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Summary

The central problem of this dissertation discourse is going to be the analysis of the problem of Czech atheism. I try to analyse the concept of atheism in the view of current theology, which means focus on this topic in the Holy Bible, analysis of the concept of atheism in relationship to Magisterium of the Church in order to find a closer look at causes of atheism in Bohemia and specify and define ways to dealing with the problem.

Fundamental theology is the main discipline using results of auxiliary disciplines like Biblical theology, philosophy of atheism and also history of the problem of atheism. This follows from the essential elements of the concept of atheism, which define philosophy of atheism, history of atheism and criticism of religion. A great assistance is provided by the results of the research of modern specialists in the field of atheism.

In my work, the theological method is the key one together with the analysis of the primal sources assisted by the key theological methods of fundamental theology. The concept of atheism is not closely quoted nor explicitly expressed in the Holy Bible because as a paradigm it was born and named in the hellenic context. For these reasons, the word *atheism* or *atheist* cannot be found in the biblical text, which does not mean, however, that we can not trace the reality described by this notion, its aspects, behavior or opinion which correspond with this concept.

The Church and its Magisterium under the leadership of papal authority express their attitude towards atheism at the end of the XIX. century when it begins to find itself confronted straightforward with that. Atheism is a sin and the successors of St. Peter have always condemned it. The second Vatican Council mentions atheism most often in the Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, in its 21.chapter. Here, atheism is analysed beginning with its causes, typology and continuing to ways of dialogue with people who although atheists are willing to search the truth. This must be viewed as expression of the need to search the Truth and overcome atheism.

Czech atheism is closer defined by a group of its historical causes which still echo among current Czech atheists. Its characteristics are the tragedy of religious

division and distrust towards the Catholic Church as an institution. To complete that, we attach the statistics data of the last surveys making the Czech atheism more specified. Here, the way can be found towards overcoming atheism in Bohemia.