



Common Objects of Love: Moral Reflection and the Shaping of Community; The 2001 Stob Lectures

By Oliver O Donovan

William B Eerdmans Publishing Co, United States, 2002. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 148 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In Common Objects of Love Oliver O Donovan, widely respected as one of today s wisest and most articulate Christian ethicists, takes readers on a journey of thought. Yet this journey, he warns, does not circle comfortably around its subject like a pleasant afternoon stroll, but sets out for a far country. The purpose of the journey is to trace what unifies a multitude of human agents into a community of action and experience sustained over time. The book s central theme, which arises out of Augustine s idea that we know only as we love, is that moral reflection, or the identification of objects of love, has effect in organized community. This perspective provides a fruitful resolution to the traditional Aristotelian dichotomy of theoretical and practical reason and directs us as to how we may think from truths of Christian faith to conclusions in Christian action. O Donovan s interest in this theme lies especially with its political possibilities, as he explores how love is key to the organization and coherence of political..

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