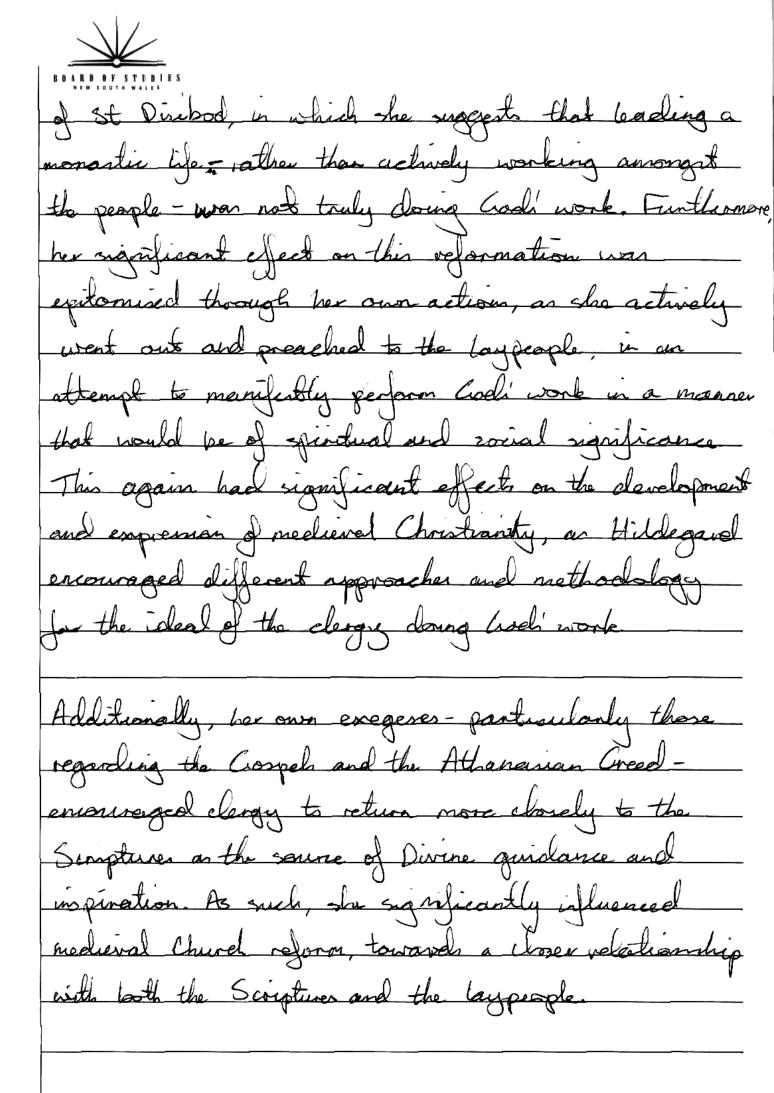


to Christian theology of the time, with her account of the life of St Disibod also including a critique of the depth church (particularly the monastric) practices at the time. Hildegerd's preaching "tours" were also highly theologically significant; she preached directly to the laypeople (a practice seldom witnessed in the medieval churcher), and her theological discourse were significantly inclusive of the role of women, and the rommon people in general, in the Church. She placed heavy emphasis on the divine Jeminine, a Jacet of Christian theology commonly disregarded at the time, stating that "every evenin who gives with helps to clothe to God in heemsnity. " Such teachings had a significant effect on the development and expression of the medieval Christian church, retting precedents for the involvement of women and laypeople is their own spirituality. She justher significantly contributed to Church reformation through her criticism of monastic excess in her biographical attended amount of the life



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