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Sommario/riassunto	Presents a study of the transformation of Bolshevik Party ideology, language, and power relations during the crucial period leading up to Stalin's seizure power. This work argues that Bolshevism - which claimed sole access to truth and morality - demonized its enemies and became in effect a theology that facilitated a monumental power shift.