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Images of Purgatory

Studies in Religious Imagination and Innovation (The Czech Lands, 1600-1800)

On the example of the Czech lands, the book discusses the transformation of the representation of Purgatory in the period between the late Reformation debates at the end of the sixteenth century and partial rejection of Purgatory by the so-called reform Catholicism of the late eighteenth century. The authors, moving permanently in-between history and art history, gradually analyse theology, iconography, practice, and reception of Purgatory. They address the questions of space and time in Purgatory, of emotions and the early modern "affects", treatment of images in religious practice, circulation and diffusion of meditative texts and images, or the problem of revenant souls.

The book offers a comprehensive consideration of the development of a fascinating cultural phenomenon in a crucial period of significant changes in people's thoughts and behaviour.

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