The year was 1618, the first African captives arrived in America. During the next four centuries, their descendants and other African prisoners were not only forced to shed their culture, but their very identity. Having no rights that the White man was bound to recognize, African Americans were forced to engage in the carnal struggle for survival. Today it is time for African Americans to reclaim their true consciousness and return to the light.

**AWAKENING CONSCIOUSNESS**

**Leslie Small, Ph.D.**
Director, Producer, Intellectual

Leslie Small is a popular Hollywood Director. His previous film to hit the theatres in the year 2016, was *Kevin Hart: What Now?*

More than just a filmmaker, Leslie Small is an intellectual and an innovator. Completing his doctoral studies in Economic Development, he is driven by the exploration of the intimate reality shared by people, no matter what race, religion, creed or socioeconomic status. This awareness allows him to incorporate these themes into his films.

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