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Patience et énigme selon Emmanuel Levinas

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For early Christian philosophy patience is a condition for becoming a person and to consent to the good. But for modern philosophy will is a self-determination and patience is only a form of self-perseverance. Levinas reverses Husserl's phenomenology and rediscovers patience as something more than a virtue. For Levinas patience as first passivity is respect for Time and a life for the other. In the path from *Totality and Infinity* to *Otherwise than Being or Beyond Essence*, Levinas describes the patience of vulnerability as a condition of responsibility. Levinas's philosophy is not an ethic, but it explains the social sense of patience.