



Dancing with Absurdity: Your Most Cherished Beliefs (and All Your Others) Are Probably Wrong (Hardback)

By Fred Leavitt

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