

# Prince, 2045 Radical Man

{Spoken with crowd cheering in background}

How can a non-musician discuss the future of music from anything other than a consumer point of view?

These few people make decisions for the bulk of us, without consulting any of us.

Sales and distributions of our futures, uh!

If this world were fair and right, they'd give up the car keys this very night./Damn!

(Hit it!)

Two, three, four, five, six, seven

Flash forward, 2045

What did you stand for in the life of your pride

When faced with the final judgment of today

Who profitted from the game

That you and your niggas play

Radical man/Save the life

Come on take a stand

Give that money back

Let's make a plan

The brand new currency

Taking care of one another

You and me

(Radical man)

Flash backwards, 1999 (backwards, 1999)

In a world shot full of viruses, see (Tell me)

How'd y'all stay alive? (Everyone of y'all)

Depending on this so called man

For everything you got comes from his hand

Food, water, the clothes you wear

How many of y'all niggas really care?

To care (to care)

Let's define this word nigga (define, define)

Someone who stays high (high)

Watching their life go by (by, by)

Someone content with riding behind (ride that)

Nigga

They come in all colors

White, black, Puerto Rican

Is that the main niggas we're speakin' about?

Wear suits and buy and sell corporations

With only one thing in mind

(Only one thing in mind)

(Break it up!)

That is the destruction of the so-called radical man

By 2045

(Let's get radical)

Watch me now!

School's in the yard, digital games

When the war broke out we called your name

(What's your name?)

Everyone of color put on the front line

Holocaust Avenue, 2009

Get an education, good job who says? (say)

Fool with the gold rush drinkin' Alize

I don't play nobody that's makin' no sense today

You got your own mind, so you think it's ok (It's not ok)

Telling themselves lies, Mos Def say

Where you gonna stay, nigga

(Where you gonna stay nigga)

(Oh my God, it's the Green Mile!)  
What's up y'all?  
What y'all wanna do? (Talkin' about a radical man)  
Ain't nobody up in their crew no?  
I could really run that computer  
Make it flow (flow flow flow flow flow)  
If you ain't born with it (Radical man)  
Talkin' about the two and four, hit me!  
Wait up  
What George say., all around  
Alright

We claim Miles Davis, not Michaelangelo  
We playin' D-flat in the funk  
You better act like you know  
We don't care, what Albert Einstein did  
I'd rather know, rather know (what?)  
How to build a pyramid

Hey!/James Brown, Chuck D. and Jimmy  
Turn me up louder now  
I don't think y'all hear me (I don't hear ya)  
2045/We will stay alive  
2045 (yeah, everybody now)  
The war is on outside  
And the whole pop scenario is just nothin' but a dream  
(A bad dream)  
The day you will wake is the day you get the real cream, nigga

Radical man (Radical man)  
Who got the gift, who got the plan?  
Radical man (Radical man)  
Who got the gift, who got the plan?

This is the funk the industry most fears  
Artists getting together  
In a locker board of directors/I don't think so  
Nobody's running this  
Let's talk about DNA, nigga  
The radical man

{Spoken with crowd cheering in background}  
Where will you be in 2045?  
30 million people right now, are being wiped off the face of the planet by  
disease.  
They claim they have no cure.  
In the matter of a blinking eye,  
all of us right now can testify.  
Take a stand, radical man.