

Patient Trust

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Above all, trust... in the slow work of God.

We are naturally impatient... in everything ...to reach the end without delay.
We would like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress...
that progress is made by passing through these stages of instability
and...that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is the same with you. Ideas mature gradually,
so,let them grow.

Let them shape themselves without undue haste.

Don't force them on, as though you could be today what time
will make it of you tomorrow.

Only God, could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that His hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

--Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.