkin with your brains blown that would make the pain go No! You got to find a way

to survive cause they win when your soul dies.

Tupac Shakur

How can I survive? Got me askin white Jesus

will a nigga live or die, cause the Lord can't see us in the deep dark clouds of the projects, ain't no sunshine No sunny days and we only play sometimes.

Tupac Shakur

And still, the best of us build, and reach monetary gains. Some of us kill, but still, most of us can change.

Tupac Shakur

Even as a little seed, I could see his plan for me. Stranded on welfare, another broken family.

Tupac Shakur

And in turn I'm hostile guess you could call me anti-social. Niggaz shakin like they caught the holy ghost when I approach em.

Tupac Shakur

Even as a dope fiend mama. You always was a black queen mama.

Tupac Shakur

You gotta make a change. Its time for us as a people to start making some changes, lets

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change the way we eat, lets change the way we live, and lets change the way we treat each other. You see the old way wasn't working so its on US, to do what we gotta do to survive.

Tupac Shakur

Deloris Tucker

you's a muthafucker

instead of tryin' to help a nigga

you destroy a brotha.

Tupac Shakur

When I talk about money.

All you see is the struggle.

When I tell ya, I'm livin' large

you tell me, its trouble.

Tupac Shakur

Throw it up y'all, throw it up, Throw it up

Let's show these fools how we do this on that west side. Cause you and I know it's tha best side.

Tupac Shakur

And every breath I breathe untill the moment I'm deceased. Will be another moment ballin' as a 'G'.

Tupac Shakur

My only fear of death is reincarnation

heart of a solider with a brain to teach your whole nation.

Tupac Shakur

Went to church but don't understand it, they underhanded. God gave me these commandments, the world is scandalous.

Tupac Shakur

United we stand divided we fall. They can shoot one nigga. But they can't take us all.

Tupac Shakur

'Cause if God wrote the Bible, I'm sure there would have been a revised copy

by now. 'Cause a lot of shit has changed. I've been looking for this revised copy.

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I still see that same old copy that we had from then. I'm not disrespecting anyone's religion, please forgive me if it comes off that way, I'm just stating my opinion.

Tupac Shakur

Bill Clinton

Mr. Bob Dole

You too old to understand tha way tha game is told.

Tupac Shakur

I can't give up.

It's a rap thang.

And I ain't goin back to the crack game.

I'm in jail now, but I'm free. My mind is free. The only time I have problems is when I sleep.

Tupac Shakur

That which does not kill me can only make me stronger.

Tupac Shakur

If we really are saying that rap is an art form, then we got to be more responsible for our lyrics. I f you see everybody dying because of what you are saying, it dont matter that you didnt make them die, it just matters that you didnt save them.

Tupac Shakur

But I see now that whether I show up for work or not, the evil forces are going to beat me. They're going to come 100 percent, so if I dont be 100 percent pure-hearted, I'm going to lose.

And thats why I'm losing.

Tupac Shakur

How many niggas want to be involved,

see I was only talking Biggie

but I'll kill all of y'all.

Tupac Shakur

And did you ever stop to think that I'm old enough to go to war but I aint old enough to drink.

Tupac Shakur I stop and stare at the younger, my heart goes to 'em, they stressed out and goin' under.

It's going to happen. All good niggas, all the niggas who change the world, die in violence. They don't die in regular ways. Motherfuckas come take their lives.

Tupac Shakur

To me, it really troubling because I took ouver at that's successful- Marky Mark, Hammer, Vanilla Ice, New Kids On The Block selling twenty-two million copies, and I want that so badly, but I can't do that. I would be wrong to do that, knowing what I know and having the brain that I have, for me to even go and write some simple shit would be wrong even though I would get paid and I would get more people's money. I would rather leave something so that when people pick up 2pacalypse Now or any of my other albums in 1999, they'll go, Damn! Brothers had it hard back in the day, but brother were working it out.

Tupac Shakur

Why isn't it hip-hop when I do it? Everybody else can have beef within the music, talk about differences and it's ok. It's music, it's hip-hop, it's ground breaking. When I do it, it's war.

If you walked by a street and you was walking a concrete and you saw a rose growing from concrete, even if it had messed up petals and it was a little to the side you would marvel at just seeing a rose grow through concrete. So way is it that when you see some ghetto kid grow out of the dirtiest circumstance and he can talk and he can sit across the room and make you cry, make you laugh, all you can talk about is my dirty rose, my dirty stems and how am leaning crooked to the side, u can't even see that I've come up from out of that.

Tupac Shakur

I smoke blunt to take the pain out and if I wasn't high I'd probably blow my brains out.

Tupac Shakur

And the raps that I'm rappin to my community shouldn't be filled with rage? They shouldn't be filled with same attrocities that they gave me? The media they don't talk about it, so in my raps I have to talk about it, and it seems foreign because there's no one else talking about it.

Tupac Shakur

Expose foes wit my hocus pocus flows, they froze now suckas idolize my chosen blows

Tupac Shakur

Should we cry when the pope dies, my request we should cry if they cried when we buried Malcom X