

Dr Peter Tyler

Academic and Professional Qualifications:

- PhD awarded from Durham University. Title of thesis: Mystical Strategies and Performative Discourse in the theologia mystica of Teresa of Avila: A Wittgensteinian Analysis. 2009
- After 8 years training, supervision and submission of case studies he qualified for registration with the United Kingdom Council of Psychotherapists (UKCP) 2003
- The Minster Centre, Kilburn, North London. MA in Integrative Psychotherapy gained with Merit in Oct 2000. The course was accredited by Middlesex University and incorporated 100 supervised client hours and dissertation: The Birth of Psychotherapy from the Spirit of Mythos. Diploma in Integrative Psychotherapy. 1995 – 2000
- Heythrop College, University of London. MTh in Philosophy of Religion. Dissertation: Theology after Wittgenstein? The Metaphysics of Realism and Anti-Realism in Wittgenstein, Kerr and the Contemporary Philosophy of Religion. 1992 – 1994
- Studying for the priesthood in the Society of Jesus ('Jesuits') at Manresa House, Birmingham and Selly Oak Colleges. Awarded Certificate in World Religions from Selly Oak Colleges. 1988 – 1990
- Living and studying at the Jesuit Theological College of St Georgen, Frankfurt–am–Main, Germany 1985 – 1987
- Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University. BA(Hons) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Specialising in British and Continental Philosophy 1981 – 1984

Grants / Awards / Bursaries:

- 2006 Waterside Trust. Award towards doctoral fees
- 2004 Derwent Trust. Bursary towards sabbatical

External Involvement (Consultancy / Professional Bodies / External Examining):

- In July 2008 appointed External Examiner for the MA Programme in Christian Spirituality at Heythrop College, University of London.
- In May 2007 appointed a Trustee of the Minster Centre for Training in Integrative Psychotherapy in Queen's Park, London.
- 2006 – 2011 External Examiner for the Higher Diploma and MA Programmes in Applied Christian Spirituality and the Higher Diploma and MA Programmes in Supervisory Practice at the Milltown Institute, Dublin (National University of Ireland)
- Since September 2005 a member of the English Anglican-Roman Catholic Committee (English ARC). A national body set up by the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches to promote reflection, prayer, study and practical work in the service of unity at local and national levels between the two churches. In this capacity he represents the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, Department of Dialogue and Unity.

A member of the following professional societies:

- UK Council for Psychotherapists
- The American Academy of Religion
- The Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
- The Catholic Theological Association
- The Thomas Merton Society

Books:

- Tyler, P.M. *The Return to the Mystical: Ludwig Wittgenstein, Teresa of Avila and the Christian Mystical Tradition*. London: Continuum 2011
- Tyler, P.M and Howells, E. ed *Sources of Transformation: Revitalizing Christian Spirituality*. London: Continuum. 2010
- Tyler, P.M., *St John of the Cross: Outstanding Christian Thinker*. Continuum. 2010
- Tyler, P.M. *The Way of Ecstasy: Praying with St Teresa of Avila*. Norwich: The Canterbury Press, 1997

Chapters and Articles in Books:

- Tyler, P.M., Chapter on Mystical Theology in *Dom Augustine Baker*, ed. G. Scott. Leominster: Gracewing (forthcoming)
- Tyler, P.M., Chapters on St John of the Cross and Thomas Merton in *The Roots of Christian Mysticism* ed K. Nataraja, SCM-Canterbury Press (forthcoming)
- Tyler, P.M. *Pastoral Theology and the Catholic Mystical Tradition* in *Keeping Faith in Practice: Pastoral Theology in the Catholic Tradition*, ed J. Sweeney, London: SPCK. 2010
- Tyler, P.M., Articles on *The Cloud of Unknowing*, *Miguel de Molinos*, *Catholic Mystical Tradition*, *Luis de Granada* and *The Carmelites* in *The New Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity* ed. D. Patte. Cambridge University Press. 2010
- Tyler, P.M. Articles on *Alumbrados*, *Sufism and Christianity* and *The Triple Way* in *The New SCM Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, ed. Sheldrake, P. SCM. 2005
- Tyler, P.M. 'The Next Certitude' in *Faith in the Age of Uncertainty*, ed Sharma, S. New Delhi: Indialog, 2002

Journal Articles:

- Tyler, P.M., 'The Roots of Desert Spirituality' in *The Pastoral Review*, Vol 7:5, September/October 2011
- Tyler, P.M. 'The Desert Tradition and Christian Spiritual Direction' in *Vinayasādhana*. Vol 2, No.2. July 2011
- Tyler, P.M. 'The Mystical Strategies of St Teresa of Avila' in *Tattva: Journal of Philosophy*. Vol.3, No.1, Jan-June 2011
- Tyler, P.M. 'A Path to Inner Freedom: Spiritual Direction According to St John of the Cross' in *Mount Carmel*. Vol. 59, No.1, Jan-March 2011
- Tyler, P.M. 'Healing the Butterfly: Reflections on the Relationship between Psychotherapy/Counselling and Christian Spiritual Direction' in *Vinayasādhana*. Vol 1, No.1. January 2010
- Tyler, P.M. 'Merton at Fifty' in *The Merton Journal*. Vol 17, No.1 2010
- Tyler, P.M., "Let us Behold Ourselves in Your Beauty": John of the Cross as Christian Artist' in *Mount Carmel*, Jan – March 2010. Vol 58, No.1
- Tyler, P.M., 'Credere con il corpo' in *Gioventù Evangelica*, LVIII, Winter 2008

- Tyler, P.M., 'Thomas Merton 40 Years On: A Post-Modern Guide for Troubled Times' in The Pastoral Review, Vol 4:6, November/December 2008
- Tyler, P.M., 'St John of the Cross: That Much Misunderstood Mystic' in The Pastoral Review, Vol 3:3, May/June 2007
- Tyler, P.M. The Stulta Sapientia: Spiritual Direction and the Christian Mystical Tradition'. Presence: The International Journal for Spiritual Directors. March 2007
- Tyler, P.M 'Lessons from the Christian Mystical Tradition for Healthcare Today'. Spirituality and Healthcare International. Autumn 2006
- Tyler, P.M. 'A Spirit of Optimism': Thomas Merton and a Christian Spirituality for a New Millennium' in The Pastoral Review, Vol 2:4, July-August 2006
- Tyler, P.M. 'On Christian Prayer' in Spirituality, Vol. 9, No.49, July-August 2003
- Tyler, P.M. 'Thomas Merton: Icon of Commitment for the Postmodern Generation' in The Way Supplement: The Postmodern Generation, No.98, 2000
- Tyler, P.M. 'What Carmel Means to Me: The Night Journey of Prayer' in Mount Carmel, Vol. 47, No.4, Jan-March 2000
- Tyler, P.M. 'The Next Certitude' in India International Centre Quarterly, Vol. 26 +27, Nos4 + 1, Spring 2000

Book Reviews:

- Tyler, P.M.: Pound, M., Theology, Psychoanalysis and Trauma (London SCM:2007) in International Journal of Systematic Theology Vol 11:1, January 2009
- Tyler, P.M.: Spirituality Chronicle reviewing four books and one DVD: Wilson, C. The Heirs of St Teresa. Washington: Institute of Carmelite Studies, 2006; Du Boulay, S. Swami Abishiktananda: Essential Writings. New York: Orbis, 2006; O'Murchu, D. The Transformation of Desire. London: DLT, 2007; Holder, A. ed. The Blackwell Companion to Christian Spirituality, Oxford: Blackwell, 2005 and Atkinson, M (Producer), Soul Searching: The Journey of Thomas Merton. Duckworks, 2007, in The Pastoral Review, Vol 4:2 March/April 2008
- Tyler, P.M.: Holder, A. ed. The Blackwell Companion to Christian Spirituality. (Oxford: Blackwell, 2005) in Journal of Contemporary Religion. Vol 23:1, Jan 2008
- Tyler, P.M.: Macintyre, A. Edith Stein – A Philosophical Prologue (Continuum, London, 2006), pbk, The Pastoral Review, Vol 2:5, September/October 2006
- Tyler, P.M.: Spirituality Chronicle reviewing six books: Tacey, D. The Spirituality Revolution: The Emergence of Contemporary Spirituality (Brunner-Routledge: New York, 2004); Carrette, J and R. King, Selling Spirituality: The Silent Takeover of Religion (Routledge: London, 2005); ed Sheldrake, P. The New SCM Dictionary of Christian Spirituality (SCM: London, 2005); Dreyer, E and M. Burrows, Minding the Spirit: The Study of Christian Spirituality (The John Hopkins Press, 2005); Finley, J. Christian Meditation: Experiencing the Presence of God (London, SPCK, 2004); Jamison, C. Finding Sanctuary: Monastic Steps for Everyday Life (London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 2006) in The Pastoral Review, Vol 2:4, July-August 2006
- Tyler, P.M.: Maas, F. Spirituality as Insight: Mystical Texts and Theological Reflections. (Peeters: Leuven, Paris, 2004), pbk, pp. 176. in Carmelus, Vol 52 (2005):1
- Tyler, P.M.: Howells, E. John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila: Mystical Knowing and Selfhood. (Crossroad: New York), pp 212, pb in Mount Carmel, Vol. 53, No.4, October – December 2005.
- Tyler, P.M.: McLean, J. Towards Mystical Union: A Modern Commentary on the Mystical Text 'The Interior Castle' by St Teresa of Avila. (London and New York: St Paul's, 2003), pp 319, pb in Mount Carmel, Vol. 53, No. 1, Jan-March 2005
- Tyler, P.M.: Fanning, S. Mystics of the Christian Tradition. (London and New York: Routledge, 2001), pp xix,279, pb in Mount Carmel, Vol 52, No. 4, Oct-Dec 2004

Conference Presentations / Performances / Radio Broadcasts:

- Keynote Address: *The Mystical Strategies of St Teresa of Avila* at 'Mysticism Without Bounds', Christ University, Bangalore, India. January 2011
- *Teresa of Ávila's Strategies of Embodiment in The Meditaciones Sobre Los Cantares*. Delivered at conference 'Sources of Transformation: Revitalising Traditions of Christian Spirituality for Today'. St Marys University College, Twickenham, July 2009
- Keynote Speaker: *Healing the Butterfly: Reflections on the Relationship between Psychotherapy and Spiritual Direction*. Third International Slieve Croob Conference, Morne, N. Ireland. October 2007
- 'Teresa of Avila – Mystic for Today'. South London Third Order of Carmelites. October 2007
- 'Pathways Up the Mountain'. Series of four presentations with representatives from Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Buddhist traditions on the relationship between the mystical traditions of the four faiths and the Christian mystical tradition. London Diocesan Centre for Spirituality, Lombard St, London. September – November 2007
- 'Accompanying the Spiritual Journey of Others'. Opening presentation for the South East Institute for Theological Education (Anglican Ordination Training for South East of England). Canterbury, June 2007
- 'Sexuality and Spiritual Direction' Training Days for Anglican Dioceses of Bath and Wells and Worcester, September 2006 and April 2007
- Lecture: 'The Unconscious: Western and Eastern Models ' for Conference 'Contemporary Spirituality', Sarum College, Salisbury, May 2006
- *Mysticisms for the New Millennium*. Keynote speaker at Catholic Association for Retreats and Spirituality Annual Conference, The Hayes Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Talk published in *The Pastoral Review*, July/August 2006. January 2006
- 'Carmelite Spirituality' Talk given to Diocese of Portsmouth Spiritual Directors Training Course. January 2006.
- *What Can Therapy/Counselling learn from the Christian Mystical Tradition?* Guest lecture at AGM of Sarum Counselling Service. May 2006
- Radio interview given for BBC Radio 4 'Something Understood' with Sir Mark Tully broadcast on 4th June 2006.
- Other Radio appearances include interviews on BBC Radio 4 'Beyond Belief', 'Last Word' and BBC Radio Wiltshire.
- I am a founding member and Director of the Centre for Initiatives in Spirituality and Reconciliation (InSpiRe) at St Mary's UC. Since our inception we have hosted numerous KT events. The next major event will be our international conference: *The Cave of the Heart: Mindfulness, Contemplation and Social Renewal*, which will take place in June 2012 and of which I am the convenor. It is hoped the proceedings of this conference will be published at a later stage as those of our 2009 conference were published in 2010 as *Sources of Transformation* (see above).

Research

- Peter is presently working on three volumes: *The Bloomsbury Guide to Christian Spirituality* (Bloomsbury 2012) co-editing with Prof Richard Woods from the Dominican University, USA. This will include 18 major essays from the foremost writers in the area of Christian Spirituality.
- The second project is a co-authored book with Prof Michael Hayes on the relationship between Christian spirituality and psychotherapy: *Healing the Butterfly: Reflections on Psychotherapy and Spiritual Direction* (DLT 2013).
- The third work is entitled *Teresa of Avila and the Search for Spiritual Freedom* (Bloomsbury 2013) which will examine the writings of Teresa of Avila from contemporary perspectives.

Editorial Work

- 2006 – present. Reviews Editor and Editorial Adviser. *The Pastoral Review*.
- 2010 – present. Deputy Editor *Vinayasādhana: Journal of Psycho-Spiritual Formation*. Published at Dharmaram College, Christ University, Bangalore
- 2010 – present. Editorial Adviser, *Mount Carmel Journal*. Journal of the Teresian Carmelites of the Anglo-Irish Province