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“***Ideas built the system. Ideas can dismantle it. Justice demands that we understand both.***

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ABOUT DR. GEORGE

Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon is a Liberian-born scholar trained in Africa, the United States, and the United Kingdom. He is an author, educator, and internationally recognized speaker whose interdisciplinary work bridges criminal justice reform, theology, ethics, philosophy, sociology, race theory, history, and criminology. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh and serves as a McDonald Distinguished Fellow at Emory University's Center for the Study of Law and Religion. He is also an Associate Fellow of the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research and founder of the Center for Church and Prison, Inc. Dr. Walters-Sleyon is the author of six books, including the groundbreaking two-volume work *The Rush for Black Diamonds*, which is currently used as a university textbook. Beyond his academic work, he is a poet, singer-songwriter, and gospel recording artist with three albums.

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