

ODB was born in Fort Green Section of Brooklyn, New York. He later moved to **Linden Plaza** in East New York, Brooklyn.

He attended Maple Dean Bacon Vocational School in Manhattan, New York. He was well known as a comedian amongst his peers.

During this time, ODB became a five Percent. He changed his name to A-son Unique while studying the Islamic culture.

He lived in Building one with MC Tony Tee as a youth he would attend park jams in Cypress Hills, Linden Plaza and Pink Houses

to see his cousin **DJ Watkins & MC Tony Tee**. On some occasions, he would bring **Rza** to Cypress Hills to learn how to back spin from DJ Watkins.

He was one of the founding members of the Wu Tang Clan from Staten Island, New York. He and Rza started the group.

ODB frequently watched **Kung Fu** movies, he got his name from an old Karate film "Ol' Dirty and the Bastard".

ODB released his first album at age 26 "**Return to the 36 Chambers: Dirty Version**".

He had hit singles like "**Brooklyn Zoo**" and "**Shimmy Shimmy ya**" that lifted his album to platinum status and top 10 on the music charts.

During this time, ODB was scheduled to record at a studio and went to the wrong studio by mistake.

When he got there, **Mariah Carey** was recording her single "**Ghetto Superstar**" With Pras from The Fugees. ODB said "well I'm here mine as well bless the mic" and that's how ODB's first collaboration with Mariah Carey came about. He was Unique and Charismatic to say the least.

He went on to record another single with Mariah called "**Fantasy**" which was another huge hit. ODB was becoming a household name during this time.

ODB is somewhat responsible for the Welfare reforms enacted in 1996. When he continued to collect **welfare** and making thousands of dollars as a solo rapper with a top ten album.

Enter the Wu-Tang (36 Chambers) is considered one of the great Hip Hop albums of all time. Reaching an impressive four times platinum.

The album featured "**Shame on a Nigga**" with ODB, Method Man and Raekwon in 1993.

In 1997, ODB appeared on the Wu-Tang Clan's double album "**Wu-Tang Forever**"

In 1998, he was nominated for a grammy award but lost to **P-Diddy**. In his own charismatic way, he explained to the crowd how

he bought a new outfit in hopes that Wu-Tang would win a **Grammy award**.

The next day he appeared on Howard Stern and talked about how he and some friends saved a child from a burning vehicle.

In 1999, ODB recorded his second album "**Nigga Please**". The album produced hit singles like "**Got your money**" and was produced

by Neptunes. In 2003, he signed with **Roc-a-fella records**, produced a third album "**A-Son Unique**" which was never released.

ODB was a victim of multiple criminal charges and spent some time incarcerated. On November 13, 2004, two days before his 36th birthday, ODB passed away. ODB was one of the most charismatic MC's in the history of Hip Hop.

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