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A University Professor's Memoir/Exposé
of Being Arrested, Entangled
in the Criminal Justice System,
Loss, Jail, and Unexpected Blessings

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Book Club Author Q&A for *A Past That Lies Before Me*

You describe the justice system as the “Entanglement System.” What pivotal experience first led you to name it that way?

Looking back, what moment inside the jail most profoundly changed you—and why?

How did your scientific training shape the way you observed and interpreted jail life?

In the book, you mention a homeless man whose words were a turning point. How do you understand that moment now?

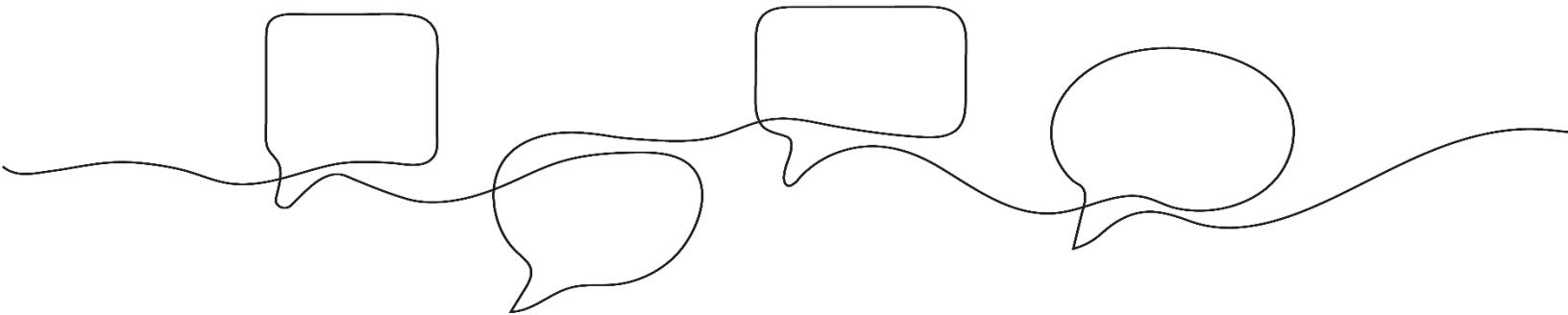
What was the hardest part of writing openly about your own wrongdoing?

How did your faith evolve throughout the process of arrest, incarceration, and rebuilding?

What misconceptions about jail do you hope readers discard after reading your memoir?

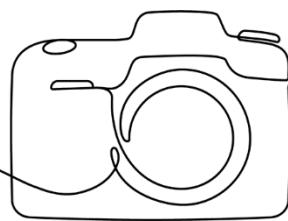
How do you reconcile the blessings you found in jail with the suffering you experienced there?

What advice would you give to someone facing public shame or a devastating personal mistake?



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