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Is secularism a positive force in the modern world? Or does it lead to fragmentation and disintegration? In *Saving Leonardo*, best-selling award-winning author Nancy Pearcey (*Total Truth*, coauthor *How Now Shall We Live?*) makes a compelling case that secularism is destructive and dehumanizing.

Pearcey depicts the revolutionary thinkers and artists, the ideas and events, leading step by step to the unleashing of secular worldviews that undermine human dignity and liberty. She crafts a fresh approach that exposes the real-world impact of ideas in philosophy, science, art, literature, and film--voices that surround us in the classroom, in the movie theater, and in our living rooms.

A former agnostic, Pearcey offers a persuasive case for historic Christianity as a holistic and humane alternative. She equips readers to counter the life-denying worldviews that are radically restructuring society and pervading our daily lives. Whether you are a devoted Christian, determined secularist, or don't know quite where you stand, reading *Saving Leonardo* will unsettle established views and topple ideological idols. Includes more than 100 art reproductions and illustrations that bring the book's themes to life.

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"A feast for the mind and for the eye. Nancy Pearcey not only is a trustworthy guide for a nuanced discussion on the relationship between culture and the gospel, but she is a gifted teacher as well . . . *Saving Leonardo* is a rare, precious gift to the churches and universities alike."

**Makoto Fujimura**, artist and author of *Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art, and Culture*

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