

# FUTURE SHOCK 2020

## An Interview with Slug of Atmosphere

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It has been a recent trend among multiple media outlets to host a variety of experts in different fields in order to discuss their predictions of the future. Though many of these experts reveal exciting and sometimes frightening views of what tomorrow will bring, very few speak on what the day-to-day experience would be for real ninjas like you and me! But don't fear, Vapors got your rear...er...back that is! Slug of the hip-hop duo Atmosphere will act as our very own in-house futurist, kickin knowledge on what he thinks the year 2020 will bring. So switch on the flux capacitor and roll with us as we ask Slug all the burning questions... including if there's truly no future in our frontin. Enjoy!

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### So did your peeps fill you in on the topic for this interview about the year 2020?

Yeah! So I guess we're gonna assume that the Mayans were wrong and things are going to be OK! (Author's note: According to the Mayan calendar, time concludes in 2012. Yikes!)

### Well, I happen to believe that if the Mayans could predict the end of time, they would have predicted the end of their own civilization!

Good point!

### What do you feel will be the defining moment of our generation that citizens of 2020 will remember us for?

I don't know if I could pick one thing and it's also hard for me to speak for our generation because for the most part I don't understand it. But, if I have to say something, I think people will look at 9/11 as a defining event for our era—that and Tupac's death.

### In our current culture, what do you think will be the dominant trend in 2020?

The continued infatuation that people have with personalities. I can't see that changing. It's in hip-hop, it's in sports, it's everywhere.

### How far do you feel humans will go when it comes to space exploration?

Though I do believe that people landed on the moon, I don't really think we're going to get to do all this colonizing shit they're talking about. I think they might try, and have some really good ideas, but in the end I feel we will fail. Truly I think we will exterminate ourselves on this planet before we figure out how to colonize the moon.

### It's funny you say that because you just described what futurists call a Type 1 civilization! There are three types and according to many scientists we're Type 0!

What's Type 0?

### Well, it's a civilization that has yet to control its planetary functions and resources and therefore brings itself to the point of extinction.

I'm afraid to ask what type 3 is, then! Don't tell me!

### On another note, economically, where do you see the US ranking among other countries?

Well, if we follow the same trend of today we in some deep shit! We have to consider what we have to offer the world for trade purposes besides weapons! Also we have to get off this oil shit.

### What will be the club music of 2020?

I think we will keep genre bending and journalists will continue to come

up with names for it! But for sure, the mainstream of today won't be the mainstream of tomorrow. Stuff is going to be more diversified, not so rigid. It's gonna be harder for artists to fit all the demographics with their music.

### With that said, do you think that the hip-hop culture will still exist in 2020?

Most definitely! Maybe not in the same form of what me and you probably grew up with but that is what's great about hip-hop—it changes with the people and the times.

### I feel you! Let's switch topics to robotics. How far do you think we'll get with that technology and what will be the result?

Man, we're gonna have major sex robots! (LOL) Haven't you heard of the Real Doll?

### Hell no, what is it?

Dude, it's like this new form of blow-up dolls but robot-like! It costs like 10 Gs!

### How did you find out about that?

I saw it in on a blog online!

### ...Moving on! Do you feel that environmentally we'll get our shit together?

That's a hard thing to call because stuff is getting real bad, but nature has a way of

adapting. I think if things get worse we'll just somehow naturally adapt.

### Cool. So how about turntables—will they go extinct?

Man! That's another hard call because even today with all the digital shit, people still get down with turntables. But to be real, I myself don't see a reason to still have them besides some traditionalist bullshit that's ingrained in me.

### How about marijuana, will it still be illegal?

Naw, I don't think so. I think in comparison to the other scary shit in the world, folks are going to be happy that their kids are only smoking weed.

### Do you think we'll still have haters in 2020?

Hell, yeah! Haters will always be around as long as people got shit that they want!

### Well, that's it for 2020! Have any last predictions?

Oh yeah, our album will be coming out in April, so pick it up, that's it!

### Atmosphere's album titled *When Life Gives You Lemons, You Paint That Shit Gold* will be in stores on 4/22/08, you suckaaahs!!