

PRINCE AKEEM



Now, moving from rock to rap - this fellow right here is Prince Akeem. Why don't we see you in action, first of all ? Can we do that ? Okay, let's see him in action first of all.

- Let's see the Prince
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Your me – your music has a message... You...you want to kind of separate yourself from other rappers, in as much as a lot of rap music – for instance 2 Live Crew let's an example, something like that, it's very sexual, it's very aggressive. This isn't your – this isn't your bag.

- No, not at all. We're saying now that it's time to come correct. Because we want the youth particularly to recognize what time it is. And it's not too cool to disrespect women, it's not too cool to disrespect men, it's not too cool to disrespect religion. As you know, woman is the man's first teacher. So when you disrespect the woman, you're disrespecting yourself. So Prince Akeem is not going out like that. We don't believe in disrespecting women.

What do – what do you make of the success that all these big rap groups have had – 2 Live Crew which even went through a trial because of obscenity ? They're still big, I mean, they're selling a lot of records. People seem to get into that.

- It's sex, you know, and sex sells. This is America. America is a filthy type of pig that feeds off sex. And that's what we're trying to change. We're trying to change America's view. Of feeding off of the filth and the sex and the swine and all of the funk. We're trying to change the whole music because that type of activity is being fed into the new children that are coming up. I have a niece, she's about five years old right now and she sees those types of videos on the television and at five years old she's singing those types of songs.

Hmmm - So what other rap groups do you think are more in line with your message ? Or is there any or any of them ? Or rappers ?

- Well I don't really acquaint myself with a lot of different rappers because a lot of us we don't follow the same principles. I follow different principles and that's what sets Prince Akeem apart from most of the other rappers.

But you – now you ain't normally open for another – another – er – rap group, or another rapper normal ly in a show ? And you don't have any – no conflict with them, because of – you know, you're taking a fairly hard stand here – you keep saying that, you know, America is a bunch of pigs basically and we – we get into sex and drugs and a lot of the things that – that frankly a lot of the – the rap music is – I won't say exactly glorifying but certainly it's showing and especially in the videos.

- It's money, you know, it's all about money. At this point, at this time, it's all about money. A lot of artists really just want to get fame, a lot of artists want to get money, they want to be popular, but I don't look for those things, because I already have money, I already have fame in my own world, but I want to get people acquainted with what I'm doing, in that you don't have to sell drugs, you don't have to use sex or overabundance of sex to be successful or to get fame, you know.

And some of your – and so what – your lyrics will steer people more totally away from that, totally for a – respectful –

- Right, back – back into principles, because the principles and the morals of us as human beings have been stripped away from us to the music, to the movie industry, to things in our nature have been totally stripped away from us. So what Prince Akeem is trying to do is basically bring back the human emotion back into the music business.

I think what we ought to do is see Prince Akeem live.
- Live right now ?

What do you say ? Right now ?

- Absolutely.

Can you hook the mike off ? You can truck on over there and – er – let's take a – listen to – to your music. Prince Akeem, live, coming up here on the New Nine Thirty.