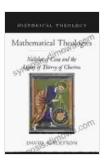
## Nicholas of Cusa and the Legacy of Thierry of Chartres: Oxford Studies in Historical Theology



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Nicholas of Cusa (1401-1464) was a German cardinal, philosopher, and theologian who is considered to be one of the most important figures in the development of Western mysticism and philosophy. His thought was deeply influenced by the work of Thierry of Chartres (c. 1080-1150), a French philosopher and theologian who was one of the leading exponents of Platonism in the twelfth century.

This book explores the profound influence of Thierry of Chartres on the thought of Nicholas of Cusa. It offers a comprehensive analysis of the ways in which Cusa's ideas were shaped by Thierry's Platonism, his understanding of the relationship between faith and reason, and his emphasis on the importance of mystical experience.

#### Thierry of Chartres and the Platonic Tradition

Thierry of Chartres was one of the most important figures in the revival of Platonism in the twelfth century. He was a student of Bernard of Chartres, who was himself a leading exponent of Platonism. Thierry's own work was deeply influenced by Plato, Plotinus, and other Neoplatonic philosophers.

Thierry's Platonism was characterized by his emphasis on the importance of the intellect and the soul. He believed that the soul is immortal and that it is capable of knowing the truth directly. He also believed that the intellect is the highest faculty of the soul and that it is capable of understanding the nature of God.

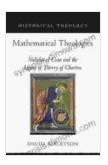
#### Nicholas of Cusa and the Influence of Thierry of Chartres

Nicholas of Cusa was first introduced to the work of Thierry of Chartres while he was studying at the University of Padua. He was immediately drawn to Thierry's Platonism and he began to incorporate Thierry's ideas into his own thought.

Cusa's Platonism was influenced by Thierry in several ways. First, Cusa adopted Thierry's emphasis on the importance of the intellect and the soul. He believed that the soul is immortal and that it is capable of knowing the truth directly. He also believed that the intellect is the highest faculty of the soul and that it is capable of understanding the nature of God.

Second, Cusa adopted Thierry's understanding of the relationship between faith and reason. Thierry believed that faith and reason are complementary and that they can both lead to the knowledge of God. Cusa agreed with this view and he argued that faith and reason are both necessary for a complete understanding of the truth. Third, Cusa adopted Thierry's emphasis on the importance of mystical experience. Thierry believed that mystical experience is a direct encounter with God and that it is the highest form of knowledge. Cusa agreed with this view and he argued that mystical experience is a necessary complement to faith and reason.

Nicholas of Cusa was one of the most important figures in the development of Western mysticism and philosophy. His thought was deeply influenced by the work of Thierry of Chartres and he incorporated many of Thierry's ideas into his own thought. This book has explored the profound influence of Thierry of Chartres on the thought of Nicholas of Cusa and it has offered a comprehensive analysis of the ways in which Cusa's ideas were shaped by Thierry's Platonism, his understanding of the relationship between faith and reason, and his emphasis on the importance of mystical experience.



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