



Three Temptations

- 1) Turn stones into bread
- 2) Jump from the Temple
- 3) Worship the "great spirit"

1) Turn stones into bread

- Obedience (faith) cannot be bought with bread
 - "The universal and everlasting craving of humanity—to find someone to worship"
 - "Make us your slaves, but feed us."

2) Jump from the Temple

- Refuse to use miracle to captivate conscience
 - "There are three powers, three powers alone, able to conquer and to hold captive forever the conscience of these impotent rebels for their happiness—those forces are miracle, mystery, and authority."

3) Worship the "great spirit"

- Resist craving for universal unity by rejecting authority
 - "Hadst Thou accepted that last counsel of the mighty spirit, Thou wouldst have accomplished all that man seeks on earth—that is, someone to worship, someone to keep his conscience, and some means of uniting all in one unanimous and harmonious anti-heap, for the craving for universal unity is the third and last anguish of men."

Ivan (narrator of the tale)

- Atheistic
- Nihilistic
 - A diffuse, revolutionary movement of mid 19th-century Russia that scorned authority and tradition and believed in reason, materialism, and radical change in society and government through terrorism and assassination (dictionary.reference.com/search?q=nihilism)
- Realistic?

What do you make of the analysis of humanity?

The Inquisitor

- Humanistic and claims to be moved by love for humanity
 - "Nothing is more seductive for man than his freedom of conscience, but nothing is a greater cause of suffering."
 - "We have corrected Thy work and have founded it upon miracle, mystery, and authority. And men rejoiced that they were again led like sheep, and that the terrible gift that had brought them such suffering was, at last, lifted from their hearts."

What do you make of the motive and analysis of the Inquisitor?

Ivan

Atheistic and Nihilistic

*Whose analysis of humanity is correct?
Is there another way?*

Humanistic (?)

The Inquisitor

Critiques

- What is the nature of evil?
 - An external that needs to be managed?
 - (For Dostoevsky, attempt to manage evil > perfectionism > second-order evil > PRIDE)

How does a Lutheran understanding of original sin fit into the tale?

Critiques

- What is the goal of humanity?
 - To 'build a new tower,' a task for which the masses are unsuited
 - Contentment and happiness
 - It was Dylan's 50th birthday and an interviewer from *Rolling Stone* asked the famed musician if he was happy. Dylan (who was also never one to mince words) answered matter-of-factly, "Those are yuppie words, happiness and unhappiness. It's not happiness or unhappiness, it's either blessed or unblessed."
 - >> Switchfoot's "Happy is a yuppie word"

What did Jesus come to do for humanity?

Alternative: KENOSIS

- Freedom
 - Not "all is lawful" but *commitment / surrender*
- Happiness
 - Not contentment or pleasure but *peace and blessedness*
- Humanity
 - Not individual salvation but *salvation for world*
- Sacred and Profane
 - Not separated but *mystery throughout everyday life*

The Grand Inquisitor

How does this tale affect your understanding of the "Temptation of Jesus"?

Who are 'merchants of happiness' in the world today?

How does this tale affect your understanding of ministry?

: "Happiness in Slavery"

slave screams he thinks he knows what he wants
slave screams thinks he has something to say
slave screams he hears but doesn't want to listen
slave screams he's being beat into submission
don't open your eyes you won't like what you see
the devils of truth steal the souls of the free
don't open your eyes take it from me
i have found / you can find / happiness is slavery

slave screams he spends his life learning conformity
slave screams he claims he has his own identity
slave screams he's going to cause the system to fall
slave screams but he's glad to be chained to that wall
don't open your eyes you won't like what you see
the blind have been blessed with security
don't open your eyes take it from me
i have found / you can find / happiness is slavery

i don't know what i am i don't know where i've been
human junk just words and so much skin
stick my hands thru the cage of this endless routine
just some flesh caught in this big broken machine

http://www.allthelyrics.com/lyrics/nine_inch_nails/broken/happiness_in_slavery-12260-lyric/