The Intellectual Roots Of The Italian Enlightenment: Newtonian Science, Religion, And Politics In The Early Eighteenth Century

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The Intellectual Roots of the Italian Enlightenment: Newtonian Science, Religion, and Politics in the Early Eighteenth Century. Newton was not only a natural philosopher and Newtonianism was not only a scientific theory. Newton was also a religious and political figure whose ideas and works had a significant impact on the Enlightenment in Italy. Newtonianism played a crucial role in shaping the intellectual and cultural landscape of Italy during the late 17th and early 18th centuries. This work offers an examination of how Newtonian science affected the early 18th-century Enlightenment in Italy in terms of religion and politics. It analyses how Newtonian ideas were adapted and interpreted by Italian philosophers, scientists, and intellectuals of the time. The book covers the period from the publication of Newton's Principia Mathematica in 1687 to the early 18th century, a time when Newtonianism was gaining popularity in Italy. The book also explores the cultural and political implications of Newtonianism, including its influence on the development of scientific societies, the role of the state in supporting scientific research, and the impact of Newtonian ideas on the emerging political discourse of the time. Vincenzo Ferrone provides a comprehensive analysis of the way in which Newtonianism was integrated into the cultural and intellectual life of Italy, and how it contributed to the development of a new scientific and intellectual culture in the country. The book is a valuable resource for scholars and students interested in the history of science, the history of ideas, and the history of Italy.