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“Collective Trauma: Reuniting a Dystopian America”

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What we have been seeing on our streets as protesters or on our television screens, have shown us a dystopian America. We have seen for ourselves a society that is undesirable and frightening. In the past weeks, we have watched the actualization of a world where the state of our society produces great injustice and suffering for large segments of our population.

What is “*Collective Trauma?*” How does it manifest in combat, mass shootings, and from visions of police in riot gear using military force against Americans? This interview will discuss four types of aftereffects and treatment options on mental models, life scripts and interrupting the reflexive loop.

How does “*Collective Trauma?*” impact our response to the pandemic? How did “Collective Trauma” affect the rise of white supremacy and privilege? How can understanding “Collective Trauma” assist us in reuniting America and save our democracy?

Interview Guests (photos attached):

Pettis Perry, Ph.D. is a full-time faculty member at Walden University where he teaches a variety of leadership and management courses in the Master of Science in Leadership and Master of Science in Management degree programs. He provides technical assistance and training to an array of schools, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and small and large businesses. In response to students describing their personal traumas and in response to the trauma produced by the Covid-19 pandemic, Dr. Perry produced webinars titled *Creating a Meaningful Life in the Aftermath of Trauma and Beyond Posttraumatic Growth* and *Selfcare in Times of Crisis: Living in a Topsy-Turvy World*.

Michael Gatson, Ph.D. is an Army veteran, author, professor, and expert in military social work and psychology with issues related to military mental health. He currently serves as the Director

of a Mental Health Clinic in the VA Maryland Healthcare System. Dr. Gatson has a B.S. degree in Psychology from Northwestern, MSW from Grambling State University, and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Walden University. He has published in several professional journals and has a new children's book entitled "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep."

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