



9TH WONDER & TALIB KWELI • INDIE 500

1. Which Side Are You On (Produced By Nottz)
Feat. Talib Kweli, Tef Poe & Kendra Ross
2. Every Ghetto (Produced By Hi-Tek)
Feat. Talib Kweli & Rapsody
3. Pay Ya Dues (Produced By Eric G)
Feat. Problem, Bad Lucc & Talib Kweli
4. Lo-Fi (Produced By Khrysis)
Feat. Talib Kweli & NIKO IS
5. Prego (Produced By 9th Wonder)
Feat. Talib Kweli, Pharoahe Monch & Slug From Atmosphere
6. Life Ahead Of Me (Produced By 9th Wonder)
Feat. Rapsody & Talib Kweli
7. Great Day In The Mourning (Produced By 9th Wonder)
Feat. Talib Kweli & Add 2
8. Don't Be Afraid (Produced By 9th Wonder)
Feat. Rapsody, Problem, Bad Lucc, & Talib Kweli
9. These Waters (Produced By Nottz)
Feat. K'Valentine, NIKO IS, Chris Rob & Jessica Care Moore
10. King Shit (Produced By E. Jones)
Featuring NIKO IS & GQ
11. Bangers (Produced By Nottz)
Feat. MK Asante & Halo
12. Technicolor Easels (Produced By Khrysis)
Featuring NIKO IS
13. Understand (Produced By Khrysis)
Feat. Talib Kweli, Brother Ali & Planet Asia

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Meanwhile as the early 2000's progressed, a new trio was bursting on the scene from North Carolina known as Little Brother. Behind the boards of this trio was producer 9th Wonder, who very quickly established himself as one of hip hop's best producers. As their 2003 album *The Listening* reached a fever pitch, 9th Wonder's buzz became so hot he claimed a highly coveted production spot as well on Jay-Z's *The Black Album*.

Through the years both Talib Kweli and 9th Wonder have gone on to work with a staggering list of hip hop royalty. However both of their respective works outside of the recording booth have become prominent pieces of their stories as well. 9th Wonder has established himself as Hip Hop's top educator, working as a professor at Harvard, Duke and North Carolina Central University, while Talib Kweli has become one of Hip Hop's most vocal and respected voices, who appears regularly on news outlets such as CNN and programs like HBO's *Real Time with Bill Maher*.

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Collectives are nothing new to the two, who have both successfully run their own labels in Blacksmith, Javotti (Kweli) and Jamla (9th Wonder), helping to break a number of popular artists over the years.

FORMAT: CD
LABEL: IT'S A WONDERFUL
WORLD MUSIC GROUP
CATALOG: IWWMG05-CD
STREET: 11/06/15

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