

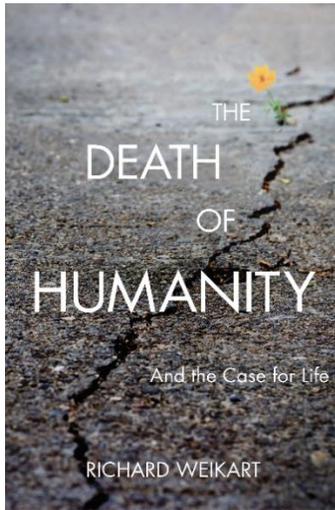
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# The Death of Humanity:

And the Case for Life

by

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What is this world coming to? Some zoos around the world have put humans on display. A University of Texas evolutionary biologist received a standing ovation after telling his audience he hopes that ninety percent of the human population will perish through ebola. Physicians in Switzerland are killing “suicide tourists,” even when they are neither sick nor in pain. Some bioethicists are promoting “after-birth abortions.” These are just a few shocking examples of the dehumanizing tendencies that permeate Western culture today. In this book Weikart explains how secular ideologies have undermined the Judeo-Christian sanctity-of-life ethic. He shows the harmful consequences of this and demonstrates the poverty of secular alternatives to the Christian vision of humanity. Finally, he defends the sanctity of human life, addressing suicide, abortion, euthanasia, eugenics, and transhumanism.

Richard Weikart is professor of modern European history at California State University, Stanislaus, and a Senior Fellow at Discovery Institute’s Center for Science and Culture. He has published four previous books, including *From Darwin to Hitler: Evolutionary Ethics, Eugenics, and Racism in Germany* (2004). His new book, *Hitler’s Religion*, will appear later in 2016. He has appeared in several documentaries, including *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*. *From Darwin to Hitler* was featured in numerous Christian and secular media, including *Christianity Today*, *World* magazine, *Citizen* magazine, *National Review*, radio talk shows, and many more. For information about speaking engagements, please contact him at [rweikart@csustan.edu](mailto:rweikart@csustan.edu).

## **Praise for Weikart’s book, *The Death of Humanity*:**

“Many prominent Western intellectuals have dispensed with the view that humans are created in the image of God and thus have immeasurable value and inalienable rights,” writes Professor Weikart. In my four decades of speaking in university open forums, I have witnessed the logical consequences of this belief that humanity is a cosmic accident: wherever I go I meet student after student troubled by haunting questions of meaning and purpose. Weikart demonstrates the impoverishment of philosophies that reject the Judeo-Christian worldview—but “still retain some of the vestiges of the Judeo-Christian morality that they claim to spurn”—and shows how Christianity uniquely makes sense of our questions of meaning, purpose, morality, and dignity. His book will sober and challenge you.

--**Ravi Zacharias**, speaker and author of *Why Jesus? Rediscovering His Truth in an Age of Mass Marketed Spirituality*, and other books

*The Death of Humanity* is both an eye-opening and sobering book. Weikart tackles some of the most important and pressing worldview challenges related to the devaluing of human life that come from Secularism, Darwinism, transhumanism and more. And yet he provides some critical insights for how to restore the value of human life in a way that is faithful to the teachings of Jesus.

--**Sean McDowell**, speaker, Biola University professor, and author of over fifteen books, including *A New Kind of Apologist*

It is impossible to respond effectively to the moral and legal revolutions of the past few decades—the legalization of abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, same-sex marriage—without knowing their history: How did these practices take root in the modern west and how did they develop? As a professional historian, Richard Weikart is an excellent guide in identifying their intellectual sources. He pins down their philosophical origins and offers a critical evaluation that will give much-needed historical depth to contemporary debates.

--**Nancy Pearcey**, Professor of Apologetics & Scholar in Residence, Houston Baptist University, and author of *Total Truth* and *Finding Truth*

Richard Weikart's work effectively draws out the clear implications of humans abandoning the biblical God, who is the very basis of their dignity and rights. This is no mere theoretical discussion, however; Weikart's meticulous historical research shows—in this book as in previous ones—the devastating results of God-defying ideologies that predictably turn into dehumanizing ones as well. Highly recommended!

--**Paul Copan**, Professor and Pledger Family Chair of Philosophy and Ethics, Palm Beach Atlantic University, and co-author of *An Introduction to Biblical Ethics*

So often I have heard the question, “How did we ever become so muddled in this twenty-first century? What happened?” This is a question for a historian, who can weave a single coherent story about a great many sources of confusion. Richard Weikart is that historian, and I will be recommending his sane and lucid book often.

--**J. Budziszewski**, Professor of Government and Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, author of *What We Can't Not Know: A Guide*

Weikart's book, *The Death of Humanity*, is a very well-written, cogently argued work that makes an important contribution to contemporary discussions about bioethics and the value of humans. I endorse it wholeheartedly.

--**Jennifer Lahl**, President of the Center for Bioethics and Culture, and Producer of “Eggsploitation” and “Breeders: A Subclass of Women?”

In *The Death of Humanity*, historian Richard Weikart systematically demonstrates that the worst evils of the last one hundred years came about when those with power rejected the intrinsic equal dignity and moral worth of all human life. . . . Weikart's passionate Christianity might cut against the grain of the contemporary mindset, but whether one is religious or secular, we ignore Weikart's prophetic warnings at the very great risk to our own—and more particularly, our posterity's—liberty and flourishing.

--**Wesley J. Smith**, Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism and author of *Culture of Death: The Age of "Do Harm" Medicine*.