



## Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

# "Past My Shades" B.o.B. featuring Lupe Fiasco

### Media Information

<b>Album:</b>	<i>B.o.B. Presents: The Adventures of Bobby Ray</i>
<b>Release Date:</b>	April 13, 2010
<b>Label:</b>	Grand Hustle
<b>Length:</b>	3 min 34 sec

### Key Lyrics

If you asked me  
what's on my mind  
you probably  
won't believe it  
Cause if life  
was one big pool  
I'd be in the deep end  
So I play my role  
and never ever speak it  
Like a secret  
And all the while  
you just tryin to figure me out  
But you can't see past my shades  
Past my shades  
Past my shades

### Related

#### **Scripture:**

Hebrews 4:12  
1 Samuel 16:7

#### **Catechism:**

#1934-1938  
#682

### Faith Connection

This song features a central symbol around which all the rap lyrics revolve, "you can't see past my shades," which seems to be a hip-hop way of saying "don't judge a book by its cover." And that sentiment resonates well with our faith; Jesus certainly never judged anybody by appearance, often going out of his way to reach out to the most disreputable or disgusting on the surface (literally in the case of lepers). Instead, God judges by what's in our hearts. And while we cannot see what God sees, our morality is also defined to include things like intention and knowledge (two things that are beneath the surface, definitely 'past one's shades'). Thus, we should take heed the implication of this song: there's a lot more to a person than we often think; we are called to look past the shades and recognize that a person deserves more than surface judgement.

### Discussion Questions

1. How much do you judge by appearances?
2. How easy is it for you to classify or categorize people and treat them accordingly?
3. What helps you to break out of these habits?
4. Spend some time considering the idea that everyone is a beloved child of God.
5. Where can you increase your expression of that truth?

