

Antinomies in the Grand Inquisitor

	Thesis	Antithesis	Third Possibility
	Jesus Protestant	Grand Inquisitor Roman Catholic	Zossima Russian Orthodox
People are:	Free	Slavish	Sinful, need to be saved
I. Bread	Total asceticism Freedom	Material comfort State Socialism	Moderation Church Socialism
II. Community / Church	Isolated individual	Universal church Harmonious ant heap	Two or more in a loving community
III. Morality	Decides what is good and what is evil	Universal ethical principles	Do what you can to alleviate suffering
a) Confession	Silent with God	Private confession	Public confession
b) Miracles	Free verdict of the heart	Faith enslaved by miracles that break the laws of physics and chemistry	Miracles based on love (e.g., Grushenka)
c) Authority ?			
d) Mystery ?			