Jewish Minds for Humankind: Newly Published Book by Rabbi Marc Angel

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Twenty-two figures. Twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. One argument: that a life rooted in Jewish tradition and open to the full breadth of human wisdom is the highest expression of both.

In this elegant collection, Rabbi Dr. Marc D. Angel profiles the thinkers, rabbis, poets, and activists who shaped his religious vision — from Rabbi Eliyahu Benamozegh in nineteenth-century Livorno to Primo Levi in the shadow of Auschwitz. Each essay recovers a mind that refused the false walls between the sacred and the secular, the particular and the universal, the ancient and the modern. Together they form a portrait of a Judaism deeply faithful and intellectually expansive — one that has always understood the love of God and the love of humanity as a single vocation.

For readers who believe that Jewish particularity and universal responsibility belong together, this book is both an inheritance and an invitation.

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