



The Journey to Wisdom: Self-education in Patristic and Medieval Literature (Hardback)

By Paul A. Olson

University of Nebraska Press, United States, 1995. Hardback. Book Condition: New. New.. 235 x 160 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Journey to Wisdom addresses a broad array of topics in education, the natural world, and medieval intellectual history. The book examines a philosophy of education that originated with the ancient Greeks and that reached its culmination in the late-medieval and early-Renaissance periods. That philosophy of education promotes a journey to wisdom, involving an escape from pure subjectivity and the seductions of rhetoric and leading to a profound awareness of the natural world and nature's God. It grants us a renewed sense of education as a self-directed, transforming journey to knowledge and insight--rather than (as is so often the case now) as an impersonal, bureaucratized trek that reflects little sense of the ultimate aims of education. The volume opens with a discussion of the quarrel in ancient Greece between the Sophists and the so-called philosophers --a quarrel, Paul A. Olson writes, out of which the [philosophers'] tradition centering education in reality, as opposed to social convention, develops. Subsequent chapters follow the development of this tradition in the writings of Augustine, Boethius, Dante,...



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