

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

### ILIA ALANIA

I AM Alania. Moving to Kissimmee, Florida at the age of ten from Moscow, Russia I can truly say was God-designed. Not only would I find a new life here, but I would also discover my passion: music.

Growing up, I never really noticed the power of music. My first introduction to hip hop was through a friend of mine who showed me Eminem's "The Real Slim Shady". I fell in love with the rhythm and how everything was put together from the bass to the snare.

As years went on, I discovered that I have a gift. Through a dear friend, I stumbled onto a program called "MTV Music Generator" and began to piece random music clips together. It was amazing! It made me feel so alive, and I had no idea where this came from. It's like I knew how everything was supposed to sound before actually hearing it. Needless to say, I fell in love with the art of producing music.

Over the next thirteen years, my craft began to improve. I saw that this would be my career. How I would get there, I honestly had no idea. But with the constant guidance of my mentor Guy Gant, I was encouraged to never give up and keep on going.

There were plenty of opportunities to "make it" throughout the years, but something would always change. God had a different plan for me. I always believed and knew God was there and was watching out for me, but to surrender and follow His ways was something I just did not want to do, especially with music.

In October 2014, I decided to give up my ways and my own understanding and follow Jesus. I thought I would jump into my music with a new plan and start making more positive content. I thought that would be good enough. But that was not it at all. I had to realize that my gift and talent were His.

Now that I have truly let God in with my music, I know my purpose with it: creating an atmosphere for others to get closer to God and connect with Him.

I AM is before me and for me.

I am not a worship artist, but an artist who worships.

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