

Preface and Acknowledgements

For many years I studied John Henry Newman and wrote fairly extensively on his works. In subsequent years, my scholarship in religious morality turned to other areas. The beatification of Cardinal Newman in 2010 inspired me to return to his corpus to write a book on his religious morality. No other scholar has undertaken this task, though there is extensive writing on his view of conscience that constitutes just one component of his approach to religious morality. I hope that my analysis presents a new terrain for exploration in Newman studies. Because the book is published in e-book format as well as print format, there is no index: the e-book format makes the entire work searchable.

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