Christianity in Western Literature – Resource Sheet

Resources - General

A useful historical compilation of 25 greats:

https://www.theodysseyonline.com/25-examples-bibles-influence-literature

This list has of fantasy fiction contains both Christian and Anti-Christian themes

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_religious_ideas_in_fantasy_fiction

This list focuses on modern award-winning writers:

https://relevantmagazine.com/culture/11-contemporary-authors-every-christian-should-read/

C.S. Lewis

A comprehensive resource for C.S. Lewis (1898 – 1963) https://www.cslewis.com/uk/

A measured appreciation of C.S. Lewis from an Orthodox point of view: https://orthodox.logos.com/2015/02/17/an-eastern-orthodox-appreciation-of-c-s-lewis/

Fyodor Dostoevsky

The theology of Fyodor Dostoevsky (1821 – 1881) [web page takes a long time to load but well worth waiting for!] http://orthochristian.com/51498.html

The text of the "Grand Inquisitor" from "The Brothers Karamazov" - http://www.gutenberg.org/files/8578/8578-h/8578-h.htm

Dostoevsky's classical moral dilemma in "The Brothers Karamazov" (the problem of evil and utilitarianism) in the chapter: "Rebellion."

> "Tell me straight out, I call on you—answer me: imagine that you yourself are building the edifice of human destiny with the object of making people happy in the finale, of giving them peace and rest at last, but for that you must inevitably and unavoidably torture just one tiny creature, [one child], and raise your edifice on the foundation of her unrequited tears—would you agree to be the architect on such conditions?. . . And can you admit the idea that the people for whom you are building would agree to accept their happiness on the unjustified blood of a tortured child, and having accepted it, to remain forever happy?"

An analysis of "Rebellion" with reference also to David Bentley-Hart (Orthodox)

https://alongthebeam.com/2018/12/16/dostoevskys-rebellion-and-the-problem-of-evil/

Journal: https://www.christianityandliterature.com/journal