

# The John Henry Cardinal Newman Lectures

## 2007 - 2008 Series

### VIOLENCE, FORGIVENESS, AND THE MORAL ORDER

*The Cosmos Club*

*2121 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC  
2:00 - 3:00 PM*

Aristotle speaks of anger as a noble sentiment, when it is aroused by injustice and deployed in a manner consistent with reason. Cicero, Augustine, Aquinas, Suarez and others within the Christian community use this notion, and the notion that war is a collective expression of anger, to build a theory of just war. However, personal indignation and the collective anger of warring parties call for acts of violence and vengeful temper, which are condemned as grave faults, worthy of censure. This raises questions about the proper role of violence, anger and forgiveness within the moral order.

The Newman Lectures for 2007-2008 present several aspects of the concept of violence and its psychological, moral and religious dimensions. These lectures are intended to draw scholarly attention to our ambivalent attitudes about violence and the results arising from that ambivalence.

The lectures will be held at the Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC, commencing promptly at 2:00 PM. Attendance is free of charge, but reservations with the Institute for the Psychological Sciences (ph. 703 416 1441) are recommended.

Please note that the Cosmos Club dress code requires that gentlemen wear ties and jackets at all times in the clubhouse, and that ladies be dressed in business attire.

#### PROGRAM

October 12, 2007

*The Concept of Violence*

*Daniel N. Robinson, Ph. D.*

November 9, 2007

*Forgiveness: The Missing Piece to the  
Peace Puzzle*

*Robert Enright, Ph. D.*

March 28, 2008

*Hatred and Identity*

*Paul Vitz, Ph. D.*

April 25, 2008

*The Presumption Against Violence:  
An Ethical Analysis*

*Fr. Thomas Williams, L.C.*

May 9, 2008

*Violence: The Religious Challenge of the  
Twenty-First Century*

*Gil Bailie, J.D.*



Professor Daniel N. Robinson is a member of the philosophy faculty at Oxford University; Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Georgetown University; and holds the Grant Bentley Chair of Theoretical Psychology at the Institute for the Psychological Sciences. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Division of History of Psychology and the Distinguished Contribution

Award from the Division of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology of the American Psychological Association.. His sixteen books, more than thirty edited and published volumes, and numerous articles and lectures, have addressed topics in the philosophy of science, intellectual history, philosophy of law, ethics, and the basic sciences. His current book, *Consciousness and Mental Life*, is forthcoming from Columbia University Press.



Professor Robert Enright, who received a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, is a professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a founding member of the International Forgiveness Institute, Inc. in Madison, Wisconsin. He is the author of over 100 publications, including four books: *Exploring Forgiveness*, *Helping Clients Forgive*, *Forgiveness Is a Choice*, and a children's book, *Rising above the Storm Clouds*. He has been a leader in the scientific study of forgiveness and its effects since 1985. His work on the subjects has appeared in many periodicals, including *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*. He has also appeared on many television and radio shows.

Professor Paul Vitz is Professor of Psychology and Senior Scholar at the Institute for the Psychological Sciences. He received his Ph.D. from Stanford University. Dr. Vitz's work focuses on the development of Christian Psychology, breaking away from the trends of secular humanism prevalent today. He has written numerous books, including *Psychology as Religion: The Cult of Self Worship*, *Sigmund Freud's Christian Unconscious*, and *Faith of the Fatherless: the Psychology of Atheism*.



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Fr. Thomas Williams L.C., Ph. L. S.T.D., is Dean of the Theology School at the *Regina Apostolorum* Pontifical Athenaeum in Rome. He was appointed by the Holy See as spokesperson for the 1997 Synod for America and the 2001 Synod of Bishops. Fr. Williams is a member of the Pontifical Academy of Saint Thomas Aquinas and senior fellow of the Saint Paul Center for Biblical

Theology. His books include *Who Is My Neighbor? Personalism and the Foundations of Human Rights*, *Servants and Witnesses of Hope*, and *Spiritual Progress: Becoming the Christian You Want to Be*. His latest book, *A Matter of Conscience: A Christian Guide to Knowing Right from Wrong*, will be available in April 2008.



Gil Bailie obtained his J.D. from the University of Tennessee Law School. He is the founder and president of The Cornerstone Forum. He is also a founding member of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion, an international association of scholars concerned with religious anthropology and with the historical relationship between culture, violence, and

religion. Mr. Bailie is the author of *Violence Unveiled: Humanity at the Crossroads*, an examination of the contemporary cultural crisis, relying on the work of cultural theorist René Girard. Mr. Bailie is currently working on a book entitled *Easter in the Meantime: The History of Hope and the Hope of History*.

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and Culture*

*Rediscovering Human Nature: The Psychology of  
Character and Virtue*

Monograph Series:

*Work on Oneself: Wittgenstein's Philosophical Psychology  
by Fr. Fergus Kerr, O.P.*