

PHILOSOPHY

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Cultural and historical conception of VL. Solovyov and Russia's place in it

Considering the nature and specificity of development of society VL. Solovyev understands society as an organism that has a beginning of its earthly existence and its end. Humanity acts as a subject of development, as a collective body. In it we distinguish, first, its integral part, is tribes and peoples and, secondly, the forms of human life. Considering the cultural and historical process through the prism of the referral form data, VL. Solovyev distinguishes three major periods of human history. Currently, according to VL. Solovyov, mankind has entered the final stage of the third period of the existence, during which it must move from the earthly to the higher spiritual, the divine existence. However, to enter into this spiritual realm there must exist a third force, that is, the people that are able to mediate between humanity and supernatural reality, the divine beginning. Russia acts as a carrier of such people, free from all exclusiveness and one-sidedness, capable of moral self-denial in the name of humanity.

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