



Beyond Suspicion Post-Christendom Protestant Political Theology in John Howard Yoder and Oliver O'Donovan

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Paternoster Press. Softcover/Paperback. Book Condition: New. The modern era includes a twofold tradition of radical suspicion—the suspicion that politicians corrupt morality, and that politics is corrupted by theology. However, this view has been challenged in recent theological thought which seeks to move beyond this suspicion to recover a constructive role for political theologies of John Howard Yoder and Oliver O'Donovan. The present work shows how post-Christendom Protestant political theology has attempted to move beyond suspicion without putting forward some hidden attempt to reassert a contemporary version of Christendom. O'Donovan's political theology, written from within the British Anglican tradition, is a bold project in which he attempts to push back the horizons of commonplace secularist politics and open it up theologically, a move that he believes will offer crucial resources for thinking about justice and the common good. A related response is presented by Yoder, who, as an American Mennonite, represents Anabaptism. From this more marginal ecclesial location, Yoder's thought stands both as a challenge to regnant liberal notions of the relation of church and state, and as an important interlocutor for O'Donovan's political theology. Yoder argues that political theology entails a particular kind of focus on the church, where the very...



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