Chapter II

Vocabulary

charlatanism – the pretense of expert knowledge or a skill that does not exist

cupola – a small dome on a roof

enigmatic – perplexing; baffling

sombre – somber; melancholy

1. Where does Raskolnikov decide to hide the stolen property?

2. Raskolnikov hides the stolen purse without checking to see how much money it contains. When he realizes what he has done, he asks:

“How is it I did not even glance into the purse and don't know what I had there, for which I have undergone these agonies, and have deliberately undertaken this base, filthy, degrading business?”

How does Raskolnikov answer his question?

3. Why does Raskolnikov decide to visit Razumihin? How does Raskolnikov behave with his friend, and what is Razumihin’s reaction?

4. One theme in Crime and Punishment is the importance of Christian values in helping a person to rehabilitate. Find a passage in this chapter illustrating that Raskolnikov is not only isolated from his old friends, but he is also alienated from the church.