

Newman

John Henry Newman

Newman's *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine* has become his theologically most influential book. Newman meant it to be a documentary evidence of his conviction that Anglican objections to Rome's claim of being the continuation of the Church of the Apostles and of the Fathers can be effectively answered and removed.

Newman viewed the *Development* as an essentially negative book, befitting a controversialist he held himself as distinct from a theologian.

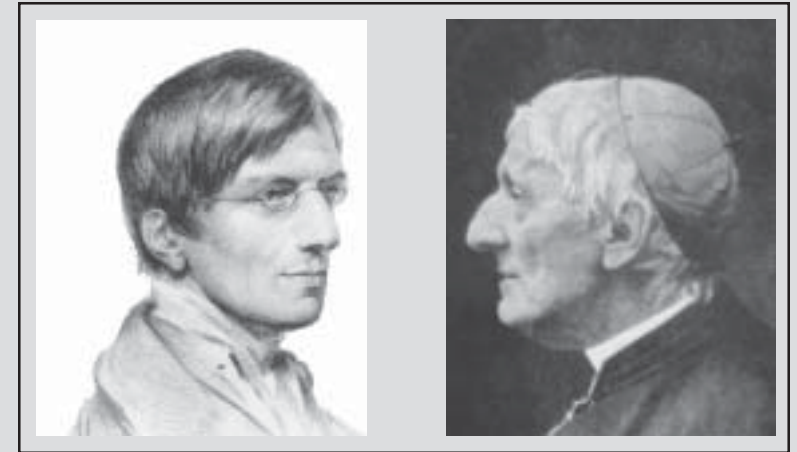
Although he held truth to be the child of time, he did not expect the *Development* to be so late in making its mark. This in fact did not come until almost half a century after he had prepared in 1878, or thirty-three years after the first edition, a final version of his work. That final version was not only the most heavily rewritten book of Newman's but also one which put almost in total neglect the first edition.

The present work is a re-edition, in a completely reset format, of that first edition. In a meticulously researched introduction the editor gives, among other things, a full account of how Newman himself viewed this work and the strange story of views which in recent decades have been grafted on it.

Among the editor's works on Newman is his *Newman to Converts*, a massive presentation of Newman's relevant instructions stretching over forty years.

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