Record Nr. UNINA9910790660803321 Autore Ticciati Susannah Titolo A new apophaticism: Augustine and the redemption of signs // by Susannah Ticciati Leiden [Netherlands]:,: Brill,, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 90-04-25814-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (275 p.) Collana Studies in systematic theology, , 1876-1518; ; volume 14 230/.14092 Disciplina Negative theology - Christianity - History of doctrines Soggetti Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto part one. Transformation -- part two. Signification -- part 3. Transforming signs. Sommario/riassunto In A New Apophaticism Susannah Ticciati draws on Augustine to develop an apophatic theology for the twenty-first century. Shifting the focus away from the potential and failure of words to say something about God, the book suggests that the purpose of God-language is to transform human beings in their relationship with God. Augustine's doctrine of predestination is read, with the help of speech-act theory and the study of indexicals, for its power to effect redemptive change; and his De doctrina christiana is drawn upon for its semiotics. Together

they make way for the hypothesis that God-language transforms

human beings into better signs of God.