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In the 1920s, Raphael Lemkin, a young Polish-Jewish lawyer, grappled with the enormity of crimes like the massacres of Armenians by the Ottoman Turks. “Why was the killing of a million people a less serious crime than the killing of a single individual?” he asked. During the Holocaust, Lemkin lost more than forty immediate family members. Still, the murder of a people was “a crime without a name” or any international legal precedent. Lemkin dedicated his life to naming that crime making it punishable according to international law. Learn more about the term genocide, its historical development, its legal and scholarly implications, and the core tenets of Genocide prevention with Dr. Nickell.

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