Chapter VI

1. What two choices does Svidrigailov see for Raskolnikov's future?

2. Why does Svidrigailov give Sonia three thousand roubles? What advice does Svidrigailov give to Sonia before he departs?

3. Briefly describe Svidrigailov's dreams. What does he learn about himself from these dreams?

4. Why does Svidrigailov decide to kill himself at the end of this chapter?

5. Svidrigailov makes several references to America. In fact, his final words are, “When you are asked, you just say he was going, he said, to America.” Based on this reference, what is Dostoyevsky's opinion of America?