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Ilyich's Quotes and Themes

Directions: Match each **quote** (1-5) with the **theme** (A-E) that it best reflects. Write the correct letter next to the number.

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| 1. "Ivan Ilyich's life had been most simple and most ordinary and therefore most terrible." | A. The inevitability of death and the terror it inspires |
| 2. "It is impossible that all men have been doomed to suffer this awful horror." | B. The emptiness of a life lived for appearances |
| 3. "Gerasim alone understood and pitied him." | C. Redemption and spiritual awakening |
| 4. "Instead of death there was light." | D. The power of compassion and authenticity |
| 5. "He struggled as a man condemned to death struggles in the hands of the executioner, knowing that he cannot be saved." | E. Universal fear and denial of mortality |

Reflection: Choose one theme (A-E). Write a short paragraph explaining how that theme might still be relevant in today's world. Give one specific modern example.
