



## **The Ethics of Beauty Pt. 2 - Show Notes**

A Scholé Communities & ClassicalU Webinar

May 2023

With Dr. Timothy Patitsas

### **Event Sequence**

- A. Synopsis:** Join guest-host Christine Perrin for a much-anticipated SECOND interview with author and Orthodox Christian theologian Dr. Timothy Patitsas to discuss beauty and trauma in the fundamental issue of social justice and its relevance to the task of education and how it is changing our lives.
- B. Personal Announcements:**
- Hellenic College: <https://www.hchc.edu/hellenic-college/>
  - [Intensive summer Modern Greek language program](#); six credits in just four weeks - asynchronous
  - St. Nicholas Press (for his book Ethics of Beauty): <https://www.stnicholaspress.net/ethics-of-beauty>
- C. Interview**
- D. Q & A to follow**



## **THE DIALOGUE**

- I. Overview of chapter discussions
- II. Opening quotes read by Christine
- III. Discussion of social ethical principles for the Guardian & Trader Syndrome, and the notion of the Third Force
- IV. Information (discovery/surprise) and marking time as balance between chaos and monotony
- V. Chiastic crossovers between syndromes reconciled by the third force
- VI. Historical examples of “freak states” and harmony between syndromes
- VII. Approaches to justice as vision of civilization
- VIII. City liturgy: economy as the work of all people
- IX. Destructive forces between the rich and poor and unintended consequences of social justice
- X. Matthew 25 and the six questions as how we respond to Christ crucified in the poor (of spirit)
- XI. The eight responses as a test of a healthy church
- XII. Love as the vision of the ethic of a “social wedding” and the Christian’s response
- XIII. Definition and experience of two-fold anointing
- XIV. Missed opportunity to communicate education as science of complexity systems

## **Audience Q & A**

*Some questions asked by our audience*

- What do you see as the relationship between your philosophical approach and empiricism? Are such empirical critiques of contemporary institutions potentially in harmony with your approach or are they missing something?
- Is it possible to act with self-sacrificial love, without faith and hope in a loving God? If people are unwilling to have faith in a loving God does this preclude them from being able to act self-sacrificially?
- Is the third force the relational approach between the guardian and trader syndromes?



- How does motherhood build culture and society?

## **Encore Resources**

### **I. You can find Dr. Timothy Patitsas at:**

- A. Interim Dean & Assistant Professor at [Hellenic College](#)
- B. Associate Prof. of Ethics, [Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology](#)
- C. Co-founder of [Beauty First Films](#)
- D. Board members with [Pappas Patristic Institute](#), [the Russian Orphan Opportunity Fund](#), and the [Center for Byzantine Material Arts](#)

### **II. Dr. Patitsas' Resources**

- A. Books
  1. [The Ethics of Beauty](#)
- B. Articles & Essays
  1. [Ph.D. dissertation](#)
  2. [The Opposite of War is Not Peace: Healing Trauma in the Iliad and in Orthodox Tradition](#)
  3. [A Feeling For Beauty: The Aesthetic Ground Of Orthodox Ethics](#)
  4. [The City as Liturgy: An Orthodox Theologian Corresponds with Jane Jacobs About a Gentle Reconciliation of Science and Religion](#)
  5. [A WORLD SPLIT APART- Solzhenitsyn's Commencement Address](#)
- C. Talks & Lectures
  1. [YouTube](#) search for Dr. Timothy Patitsas
- D. Podcast & Radio Interviews
  1. Close Reads Podcast: Episode: [Our Favorite Reads of 2022](#)
  2. Counterflow with Buck Johnson: [Episode 227](#)
  3. Holistic Christian Life with Cynthia Damaskos: [Episode 151](#)
  4. Hope in Source: [Episode 11](#)

### **III. Recommended Reading:**

- A. [Beauty First blog](#)
- B. [Road to Emmaus](#) journal
- C. [The Righteous Mind](#) by Jonathan Haidt



- D. [The Closing of American Minds](#) by Allan Bloom
- E. [From Dawn to Decadence: 1500 to the Present: 500 Years of Western Cultural Life](#) by Jacques Barzun
- F. [The Ancient City](#) by Denis Fustel de Coulanges
- G. [Don Camillo](#) Series
- H. [Leaf by Niggle](#) by JRR Tolkien
- I. [The Four Cardinal Virtues](#) by Josef Pieper
- J. [Plato's Republic](#)
- K. [Aristotle's Politics](#)
- L. [Systems of Survival](#) by Jane Jacobs
- M. [The Death and Life of Great American Cities](#) by Jane Jacobs
- N. [Dark Age Ahead](#) by Jane Jacobs
- O. [From Dawn to Decadence](#) by Jacques Barzun
- P. [Song of Tears](#) by Olivier Clement
- Q. [A Pattern Language](#) by Christopher Alexander
- R. [A Timeless Way of Building](#) by Christopher Alexander
- S. [A Conflict of Visions](#) by Thomas Sowell
- T. [The Black Intellectual Tradition](#) by Drs. Anika Prather and Angel Parham

#### IV. Related Resources:

- A. [Institute for Family Studies](#)
- B. Moral Imagination Podcast:
  - 1. [Episode 39: What is Justice with Marcel Guarnizo](#)
  - 2. [Episode 47: Exclusion & Opportunity - Black Liberation Through the Marketplace](#)
- C. Action Institute
  - 1. [Getting Justice Right is Harder Than We Think](#) by Michael Mattheson Miller
- D. Quiddity (CiRCE Podcast Network): [Poet's Corner](#)
- E. Anchored Podcast:
  - 1. [Angel Adams Parham on The Black Intellectual Tradition](#)
  - 2. [Dr. Christopher Perrin, Anika Prather, and Doug Wilson on How the Gospel Fosters Racial Healing](#)
  - 3. [Kellye Britton on the Record-Breaking Harvard Debate Council Diversity Project](#)