

**Advance Praise for**  
***Divine Collision: An African Boy, An American Lawyer,***  
***and Their Remarkable Battle for Freedom***  
**By Jim Gash**

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“*Divine Collision* weaves together a compelling narrative of Jim's passion to protect children forgotten within the web of the Ugandan justice system and his desire to obey the biblical command to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly. Jim's story inspires all of us to 'remember the poor' and to serve 'the least of these.'”

**-Ken Starr**, President of Baylor University

“I first heard Jim Gash speak years ago when giving a sermon in place of our pastor who was on hiatus. It was something I will never forget and changed the way I look at chance meetings forever. He said there is no such thing as a coincidence, only 'God-scheduled opportunities.' Thanks to that shared wisdom, my life has been greatly blessed. Jim is a man like no other and I know this story will touch and inspire you. You picking up this book is more than chance curiosity—it's an example of a 'God-scheduled opportunity.' Enjoy!”

**-Scott Hamilton**, Olympic gold medalist and author

“*Divine Collision* is about justice and the heart of a Christian lawyer. I encourage anyone who thinks God cannot use them to make a difference in the world: read this book! Jim Gash did a simple thing—he followed where God called him. And in the end, Jim was a part of God's plan for justice in lives stretching from California to Uganda.”

**-David Nammo**, Executive director and CEO of the Christian Legal Society

“*Divine Collision* tells the extraordinary and compelling story of friendship between Jim and Henry, separated by thousands of miles and a cultural gap wider still. It is the story of deep and sacrificial friendship, of the relentless pursuit of justice, of a dramatic and unexpected divine collision. Gash lovingly and beautifully shares his story with Henry's help, drawing us in and exposing us to the transforming power of living in response to God's call on our lives. Inspiring and encouraging, you will not be the same after reading *Divine Collision*.”

**-L. Timothy Perrin**, President of Lubbock Christian University

“There is a moment of sober acceptance when vocation and training intersect urgently with avocation and a deep and personal need to do what is right. *Divine Collision* is the true story of a man fit perfectly to a mountain. In an age when the practice of law feels sometimes as much like business as it is profession, this remarkable story cannot help but restore faith in the nobility of the law and its humble, respectful practitioners. This is a story about nothing less than a hero's journey in service to justice.”

**-Andrew K. Benton**, President of Pepperdine University

“*Divine Collision* is a compelling and joyous story of the transformation of a legal system—and of the individuals who brought it about. A must-read for anyone committed to the proposition that law is a calling to serve others.”

**-Jeffrey Brauch**, former Dean and professor at Regent University School of Law

“Find out what happens when a sharp, self-effacing California lawyer without any penchant for mission trips goes to Africa and befriends a sharp, self-effacing Ugandan teenager who has suffered a grave injustice. He gives the boy his cell phone number . . . and nothing will ever be the same for either of them. Part legal thriller, part spiritual memoir, this book will remind you what wonderful surprises are in store when a person says yes to God—even an initially hesitant yes.”

**-Rick Hamlin**, executive editor, *Guideposts* magazine, and author of *10 Prayers You Can't Live Without*

"*Divine Collision* is the extraordinary story of the dedicated work done in Uganda by Professor Jim Gash of the Pepperdine University School of Law. Professor Gash responded to his own faith calling and to the desperate needs of hundreds of young people in remand homes in Uganda, imprisoned for long periods of time without any semblance of what we know as due process. Through this journey, Professor Gash not only forged a bond with Henry, the African hero of the story, but he helped change the practices of the entire Ugandan criminal justice system. His significant contributions stand as models for bringing fairness and the rule of law to people around the globe. It is a privilege to be a colleague of Professor Gash and to be part of the home of the Global Justice Program, which he directs."

**-Deanell Reece Tacha**, Duane & Kelly Roberts Dean, Pepperdine University School of Law

"Despite all the bad news from Africa—and his book hides none of that—Jim Gash offers some good news about how individuals can make a transformational difference in others' lives, regardless of where they are in this world. *Divine Collision* is a well-told and inspiring story of love, hope, and mercy one life at a time."

**-Edward Larson**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Summer for the Gods*

"Jim Gash's account of Henry's journey through the Ugandan judicial system is riveting, colorful, and emotional. Jesus said, 'I am the door,' and Jim walked through the door to answer Henry's prayer for help. In the process, he's helped catalyze the juvenile judicial system in Uganda. Among its many inspirational lessons, *Divine Collision* shows how empathetic and sustained service bear fruit in foreign missionary efforts."

**-Edith H. Jones**, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals

"What happens when God calls a Southern California Law Professor to serve 'the least of these' in Uganda? *Divine Collision* is the riveting story of God at work in two families on two continents. It is a roller coaster of faith, perseverance, disappointments and ultimately triumph not only for a falsely convicted Ugandan youth, but for the transformation of the justice system of an entire nation. You will be inspired by how God can use normal, everyday people to accomplish His purposes!"

**-Terry Fahy**, Vice President of Salem Media Group

"*Divine Collision* is an incredible story of faith, determination, brotherhood and, finally, sweet victory for the good guys."

**-Roger Cossack**, ESPN Legal Analyst

"*Divine Collision* is an encouragement to those of us who walk daily in the corridors of law and order, believing that if you persist and follow the divine blueprint, it is possible to extract justice from the very jaws of injustice. The story of Jim and Henry illustrates further that justice knows no color, no jurisdiction, no age, and no boundaries. Justice is without borders."

**-Justice Mike J. Chibita**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Uganda

"In challenging times, the world needs reminders of hope and justice. *Divine Collision* delivers that message clearly and with a clarion call to action that we can all do our part to heal a broken world."

**-Jay Milbrandt**, author of *The Daring Heart of David Livingstone* and *Go and Do*, professor at Bethel University

"There is no greater love than laying down your life for a friend. This profound love seeps through every page of Jim and Henry's story, like a healing balm. Over the last several years I have had the great privilege of witnessing Jim's passion for Ugandan people and his willingness to lay down his own life for others. *Divine Collision* will remind you once again how one small gesture of love can make a monumental impact on a person for eternity."

**-Katie Davis**, Author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Kisses from Katie*

"Jim Gash is a quiet hero. He is a brilliant justice fighter and his life is marked by humility. His story - Divine Collision - is courageous and inspiring. Read this book."

-**John Sowers**, Author of *The Heroic Path*

"A beautiful and riveting story, *Divine Collision* is an emotional rollercoaster ride illustrating how a life of service is not only personally satisfying but also an avenue for our own liberation. With tears in my eyes as I read along, this story powerfully reminded me that the most satisfying life is a life of service. Jim Gash humbly chronicles how he, through tireless and devoted work to free a wrongly accused teenager, gained his own freedom by discovering his true purpose in life."

-**Monty Moran, Esq.**, Co-CEO of Chipotle Mexican Grill

Jim Gash has brought forth a book that might just cause you to sing. *Divine Collision* reminds you of the great worth of a seemingly obscure life, and how a little decision can have ripple effects into eternity. It's about saying YES to the God who sees the broken places—and doesn't look away. This gripping true story of redemption and beauty deserves a wide audience of thrill-seekers and those who want to discover new ways to love God, even when He calls us to what seems impossible.

-**Sara Hagerty**, Author of *Every Bitter Thing Is Sweet*

*Divine Collision* is a thrilling story of how an American law professor driven by faith, compassion, and love made sacrifices for himself and his family in order to secure justice and freedom through Uganda's judicial system for many children, including Henry, who had been convicted of murder. The story is written against the background of the successful collaboration between the Pepperdine University School of Law and the Ugandan Judiciary, which has promoted exchange programs between the two institutions and made a significant contribution to the transformation of the justice system. Because of Jim Gash's commitment and historical contribution to the Ugandan Judiciary, which is clearly evident in this book, he was named Specialist Advisor to the Ugandan High Court and became the first American ever to argue a case in the Ugandan Court of Appeals. Indeed, his frequent visits to Uganda have made Uganda his second home.

-**Dr. Benjamin J. Odoki**, Retired Chief Justice of Uganda (2001–13)

A remarkable story of what happens when you follow God's commandments to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and then to love your neighbor as you love yourself—you get a divine collision, and your life and the lives of those around you are changed forever! Jim Gash, in his book *Divine Collision*, shows us what the true meaning of humanity is and how it leads to justice, peace, and fulfillment.

-**Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire**, Justice of the Court of Appeal for the Constitutional Court of Uganda

We all desire to live lives of meaning. We all long to know we've helped make the world a better place. *Divine Collision* is an inspiring, heart-warming story that chronicles Jim Gash's cross-continental journey to unlock a lifetime of meaning and possibility for a young African boy named Henry. It's a powerful reminder of God's desire for us to love one another and to boldly follow the passion he places in our hearts. Uplifting and inspiring!

-**Phil Schubert**, President of Abilene Christian University

With great courage and conviction, Jim Gash provides an extraordinary glimpse into the power of obedience, prayer, and hope in transforming not only one life—or even one community—but an entire justice system. *Divine Collision* speaks to what is at the heart of our Christian calling: "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow" (Isaiah 1:17).

-**Gary A. Haugen**, President & CEO of International Justice Mission and author of *The Locust Effect*

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