

Min Qatel lil Alla

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During this philosophical encounter, the speaker focused on Friedrich Nietzsche's cry that "GOD IS DEAD". He also referred to other philosophers of the 20th century, including Alitzer, Hamilton, Dato, Camus, Kaufmann and finished by the Jesuit philosopher Copleston.

A heated discussion followed and questions were raised concerning the message of the Church in today's modern world. These included religious topics that deal with the existence of God, education, media and how these are affecting those who claim to be believers.

The speaker clarified the point that Nietzsche's philosophy did not really refer to the Living God, but to the interpretations given about God at that time (1884-1900). Quoting the parable of the madman from Nietzsche's book entitled 'The Joyful Wisdom', one could recognise the metaphorical language used and, ultimately reach the conclusion that the reference appeared to refer to the death of man and not that of the Living God.

As often happens in philosophical encounters, there are more questions which are raised rather than answers provided!