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## What Does Academic Mean?: Two Essays on the Chances of the University Today (Paperback)

By Josef Pieper

St. Augustine's Press, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Translation. Language: English . Brand New Book. What Does Academic Mean? focuses, in two essays, on the prospects of contemporary universities. The term academic is traced back to Plato's Academy in a grove in Athens. The Academy is isolated, far away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Western universities founded in the Middle Ages show continuity, via Byzantium, with Plato's Academy. Not surprisingly, the Oxford Dictionary quoted by Pieper defines academic as Not leading to a decision; unpractical. The preoccupation of the academic as academic is seen by Pieper to be fundamentally theoretical, not practical. Pure theory is that which cannot at all be pressed into service. Clearly, many university disciplines that are richly funded by industry and business concerns tend to be favored by university administrations, which, intent on financial survival, frown on unproductive disciplines such as pure philosophy: metaphysics being a case in point, since it is the discipline least capable of practical application --.



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