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Future studies of Shestov, it seems to me, should not devote more than a very limited space to the French intellectual scene, even though Shestov lived in Paris for nearly two decades.

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Most definitely he was neither a moralist nor a theologian. But there is something else that authorizes us to speak of Shestov and Simone Weil in one breath. Berdiaev came from a noble family.

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Eventually, this experience would lead us to faith. Yet it seems that Shestov 1923 successfully fulfilled the challenge he set himself at the beginning of All Things Are Possible: the challenge of inventing his own truth.

## Lev Shestov

. Marcel, Berdyaev and Shestov were all to fully embrace the existential approach, and to redefine it within a spiritual framework; in this they moved in concert with the few other religious existentialist such as Martin Buber and Karl Jaspers. Since Europeans first colonized Arab lands in the 19th century, they have been pressing to have the area's indigenous laws and legal systems accord with Western models.

## \*Shestov, Lev

Shestov admired Husserl precisely because he was a man ready to accept a verdict of reason even if it provided him with no comfort at all. . From the point of view of Christian socialism, Berdiaev recognized that the class struggle is a just reaction to social injustice and admitted the truth of the

communist principle of socializing production.

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Although many of these intellectuals had written about relations with the West while in Russia, in Paris these men daily found themselves living face to face with Western theology. Nevertheless, he was a man of the Scriptures. When I visited her in her small student hotel on the Left Bank, she was spending most of the day in bed with a fever.

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