



The Whole Duty of Man According to the Law of Nature (Paperback)

By Samuel Pufendorf Fre

Liberty Fund Inc, United States, 2002. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 226 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Samuel Pufendorf s seminal work, The Whole Duty of Man, According to the Law of Nature (first published in Latin in 1673), was among the first to suggest a purely conventional basis for natural law. Rejecting scholasticism s metaphysical theories, Pufendorf found the source of natural law in humanity s need to cultivate sociability. At the same time, he distanced himself from Hobbes s deduction of such needs from self-interest. The result was a sophisticated theory of the conventional character of man s social persona and of all political institutions. Pufendorf wrote this work to make his insights accessible to a wide range of readers, especially university students. As ministers, teachers, and public servants, they would have to struggle with issues of sovereignty and of the relationship between church and state that dominated the new state system of Europe in the aftermath of the Peace of Westphalia (1648). The Whole Duty was first translated into English in 1691. The fourth edition was significantly revised--by anonymous editors--to include a great deal of the very important editorial material from Jean Barbeyrac s French...



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