

N. Berdyaev about the main trends of Russian intellectual thought in XIX century

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The troubled times showed the obvious weakness and internal dissociation of Russian society. Moscow Russia was unable to protect itself from external aggression. To ensure the independence of Moscow Russia and its accelerated development, it was necessary to carry out numerous reforms of the entire Russian society. The reform of Russian society on the Western model was carried out by Peter I, but the attitude to his activities in Russian intellectual thought was not clear. In Russia in the XIX century, there were two main directions in assessing the reform of Peter I: the Western and slavophilic. Westerners fully supported all the reforms of Peter the Great. They saw no other path for Russia than the one that Western Europe was already following. In contrast to Westerners, Slavophiles believed that Russia has its own way of development, which is not limited only to the European one. In accordance with their views, all Russian people were united by the Slavic, in a narrower sense, national Russian idea. The views of representatives of both directions, according to Berdyaev, did not hold critics. Both Slavophilism and Westernism are overcome in Russian social and philosophical thought of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. But they are precisely creatively overcome, organically preserving the problems posed by these spiritual currents, in a meaningful Russian idea.

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