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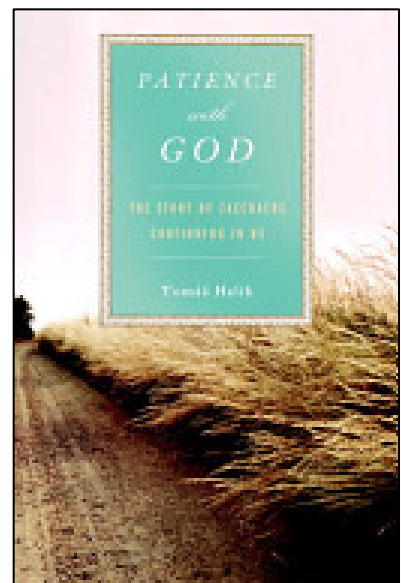
A Postmodern Response to the New Atheism Seminar: Friday 3 June 2011



Monsignor Professor Tomáš Halík PhD DD (www.halik.cz) is a Czech academic with qualifications in theology, clinical psychology and sociology. During the Communist regime he was banned from university teaching and persecuted by the secret police. He was clandestinely ordained in 1978 and worked in the 'underground Church', giving clandestine seminars and helping with illegal philosophical and theological publications. He closely cooperated with the future President, Václav Havel, with theologians Josef Zvěřina and Oto Mádr and other dissidents.

He is a Catholic thinker steeped in Nietzsche; he sees modernity's criticism of Christianity as an indispensable resource, and as the context within which contemporary faith has to be articulated.

Patience with God (2009) is one of over 200 publications, and is a response to the new atheism. Its argument is that the real difference between faith and atheism is patience. Atheists are not wrong, only impatient. They want to resolve doubt instead of enduring it. As Adel Bestavros puts it (in the book's epigraph): patience with others is love, patience with self is hope, patience with God is faith.



Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Venue: Treacy Boardroom
Catholic Theological College
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

BYO Lunch: Tea / Coffee / Wine provided

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