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Dr. Akil Houston

The BBC Profile program interviewed [Dr. Akil Houston](#) on the release of *Donda*, Kanye West's newest album.

I still remember the first time I saw him on MTV. There was something different about the way that he talked about his craft and what he saw on the horizon. He showed the originality, creativity, and willing to push the boundaries was still important in rap music production, particularly when everyone seemingly was sounding the same, so homogenized. Everyone's some type of thug or a gangster or their narrative in their songs is all about crass consumerism....

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