



## Newman s Relation to Modernism (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from Newman s Relation to Modernism There are many reasons why this dangerous and disintegrating tendency must be rigorously excluded from Roman Catholicism. In the first place Modernism destroys the historical basis of Christianity, and converts the Incarnation and Atonement into myths like those of other dying and rising saviour-gods, which hardly pretend to be historical. But it was this foundation in history which helped largely to secure the triumph of Christianity over its rivals. In the place of the historical god-man, Modernism gives us the history of the Church as an object of reverence. Further, the religious philosophy of Modernism is bad, much worse than the scholasticism which it derides. It is in essentials a revival of the sophistry of Protagoras. And if it were meta physically more respectable than it is, it is so widely opposed to the whole system of Catholic apologetics, that if it were accepted, it would necessitate a complete reconstruction of Catholic dogma. Catholicism rests on presuppositions which are far removed from those of Modernism. It is one thing to admit that dogmas in many cases...

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