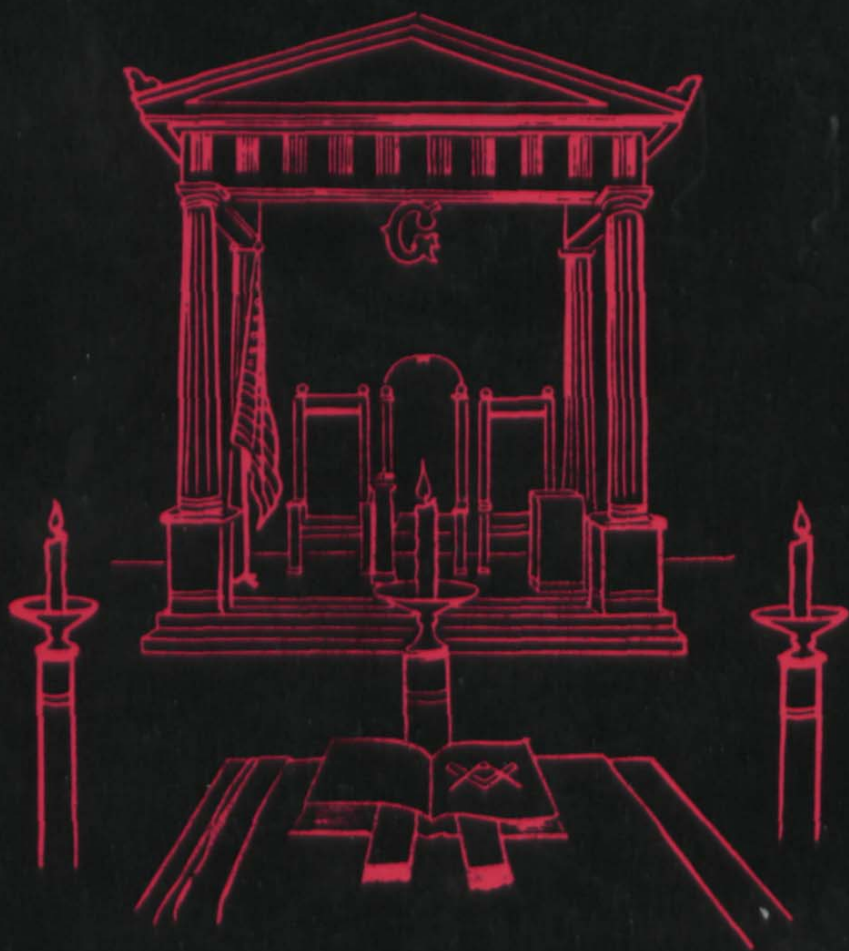


FREEMASONRY CONDEMNED FROM ITS OWN SOURCES



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Freemasonry has been the object of puzzled admiration or mild apprehension among naive and uninformed people. Among the more sophisticated and knowledgeable people Freemasonry is viewed with disgust and passionate opposition. The writer of the two studies presented here, *Freemasonry Versus Christianity* and *The Phallic Worship of Freemasonry Unveiled*, the late Dr. Benjamin Cook, and the editor, Dr. Ray Jurjevich, belong to the latter category. They have examined both the semi-public images of Freemasonry, and its hidden destructive applications in history, and have found it to be the most vile and pernicious, essentially satanic, movement. As in Nazi concentration camps where at the entrance one could read the prominently displayed slogan meant to deceive outsiders: "Work Makes for Happiness" (*Arbeit Macht Freude*), so Masonry has presented the facade of decency, tolerance, benevolence and idealism. Yet, as Christ said of the Pharisees—the co-founders (with Jewish bankers) of Masonry, "You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean" (Mat. 23:27)—Judeo-Masonry is the secret source of immorality, social decadence, Christophobia, Leftist revolutions and wars.

The sickness and confusion, immorality and degeneration of modern mentality arise directly from the domination of Freemasonry over the Christian religion, traditions and culture. The spiritually ugly world in which we live is the result of the conspiratorial dominance of the Judeo-Masonic ideology over all aspects of modern life: politics and art, media and education, publishing and religion. Leftism, liberalism, progressivism, socialism, internationalism, occultism, secularism, sexual revolution, Communism, godless "Humanism," and the New World Order are all the brood of Judeo-Masonry.

Dr. Cook has penetrated to the core of Freemasonry: it is a throwback to pagan fantasies and sick revelations of antichristic mystics and schemers: pre-Christian sex-worship, Talmudic deceitfulness, hedonism and self-centeredness of the decadent phase of the Roman Empire, and the international financiers' ambition to become the kings of the world, Masonry, in short, is the principal source of the evils of modern world. Its ugliness is revealed and explained unequivocally in the two studies of Dr. Cook.

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"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but
against principalities, against powers, against
the rulers of the darkness of this world, against
spiritual wickedness in high places."

—St. Paul, Ephesians
6:12

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INTRODUCTION

A. Freemasonry: Antichristic Conspiracy by Pharisees and Illuminati Scoundrels

Were Freemasonry only a set of odd pagan superstitions which are passed to the befuddled adepts as "ancient wisdom," it would not be worth investing time and energy in exposing its inanities. The pseudore-ligious aspects of Masonry are, however, only the cover-up for a deadly enmity toward Christianity and a fierce destruction of Christians which the Freemasons had instigated during the last two hundred years of revolutions, brutal dictatorships and wars.

The gist of the matter is that Freemasonry is a conspiracy to destroy the Christian order, religion, and state power, and replace them by an atheistic, socialist, collectivism global, predominantly Jewish dictatorship and a synthetic "religion."

The most important, but least recognized feature of Freemasonry is that it is an instrument of the international (atheistic Jewish) bankers in their drive to master and exploit the world through financial schemes. The most surprising aspect of Freemasonry as a tool of enslavement of humanity is that the modern revolutions, from the "French" (1789) to the "Russian" (1917) and later Communist takeovers, were masterminded, financed and facilitated clandestinely by the Jewish or Judaized bankers through Masonic organizations and agents. This may sound strange to people who get their information from the media that are almost completely controlled by Judeo-Masons or through the general education which is effectively forbidden to delve into these matters.

There is little doubt in the minds of people who had studied Masonry in depth and critically that the Masonic lore, rituals and particularly the international operations are under heavy Judaic direction and influence. The Popes of the last century knew that Judeo-Masons were their worst enemies. Yet the rank-and-file Masons ("Blue Lodges") are innocent of these insights. The revolutionary and anti-Christian functions of Freemasonry are revealed only to some of the adepts of "higher" degrees, the so-called Scottish Rite and the B'nai B'rith (exclusively Jewish) Masons. These evil, antichristic operations are carried out under the auspices of the atheistic Mother Lodge Grand Orient, of Paris, France, in which the godless Jews have always played a decisive role. (The name

refers to "Oriental," i.e., Jewish Kabbalistic and anti-Christian heresies. The Grand Orient Lodge itself was founded by the worst rogue of all Masonry, Adam Weishaupt, who launched the Illuminati, the most cynical conspirators.) This branch of Freemasonry fostered Communism as the most militant anti-Christian movement, and "Humanism" (secularism) and Liberalism, the most pernicious heresies, as the Popes and other aware Christian leaders have designated them.

Both in Europe and in America the nihilistic, scheming Freemasons were behind the secularization, i.e., de-Christianization of culture, popular outlook, education, art and media. On deeper analysis, secularization turns out to be essentially Judaization of thought forms and attitudes. The seeming rationalism of modern culture is basically a rejection of the Faith of the Old and New Testaments and reduction of religion to categories that would be acceptable to the Pharisees and Sadducees and their contemporary descendants. Thus we have come to no longer having Christian countries, but Judeo-America, Judeo-France, Judeo-Britain, or Judeo-Russia. The role of Freemasonry is thus revealed as the chief weapon of Christ's undying Adversary.¹

The importance of Freemasonry is in its being Satan's principal weapon against Christianity and Christians. In Satan's mighty army, Freemasonry is only one, albeit the most important, component. Freemasonry is the Pentagon, the center for planning and executing the anti-Christian offensives. Like a well-organized modern military campaign, Satan's efforts against Christ involve many units: there are units in the field, operating as Communists, Zionists, Leftists, liberals, secularists, "humanists," pagans and other deluded souls. They operate in the media and publishing, in movies and theater, education and political action. There is the department of disinformation, spreading false images and concepts and the propaganda section to advance the anti-Christian ideas, defame Christian leaders and misguide the population.

Dr. Benjamin Cook, the author of these two studies, was an opponent of Communists, Liberals (i.e., those liberated from the allegiance to Christ), Leftists, Christ-hating Jews and other Judaizers. He wanted to demonstrate—particularly for the benefit of wooly-headed American Christians—that antichristic Pharisees had sneaked into positions of power in the United States, and are spreading views calculated to turn

¹Readers interested in the ugly role which the Jewish leaders, the contemporary Pharisees, have played in the degeneration of religion, morality and culture in the modern Western world and elsewhere, should study one of my books, *The F.O.J. (Fear of the Jews) Syndrome in America*. Its two volumes, *Bamboozled Americans and Their Vile Brainwashers* and *Americans—A Nation of Dupes, Sheep and Wimps?*, can be obtained from Omni Publications or from their publisher, Ichthys Books, Inc. (P.O. Box 64, St. Mary's, KS 66536).

Americans away from Christ and His Church. (By Christ's Church I mean here all those organized and non-organized Christians who have submitted their minds and their lives to Christ as the Supreme Master and Lord in this life and in eternity.)

How Dr. Cook paid dearly for his opposition to the Pharisees and their subservient "Christian" Judaizers is related in the forthcoming sections.

Only two religions In the world

There are two major religions in the Western World: the religion of God, Christianity and the religion of His Adversary, Judeo-Masonry. Being the religion of the ruler of this world, Judeo-Masonry has become the dominant faith of the so-called civilized world. This is the most stupendous, yet least admitted fact by the brainwashed historians and religionists. (See my newest book, *Christian Revolt, Long Overdue: Toward America's Freedom From Aliens*⁹ for a full discussion of the Judaization of all important aspects of American life, mentality and character.)

People do not, of course, get publicly baptized in this hidden religion, nor are their names written in some registers. Yet, whenever you meet people of secularized minds, you are dealing with adepts of the Judeo-Masonic pseudo-religion, Masons without apron or with it. They are, as a rule, not aware of it and may feel surprised or offended by anyone pointing to the signs of the Judeo-Masonic or secularist mentality to which they proudly cling.

They may even consider themselves Christians and be bishops, priests, ministers or prominent laymen in Christian Churches, yet they in fact belong to the church of the Devil, to the Synagogue of Satan, as Christ called it (Rev. 2:9). Being officially a Christian means nothing. Christ rebuked the leading apostle, Peter, for trying to influence Him to avoid the Cross, "Get thee behind me, Satan!" (Matth. 16:23). Christ also warned His disciples to "beware of the leaven of the Pharisees," i.e., self-righteous attitudes and lack of adoration for the Son of God.

Judeo-Masonry is essentially a stealthily organized offensive against Christ. The Pharisees have been at work against Jesus and His Church for two thousand years. And with the help of their Father Satan (John 8:44) they have clandestinely injected their infidel minds and imposed their will on millions of Christians:

They did it sometimes through secular education. (Christ's teachings are never to be mentioned in public schools, according to the secularist judicial authorities).

With others through the media. (Admiring attitudes for all sorts of great men and indifference or even contempt for Christ and His Church).

With yet others through politics. (Communism, socialism, "separation of Church and State," Leftist-liberalism).

Through art. (Ugliness of forms, immodesty, siding with Christ's enemies or culture asserting ungodly values, rebellious attitudes).

By inducing reliance on human reasoning in matters of God's revelation.

We live in a post-Christian world. Our values are man-made. The largest number of educated and civilized people do not care what Christ said and God revealed in the Bible. They are pagans, their minds secularized. All that decline did not just happen. It was planned and doggedly pursued by Christ's enemies, the Pharisees/Talmudists/Judeo-Masons. The fact that readers may not believe this attests to dominance of the ideas injected into Christian minds under the guise of secularist history or political/social theory, "democracy," "scientific" mentality, pluralistic culture, progress and many other concepts leading away from the only proper attitude toward Christ—submission and adoration.

This is admittedly an unconventional and Christian view of Freemasonry. The leaders of Christianity—the Popes and conservative priests, anti-revolutionary politicians and nationalists—have known to the last two or three hundred years that they were facing a crafty enemy under many disguises. They called for opposition against all the subterfuges with which the Judeo-Masons were undermining the influence of Christ's Church and His teachings.

The cunning enemy spoke in public of seemingly great and deceptively offered Masonic ideas: progress of humanity, brotherhood in relationships, social justice, care for the poor, human rights. Yet wherever the Judeo-Masons came into power through their militant front, the Communist movement, they established the bloodiest terror never matched in the previous history of humanity, which otherwise abounded in massacres and persecutions on a much smaller scale.

Naive people never see beyond the veil which the Freemasons placed over their eyes. They think of Masonry as social clubs, as tolerance of religious beliefs, even as a new, non-dogmatic, broad-minded religion. Dr. Cook has penetrated beyond the masks and pretenses of Freemasonry and showed it to be basically an anti-Christian heresy, intent on destruction of Christianity and re-imposing the pagan religions, vanquished by Christians many centuries earlier.

B. Dr. Ben Cook, a psychologist ruined by Leftist-secularist Jews¹

1. Two Christian brothers meet

We were friends, though we would not have recognized each other in the street. Our contact was through occasional short letters and mostly by

¹Part B of the Introduction is Chapter VIII, "Dr. Ben Cook: A Psychologist Ruined by Judeo-Masons" from my forthcoming book, *Patriots, Victims of the ZOG* (Zionist Occupation Government). — Ed.

phone, as I lived in Western Colorado and he 1,500 miles away in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I knew him only in the last year of his life.

He contacted me first in the Fall of 1987 in connection with the two books I had published in 1985, *The Contemporary Faces of Satan*⁶ and *The War in Christ in America*⁵. He was delighted by them as he was a traditionalist (Lutheran) Christian and he appreciated my unequivocal stand for Christian culture and against the secularist, liberal, Judaizing heresy.

Although he was 23 years younger, we found that we were kindred spirits. He was converted to Christ at 15 after a brief flirtation with the Communist party. He evidently sobered up earlier than I did (see 3: 58-69). In the 1960's, with Leftism rampant in the universities, he and a few of his friends stood in opposition to the mindless crowds of progressives and the pro-Communist Vietnam War protesters. The result was that the Leftists marked him for destruction.

He particularly liked that my two books did not fail to point out the suppressed truth that Communism was a Jewish creation and a tool for the destruction of Christianity and Christians.

He was pretty well-acquainted with the Talmud and its scandalous and subhuman morality (see 1: 92-124). He had published two studies on Freemasonry. The first, appeared in 1965, when he was only 27 and had not yet received his Doctorate in Education and Counseling from the University of Pittsburgh. It was entitled *Freemasonry Versus Christianity*.

He had no illusions about Americans being duped by the Jews. As I had to divide into two volumes what was to be a one-volume book, *The F.O.J. Syndrome in America*, I had tentatively adopted for the title of the first volume, *Bamboozled Americans and Their Vile Brainwashers*. I was not sure if I should use the seemingly colloquial expression in the title. I wondered if a less offensive word, like confused or deceived should be better employed. I asked Ben about it in one of our telephone conversations. He shot back without hesitation: "Don't change the word. They are bamboozled by the Jews and why not state the truth?" He had evidently arrived at the deceptive role of the Jews among Americans much earlier than I had. So the title remained unchanged on the strength of Ben's conviction.

2. Two studies by Dr. Cook

*Freemasonry Versus Christianity*¹¹ is a pithy and thoroughly researched, though not long (32 letter-format pages) study of Masonry as a mystical pseudoreligion, a bitter enemy of Christianity, based largely on the pantheistic and the eclectic principles of the Kabbala. In other words, Masonry was a Judaizing tool, reverting to ancient Gnostic speculations and extravagant claims of superior understanding of all religions. It

shamelessly taught that Christianity and other religions were the corrupt forms of the fictitious, one true religion which allegedly used to be taught in the past to the adepts of the ancient mystery cults. It was now happily retrieved to the so-called higher degrees of Freemasonry. All hogwash and puerile mind-games. Yet many ostensibly intelligent people bought it.

A great amount of research had gone into this study, with quotations on Freemasonry by Freemasonic ideologists and by the leaders of the major Christian denominations. All of the latter condemned Masonry as a blasphemy against Christianity and a gross Talmudic/Kabbalistic corruption of Old Testament Judaism. The title sections of Cook's study show the universal Christian judgment of Freemasonry as: a Christless Religious Institution, Idolatry, Lawlessness (Nihilism), Wantonness, Blasphemous Oaths Taken, and Desecrating Penalties Exacted. The fact that Freemasonry is compatible with liberal religious views, tells both of the secret origin of liberalism among Christians and the religious corruption that is embodied in Freemasonry.

The Masons, not unlike their brothers in Satan, the Talmudists, are known to have killed the traitors of their trivial secrets. Cook lists 15 names of persons condemned by Masonic leaders and murdered (11: p. 2). Having known the criminal mentality of some Masons, it required of Ben considerable courage and Christian readiness to sacrifice himself for the cause of truth. Maybe he had thus prepared himself for the dark days of his life that he experienced for several years prior to his death in the Fall of 1988.

The other powerful, if condensed, study published by Dr. Cook probably not many years after the *Freemasonry Versus Christianity*, was *The Phallic Worship of Freemasonry Unveiled*.¹² It consists of quotations from the authoritative text of all Masonry, even of the ignorant Blue Lodge members, Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*. Although of relatively small size, Ben's study is extremely rich in references to mystical-Gnostic formulations embodied in the pagan-Kabbalistic teachings of that avowed sa-tanist. Pike's religious position is best symbolized in his considering Christ to have been wrong, and Judas Iscariot right. Pike, a "high priest" of the Illuminati scoundrels, hated the dominance of Christ in the Western culture. He did what he could to bring down Christianity through secularism, political liberalism and Leftism, and the spread of nihilistic immorality. (For further information on this despicable Masonic ideologist see *Christian Revolt*, Long Overdue (9: 109, 205-209).

Just the patience to go through Pike's theosophic garbage testifies to Dr. Cook's Christian zeal and capacity for sustained intellectual work and study. (This feature of his personality is not unrelated to the findings of my formal evaluation of his personality, which I had not anticipated at

this point.) Dr. Cook divided the study into two parts: One: the anti-Christian Theology of Freemasonry, and Two: The Sexual Deity of Freemasonry.¹

3. The persecution of Dr. Cook

After several telephone conversations and probable reading of my three books (4,5,6) in manuscript, Ben started telling me about the trouble which the Freemasons, Communists and Jews had caused him: in 1980 they had manipulated him into losing his license for an independent, i.e. unsupervised psychological practice. It was very painful for him to speak about it, as if it were a source of deep shame and disgrace in his life. Only after returning to this situation a number of times and sensing that I was an empathetic listener and an ideological and Christian brother, did he reveal the full extent of his pain, humiliation and despair. Then he asked me if I would help him in regaining his license. After learning the circumstances under which the revengeful Jewish psychologists and lawyers arranged for the suspension of his license—the only basis of his professional earnings²—I promised to help him all I could.

In order to help me participate intelligently in the attempt to regain his license, he sent me the official preliminary court hearings and the psychological evaluation written by a Jewish psychologist which led to his sus-

¹For instance, many uninstructed Masons had naively thought that the letter "G" found sculpted or printed above the Masonic altars referred to God. This example of Masonic duplicity is illustrative of the general tenor of dishonesty which Masonry shares with Talmudism (see 1: 203,204) and its derivative Communism (see 2: 274). The "G" of Masonic Temples stands not for God, but for the ancient phallic deity, Ghea, the Mother Earth, as symbolic of fertility and sexuality. The primitive worship of the reproductive force was thus revived in Masonry.

This is the great "secret" of Freemasonry, "Revealed" only to the profoundly brainwashed candidates for "higher" degrees. Freemasonry is thus demonstrated as a throwback to paganism.

It is also of interest at this juncture that Ben's and my minds worked with similar discernment regarding modern paganism. Just as he discovered the phallic features of Masonry, I discerned it in another Jewish and pagan teaching particularly venerated among brainwashed-educated Americans, Freudism. In the 1960's I had begun a study, tentatively titled, Psychoanalysis: A Phallic Pseudoreligion Posing as Psychological Science. It remained partly completed, as I turned my attention to what seemed to be more important topics expressed in the books published in the 1980's.^{1,2,4,5,6} Showing thus the despicable essence of the Masonic Secret, Ben added another strong reason for the Jewish-Masonic-Communist revengeful rage against him.

²Readers can perceive in depriving Ben of his livelihood a parallel with the lifelong persecution and lack of earnings imposed by the Jews and their minions on Eustace Mullins (see 7).

pension.

I was enraged. What Talmudic/Masonic perfidy! A mother, whose teenage daughter Ben was treating, had lodged a complaint with the Committee on Ethics of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. (The psychological associations of the states and nationally are dominated by Jews or the well-brainwashed liberal goyim, who tend to be provoked as much as their Jewish trainers by any signs of anti-Communism or anti-liberalism.)

The complaint was as banal as most grudges parents have against psychotherapists. It alleged that Dr. Cook had supported her daughter in rebellion against an abusive, alcoholic father; that he had not answered her telephone calls while she was trying to pressure him to change his tactics in psychotherapy and make the daughter more submissive. No other impropriety on Ben's part was asserted by the mother.

Ben had professional and personal reasons for leading the girl toward resistance to the crushing pressure of her emotionally abnormal father and a mother subservient to the bread-winning tyrant. If he had not taken the course he had, he would have betrayed the growth the girl needed to become a self-directing adult.

Personally, he identified with his patient's plight because he had been an abused child. His father was a tyrannical alcoholic and mother too intimidated to stand up to the bully and protect her only son from rages. The more Ben refused to give his crazy father the satisfaction of crying, begging for mercy and asking forgiveness for his "faults" (as he was a good child), the more violent beatings he received. He finally left the hell of his parental home when he was fifteen and took care of his needs ever since. (Again, a testimony to his basically good mental health, which is pertinent to the injustice perpetrated by his Jewish colleague, the Freudian evaluator.)

4. Jews ganging up on a Christian opponent

Psychological associations receive such trivial complaints as those against Dr. Cook by the dozen. The president of the Ethics Committee or similar body would usually call the psychologist, discuss the situation with him or her, and would later find some way of pacifying the complainant, without being insensitive to his or her annoyance. Usually the matter would end there and rarely is the complaint taken to the courts. Well, the complaint against the anti-Communist, anti-Mason, and anti-liberal, Dr. Cook was not handled that way.

On the contrary, they seized upon this insignificant complaint and made a big deal of it and used it as a channel of revenge against the man they had for years hated and maligned privately among themselves. Probably, like the Pharisees arranging for the murder of Jesus, they thought they

were doing a service to the profession by eliminating an undesirable "fascist" or "right-winger." Subtly and righteously, they encouraged the mother to feel wronged and justified in her complaint and she was led to believe that her case was important. The enemies used this welcome occasion to ruin Dr. Cook.

Here, it seems to me, Ben's old psychological handicap became fatal for him. People who had been abused in childhood tend to fall into the old pattern of feeling helpless and defeated in advance, without putting up a fight that would have confounded the bully. Ben was so shocked by the turn of events and by the threatening behavior of his colleagues that he could not use his sharp mind and acted as if he did not know how to take care of his interests. Instead of challenging their exaggerated concern with the trivial complaint, he mistook them for powerful and righteous judges and surrendered himself in a penitent role. Instead of growling and baring his teeth, he retreated and lost the battle.

The treachery continued. He went from Annas to Caiaphas, to Pilate. He sank more deeply into the trap which the hateful Jews had prepared for him. In his self-defeating pattern, he thought naively of the professional obligation of a lawyer to fight for his client's cause the best way he could, and he chose a Jewish lawyer. He had forgotten what he had read in the Talmud, that a good Jew seeing a Christian in mortal danger should let him perish. This knave of a lawyer advised him to let the noose be tightened around his neck. The complainant had asserted that Ben was not of good mental health and the psychologists and psychiatrists in that Board seized at that allegation as if it came from an expert in mental evaluation. Instead of telling Ben what was clearly appropriate to the situation, i.e., to reject all aspersions about his mental health, the Talmudist lawyer advised this perceived enemy of his race and Masonic ideology to move more deeply into the quicksand. My bamboozled friend followed the advice to go to a psychologist to prove his mental health. Ben evidently was not able to think, crushed by what he imagined to be a terrible disgrace.

5. Dr. Judas, a false witness

He spent several hours talking with the Jewish psychologist, a Freudian, as practically all of them are. Freudians, like their teacher Freud, are obsessed with any signs, and mostly alleged signs, of psychopathology. From tiny and trivial indications of the supposed mental weakness and aberration they make a long production, and confidently announce that they have discovered serious symptoms of mental abnormality or hidden psychological illness. With their psychopathological zest to discover mental illness and by exaggerated and arbitrary signs of mental weakness on their so-called projective tests, they can make anyone, even Freud, appear at least neurotic. In my book, *The Hoax of Freudism: A Study of Brainwashing American Professionals and Laymen*,^{3:106-112} I have de-

scribed a number of cases of such irresponsible and flimsy diagnoses.

Ben told me that his Jewish psychologist said to him at the end of the series of sessions and psychological tests that he had found no serious indications of psychopathology in the interviews and tests. Ben was relieved and hopeful, but the Jew evidently changed his mind after talking with some of his Jewish friends¹ and recommended in his report that Dr. Cook be dismissed from the rosters of independent practitioners of psychology because he had discovered some serious cracks and abnormalities in his psyche!

6. Psychology in the service of the Talmudists

Ben sent me a copy of this "evaluation" with other documents when he asked me to provide a new report on his present mental status to be used in invalidating his suspension, if necessary in the court. I read it and felt disgusted with the low point to which the American profession of psychology had sunk under the recognizable or hidden leadership of the Jews. Here was the "science of psychology" used as a weapon of Leftist and Jewish revenge against a man who had refused to be brainwashed in the Leftist-liberal preconceptions. This biased interpretation of standard Freudian clues to "abnormality" were as reliable as would be reports on the intellectual ability of a student by an incompetent teacher; the exaggerated weaknesses in educational achievement could then be used to prevent his further progress to college levels of study, like Ben's psychological practice was interrupted for non-existent psychological disability. My reaction to this libelous and evil report is expressed in the evaluation I provided to Ben's lawyer, which will be given in full in the Appendix of Patriots, Victims of the ZOG.

I felt furious at the injustice dealt to him. I realized that he was crushed

¹A friend of mine, a highly qualified Professor in Physics, who had published two well-recognized textbooks that were used in graduate courses in universities, told me of his experiences with the Jewish controls and tricks. The Jewish pattern of revenge is evidently well-established. He would apply for a teaching position at a university or scientific institute. The deans and presidents would show enthusiasm about his application for a position in their school and would confidently promise to get him on the teaching staff.

When he inquired after a week or two, the situation was completely reversed. They showed coldness and evasiveness which were not there at the first contact. Now they told him of the problems they had with the budgets or how some staff member changed his mind about leaving, etc. My friend knew what had happened: the Jews in control of that profession disclosed that my friend was on the Jewish list of undesirables. He had refused in the past to comply with the Jewish leaders secretly ruling the universities at which he taught and they had placed him on their black list.

by it even more than he was able to speak or write about it. He did not complain about his poverty indirectly, but I learned of it from hints here and there as I was trying to advise him on handling his situation in a better way and leading himself out of the predicament in which he was suffering. For seven years after the suspension of his license, he had eked out a living by tutoring high school students in mathematics and other subjects. He had become a prisoner of what he felt was his disgrace and fearful of considering other solutions for practicing psychology in other ways open to him as a highly trained person. I pointed out to him that he could work in schools or institutions in his state without the need of being licensed; the license pertained only to independent practice. The suspension did not mean disqualification from psychological work in general; he had misinterpreted it and made it into an insuperable handicap for himself. Although he was borrowing on his home in order to supplement the earnings from tuition, he never applied to any other agency or institution for jobs for which he was qualified. He imagined that they would refuse to take him. They might have done that, but then he could have protested the discrimination at the bias shown against him.

He did not even try to go to other states where suspension from the practice in Pennsylvania would be irrelevant. He brightened up when I mentioned to him that he could enlist as a psychologist and be a captain in the military services and be in humanly useful employment. He could serve in those places also as a civilian under the Civil Service Commission, as I did for ten years. He would have probably done that if he had not died within a few months.

The reinstatement as a psychologist in Pennsylvania was his main interest all through his illness. A lawyer from his church agreed to bring his case before the Psychological Commission or Board and to carry it into the court if necessary. My psychological evaluation was to be used as one of the bases of appeal on Ben's behalf. But first the story of infamy of the Jewish defamation and knavery toward Dr. Ben Cook.

7. The Talmudists do in their helpless victim

His former traitorous lawyer, instead of devising ways of combating the bad situation, pushed him further into trouble. Instead of guiding him to fight the defamation of that psychological "report," the Talmudist knave advised him to accept it as professionally valid and admit that he should be disqualified from functioning as a psychologist. As the lawyers betrayed Rudy Stanko,¹⁰ in fear of arousing the Jewish revenge against them, Ben's lawyer advised him not to make waves and voluntarily accept the suspension in exchange for the alleged lenience of the Psychologist Board who would then "drop the case." The "case" was non-valid and practically non-existent. Had Ben not been demoralized by the hounding of the Jewish and Judaized professional community, he would have real-

ized that they had nothing on him, that his behavior was in no way a breach of professional ethics, and that they had no ground for taking his license away from him. Unfortunately he was paralyzed by seeing himself as a helpless victim in the hands of his mighty Jewish persecutors.

I do not blame him for acting helpless even if that scoundrel of a lawyer had not misguided him. He told me that the State Attorney General—or Deputy, whatever the representative of the State who was growling at him might have been—was pushing to make Ben's alleged incompetence a big scandal in the court. Ben knew this man to be another Jew and Communist and was aware that the Jewish power was mobilized behind him to crush this "anti-Semite" and "Fascist." He felt trapped and abandoned himself to the guidance of his traitorous lawyer.

Ben did not know then that he was in the same psychological position as American POW's in the hands of Korean/Chinese Communist brainwashers. These tricksters pretended to be friends and concerned with the welfare of the baffled and buffaloeed American while guiding him toward betraying his country and testifying that Americans had used biological weapons in the Korean War (see 3: 427-449).

In the Appendix I of *Patriots, Victims of the ZOG*, readers can see for themselves that Ben was no more mentally sick or unbalanced than any other psychologist or even an average human being. If, at the point at which I evaluated him and after seven years of stress, anxiety, depression and suffering, he was psychologically within the average range, then at the time of that first evaluation by Dr. Judas he must have been in an even better mental shape. If this is a sound conclusion—and I honestly think that it is—then his whole suspension from independent practice was a sham. He was, evidently, railroaded by people who hated him and used false pretenses to bar him from private practice and ruin him by depriving him of his livelihood. The annals of the societies living under Communist dictatorship abound in such cases of arbitrary and maliciously motivated interruptions of professional life, ruinous sentences and both family and individual tragedies.

The other points of my evaluation—the deterioration in the character and personality of modern, secularist psychologists; the corruption of the profession by the atheistic, Freudian Jews and the goyim that they had brainwashed in graduate schools and the arbitrariness of psychological procedures—readers can consider reviewing my two reports in the above mentioned Appendix I.¹

¹The texts of my reports on Dr. Cook are given there in full also to enable professionals and lay people with common sense to judge for themselves how groundless was the suspension from psychological practice, that fatal blow the revengeful, ugly Jews dealt him.

The Talmudic scenario around Ben was complete. Those psychologists who were Christians of sorts or even if they were Christian believers, were so overtrained in the FOJS (Fear of the Jews Syndrome) that they would not have dared to stand in defense of a Christian psychologist whom the Jews and Judaized wimps had branded with some terrible designations, like being an "anti-Semite." (In fairness to the cowardly Americans avoiding trouble with the powerful and ferocious Jews, I should point out that the Germans under Nazi tyrants or other people under the Communist brutes, would have shown no more civic courage than Americans cowering before the Jewish might.)

Knowing the situation unconsciously, if not consciously, Ben let himself be led to his ruin without protest, not unlike the victims of a raging mob who do not dare to show opposition to being lynched.

I empathized fully with Ben and his plight, not only because he was my Christian brother-believer and co-warrior against the Jewish domination over America and Americans, but also because I had been in his position of loneliness in the 1970's. In my spiritual autobiography, *A Psychologist's Ventures in Faith*,⁴ I had described my being a lonely hawk, in favor of a more decisive push against the Communists in Vietnam, while all the brainwashed crowd of other professionals wished for a Communist victory in that war.

8. My evaluation of Dr. Cook's psychological status

I am referring to the reports mentioned above. I sent them to the lawyer and a psychiatrist, Ben's friend, who was willing to participate as an expert witness to deny the validity of the evaluation on which the suspension was originally based. In short, there was nothing psychologically wrong with Ben and there was much that was right. Those two letters contain much justified criticism of the profession of clinical psychology as practiced at present. It should more correctly be called Judeo-psy-chology.

9. Death takes Dr. Ben Cook out of Judeo-America

Not long after I became acquainted with him, Ben told me that he probably had to go for surgery on his tongue. He had a lesion two or three months earlier and a small piece of his tongue was excised. There was now the threat of a bigger surgery cut and he was depressed over it. His doctor suspected that a malignant tumor had developed.

Ben called me two days after surgery. It was difficult to understand him on the phone as they had cut off not only a portion of his tongue lengthwise, but also the surrounding tissues in the neck in the hope of extirpating the cancer. I was evidently the only person he cared to talk with at that time. I tried to be as much comfort for him as I could; I felt for

him as for my closest. Here was a decent human being struck by a dread disease. He had suffered much in his life, beginning with the hell in his home. I knew that the specter of death was hovering over his mind and I hesitated only a little to ask him if he was afraid of dying. He denied that he was, but I continued saying that it would be only human if he were afraid, but that both of us had the faith that our lives were in God's hands and that He may remove us or keep us in this world according to his Providence. I reminded him that he had read my Ventures in Faith and that I had been close to death many times even though I was not always aware of it. He admitted that he was ready to die if such were God's will. I checked with him if he kept close to God in praying and reading the New Testament. He said he was. In the main he was still hopeful. He liked my psychological report on him and thanked God that he had met me at this point in his life.

He was impatient with his lawyer for not working faster on his case. He wanted to get back into psychological practice, move out of his precarious existence and be free and active again. He did not mention regaining his self-respect which his enemies had taken away from him, but I recognized the unspoken yearning for a brightness of outlook and a comfortable emotional state. He had evidently regained the hope and the dread of death had receded. I assured him that I would testify in court on his behalf, if the Pennsylvania Psychological Board refused to reinstate him in preliminary negotiations. He was glad that we might have an opportunity to get acquainted in person and I continued in my anticipated pleasure of spending some time together.

Three months later another blow struck. Lymph nodes under his armpits and other places were removed in order to try to stop the spread of cancer. He was weak from surgery and despondent. I tried to help him lift his spirits and he was grateful for whatever goodwill and love I was showing. He was even able to tell me a joke about the Jewish rite of circumcision. In his younger and wilder days he had gone to the public lectures in the Jewish centers and synagogues and argued the embarrassing points of the Talmud with rabbis, as ordinary Jews were ignorant about the sick elements of their faith.

A month later he sounded weaker on the phone. He had lost his appetite and could not eat the cheap food he was able to afford. I offered to send him some money, but he declined. He said he could manage on what he had and hinted that someone else was helping him. He had some stomach trouble and thought that may be because the cancer was spreading. He had refused radiation treatment and chemotherapy and he knew that these rarely cured anyone and usually increased the discomfort of the patient.

In order to lighten the disadvantage of my being unavailable to talk with Ben, I had written to Fr. George Pierce telling him about Ben and

recommending Ben for his help if he asked for it. I did not want to push anyone on Ben, a proud and sensitive man.

Yielding to my pressure, Ben said that he would get himself to some nursing home or hospital. His last words to me were, "I'll miss you and our talks, Ray." "Christ be with you, Ben, and bless you," I said.

When I put the receiver down, I was crying. I felt guilty for not being available to Ben, the life-long sufferer, now in his severest trials. I was not sure that I would ever talk to him again. I was going to a beautiful country of glaciers, deep valleys and emerald meadows and lakes and he was struggling with his hard destiny. I prayed that Christ's presence would help him overcome despair.

The Jews, who had pushed him into his plight, were to be blamed for his death to a large extent. Some psychologists have investigated the stresses in the lives of cancer patients and felt confident that stress is, if not the cause, then a facilitating factor in a great many cases. It appears that the stress brings a dysfunction of the regular body defenses and the cancer starts in many various parts of the organism. This appears logical. If in some experiments on the effects of stress on rats, a trivial annoyance like an irregularly intermittent puff of air can cause an ulcer, how much worse can the stress be in emotionally more highly responsive human beings?

I had sent him some books on how a few people had overcome their cancers with prayer and special diets, but he evidently could not move in that direction. He had heard of a Polish doctor practicing in Texas who was curing many people with certain injections. He wrote there, and found that the treatment would cost several thousand dollars and he could not afford it.

He went to a center in Illinois, stayed there three weeks and returned feeling somewhat better.

I was extremely busy at that time with completing the work on the two volumes of The F.O.J. Syndrome in America and planning the promotion. The printers were about six weeks late in completing their work and my schedule was badly in disarray. Already in the beginning of the year we had arranged to leave at the end of July for a vacation in Switzerland. Ben knew about that.

In spite of the heavy pressure on me, I frequently wondered how my friend Ben was doing and where he was. Three days before our departure he called. He sounded weak, his voice was hoarse, the disease was getting the upper hand. He was still alone in his home trying to take care of himself the best way he could. I realized that he was in a desperate situation. I told him that he would have to be in a place where someone would take care of him. He was too sick to be on his own. As he seemed reluctant to get anyone involved, I asked him if he would want me to call my friend, Rev. George Pierce, an Episcopalian priest, who was now serving

in a town not far from Pittsburgh. He was not too willing.

10. The Talmud approves of Jewish brutality

The Jews, in their anxiousness to secure their power in America and their excessively aggressive (neurotic) reacting toward those who rebel against Jewish dominance, had put Ben into the psychological equivalent of several years living in a dungeon. He was prone to despair because of his tragic childhood and his persecutors added to Ben's feeling of defeat that finally broke down his capacity to resist cancer. The Jews thus ruined him.

I remembered the sophistries of the Talmud about how the Jew can kill an Akum (Christian) and yet not be held responsible for that death. (See facsimile pages of the Talmud in Elisabeth Dilling's *The Plot Against Christianity*.^{27:179-181}). If a Jew bound the Christian and let a stream of water drown him, he would be held responsible for the murder; but if he left the Akum bound a bit further from the dam and then opened the sluice, it would be—according to the hateful Talmudic mind—the water, and not the Jew, who killed the Gentile. Again, if the Jew left a man locked in an alabaster chamber (air-tight) and lit the candle which would consume the air and suffocate the man, the Jew would be responsible for this death; but if he casually left the candle there and the natural consequences resulted in the death, he would not be considered guilty. Or, if a Jew threw a Gentile into a deep pit, and removed the ladder soon thereafter, he would not be responsible for the death of that man because he could have climbed out of that pit immediately; as he did not, he was guilty of his own death, and the Jew who threw him there would go scot-free!

Those Jewish psychologists and psychiatrists who threw Ben into the pit of despair and imagined disgrace where he died seven years later, possibly did not know of those subtleties of their "Holy" Talmud, but they acted according to the merciless instincts of their criminal race (see 1: 205-215).

11. The Jews remained consistently hateful

From Chamonix, at the foot of the majestic snow-capped Mont Blanc, the highest peak in Europe, I sent Ben a postcard to show him I had not forgotten him. Just before we left the States, I sent him the two hardbound volumes of *The Fear of the Jews in America*, as soon as I received the advance copies and wrote a warm inscription to Ben. These were tiny tokens of my love and empathy for Ben, the lonely warrior against the conquistadores of his beloved country.

When we returned in the first part of October, I found a letter from Ben's lawyer, written sometime in August, asking me to provide some statements additional to my evaluation, as the Psychological Board had refused to reinstate Ben on the basis of the lawyer's depositions and he

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was getting ready to take the matter to court. I called the lawyer, more to hear how Ben was doing than to clarify what he wanted of me. "It's too late," he said, "Ben died in a Chicago hospital three weeks ago."

I was in turmoil. Not only was I troubled hearing of Ben's death, which I was half-anticipating, but even more I felt disgusted with the hardness of heart of his Jewish enemies. Even while he was dying, they refused to give him the comfort of reinstatement. What callousness! "The Synagogue of Satan," Ben used to say.

My thoughts turned to the stupid, endangered Americans. They were refusing to get wakened up from their stupor and as a punishment they may be delivered into the hands of the fierce, merciless Khazars. Their plight will be worse than that of the enslaved Arabs in Palestine under the present Mongol slave drivers, and about as bad as the sufferings of the millions of Russians, Chinese, Poles, Vietnamese and other victims of Jewish-sponsored Communism.

I looked through Ben's studies again and I felt determined to get them published through other publishers or on my own. Here were two products of a powerful mind dwelling on the ugliness of the secret perverters of his religion and his Christian culture and the enslavers of the bamboozled American people. I envisioned that this book would be an introduction to Ben's studies of Judeo-Masonry and its Pharisee leaders whom Christ himself called the Children of the Devil. Such an edition of his works would be a fitting tombstone for a Christian warrior fallen in the battle against the infidels, no matter where his earthy remains might have been laid. He had contributed all he could to the struggle against the enslavers of America and the ex-Christian world. Without publishing his studies, his memory would be in the long run obliterated by the Pharisees, just as they destroyed the memory of another anti-Talmudist fighter, Gerald K. Smith (see 13, Appendix I)

12. My last letter to Ben

Torbel, Southern Switzerland, 8/4/88

My dear Ben:

We arrived in Wallis Canton two days ago. We travelled with a leisurely pace from Paris. The highlights were the Gothic cathedrals in Rheims, Metz and Strassburg. What gems cut in golden or reddish sandstone! Those people cared for Heaven more than our "scientific," Judaized generation ever could.

I've been wondering how things are with you and I pray for you. You sounded weaker than usual when I spoke with you last time on the phone. I was genuinely sorry that our travel plans coincided with your hard situation. I was so moved that I even forgot to mention that several weeks ago I called Father George Pierce to mention that you might get in touch with

him. He wasn't at home, but his wife asked if Father George should go to see you. Not wanting to push him on you in this delicate situation I told her to wait for a call from you.

I do not know what you finally did regarding getting some help in your sickness, through social services if need be, as your funds are evidently exhausted. Do not make your situation even less bearable for you by considerations of pride. One of your friends or your minister or Father George could arrange that for you.

Last night, as I thought of you and felt sad because of your sickness, an idea came to me that I hope may gladden you. It occurred to me that you may like to have your published works reissued. Write me an authorization to that effect if you agree. Also send me any other manuscripts that you have completed as well as a vita so that I may not have to guess in my preface. If you are able to write a message that would precede the text, write it out if you are not capable of typing.

I do not have funds as I dipped into our old-age savings to publish The FOJS, but if it is God's will, some way will open up for that project. If you have any number of copies of your edition, you may get someone to send them to me. We are now selling other patriotic books and could include yours in List Four. (I hope you have received FOJS copies I sent you two weeks ago and brochures with them. If it is God's will that you would be translated into His Kingdom, maybe you can bequeath from your estate to publish your works, etc.

The most important thing at this moment is, of course, that you maintain a strong faith in these times of trouble and stress. The Devil will tempt you with fear, doubt and "rational" considerations. Keep in mind that God's thoughts are not man's thoughts, that Christ's Resurrection confirmed the existence beyond death and that Christ has died for us so we have the assurance of life with Him. You will not know until the last moment if God intends to take you to Himself or is letting all this happen to you in order to build the merits of your faith. If a miracle happens, God be praised; if not, let your body die with your spirit anchored in Christ. If you are able (physically or psychologically) to write, I'd be glad to hear from you. Until the twentieth our address is We anticipate returning October 11th.

Be sure to keep a healthy faith in spite of troubles. Your life's meaning is confirmed in your bearing patiently with your troubles as you've done from childhood. If you go before me, maybe we'll meet in God's world. I do not have too many years left to tarry in this world, and maybe death is around the corner waiting for me. Your brother in Christ,

Ray

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This treatise is dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther, the Great Reformer of the Sixteenth Century, who penned the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation," entitled "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," in 1529:

A Mighty Fortress is our God, A Trusty Shield and Weapon.

He helps us free from every need, That hath us now o'ertaken. The old evil
Foe, Now means deadly woe.

Deep guile and great might, Are his dread arms in flight.

ON EARTH IS NOT HIS EQUAL! With might of
ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected.

But for us fights the Valiant One. Whom God Himself elected. Ask ye, Who
is this? Jesus Christ it is.

Of Sabaoth Lord,

And there's none other God.

HE HOLDS THE FIELD FOREVER! Tho' devils all
the world should fill, All eager to devour us.

We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpow'r us.

This world's prince may still, Scowl fierce as he will.

He can harm us none,

He's judged; the deed is done

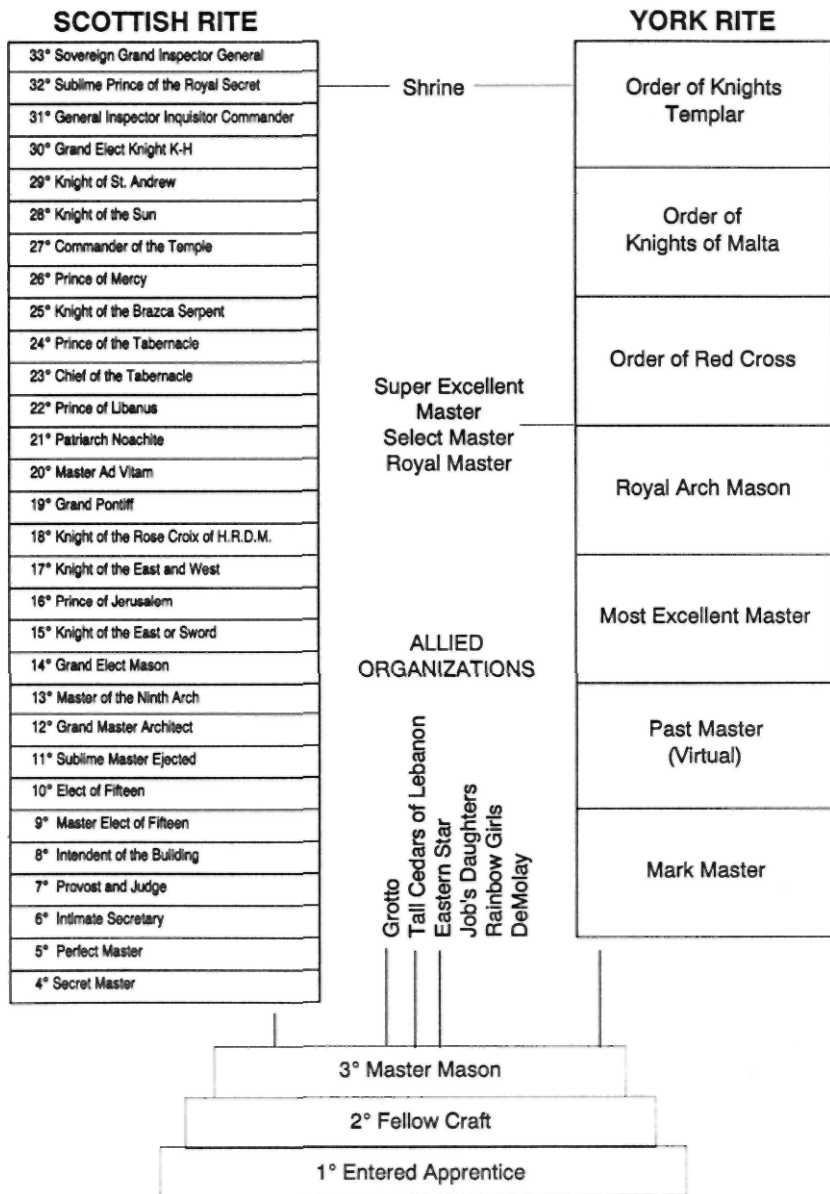
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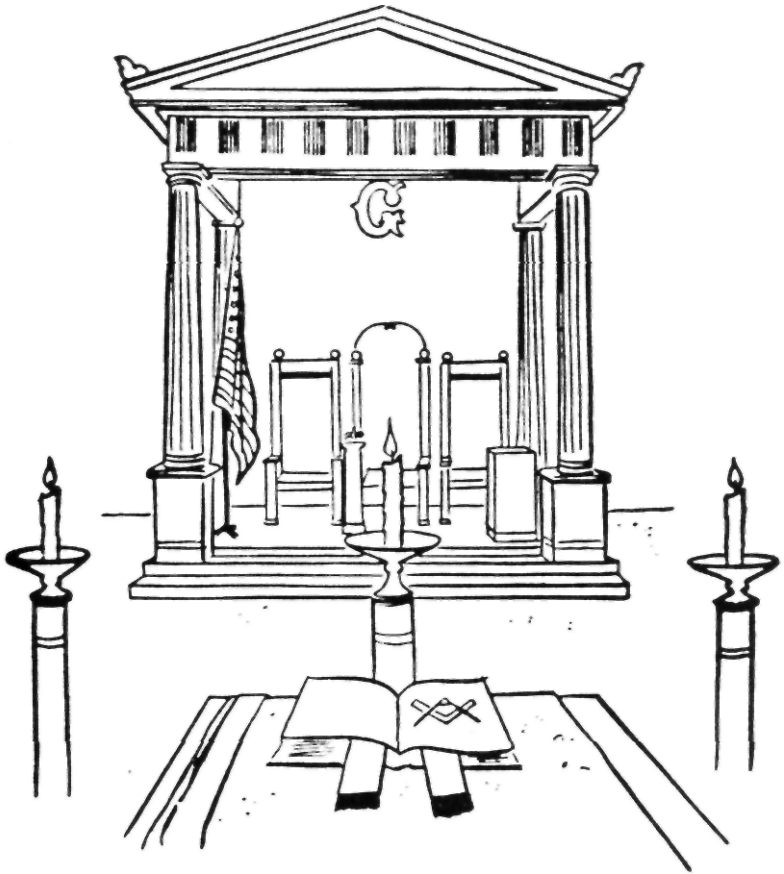
He's by our side upon the plain, With His good gifts and Spirit. And Take
they our life, Goods, fame, child and wife. Let those all be gone, They yet
have nothing won.

THE KINGDOM OURS REMAINETH! Amen.

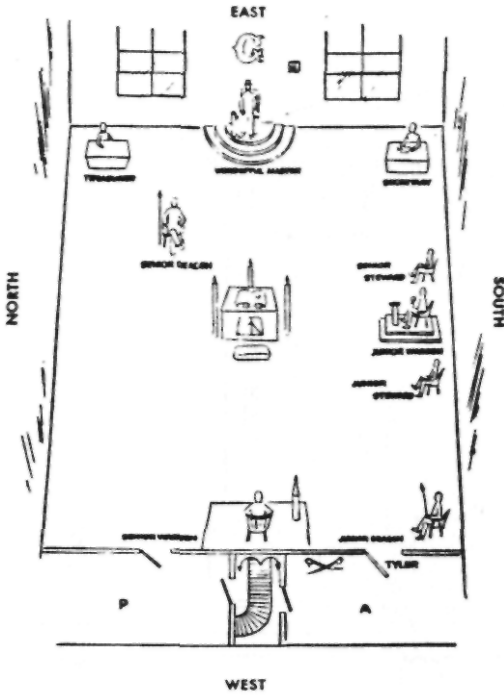
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Grace! One Scripture!]

THE MASONIC STRUCTURE





Interior of a Masonic lodge facing Worshipful Master's station



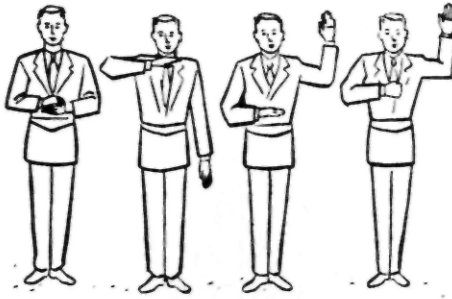
Floor plan of Masonic lodge indicating position of officers.



Masonic candidate prepared to receive the first or Entered Apprentice degree.



Five points of fellowship

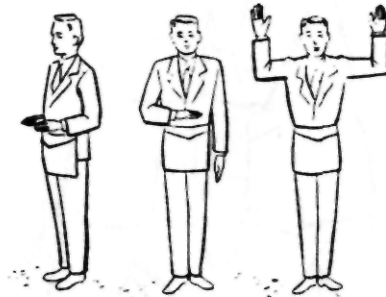


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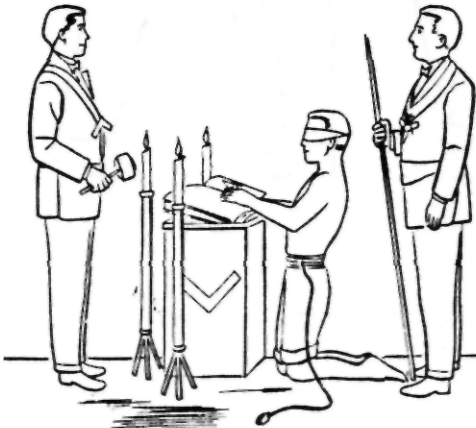
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Duegard of a Master Mason

Sign of a Master Mason

Grand hailing sign of distress



Candidate takes the oath of Master Mason

THE MASONIC BELIEF

There is one God, the Father of all men.* The Holy Bible is the Great Light in Masonry, and the Rule and Guide for faith and practice.* Man is immortal. Character determines destiny. Love of man is, next to love of God, man's first duty.* Prayer, communion of man with God, is helpful. Recognizing the impossibility of confining the teaching of Masonry to any fixed forms of expression, yet acknowledging the value of authoritative statements of fundamental principles, the following is proclaimed as

THE MASONIC TEACHING

Masonry teaches man to practice charity and benevolence, to protect chastity,* to respect the ties of blood and friendship, to adopt the principles and revere the ordinances* of religion, to assist the feeble, guide the blind,* raise up the downtrodden, shelter the orphan, guard the altar,* support the Government,* inculcate morality,* promote learning, love man, fear God,* implore His mercy and hope for happiness.

*Asterisk denotes brazen lies about the actual beliefs and practices of Freemasonry, which are often opposite to what is stated here for public consumption. The Editor refers readers to the literature on Freemasonry cited in *Christian Revolt*, Long Overdue, his comments in that work, and particularly studies by the Lutheran Pastor Martin L. Wagner, *Freemasonry: An Interpretation*, and knowledgeable criticism of a former 33° Mason, Rev. Jim Shaw, *The Deadly Deception: Freemasonry Exposed ... By One Of Its Top Leaders*.

FREEMASONRY VERSUS CHRISTIANITY

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"America is known as a nation of 'Joiners.' So eager are many Americans to belong to something that they become members of an organization merely because the name of a friend or some famous individual is linked with it. Subversive organizations are known to have built their membership rosters by the practice of listing on their letterheads the names of successful persons who have carelessly lent their reputations to a supposedly good cause. There is scarcely a human interest or activity for which a society has not been organized. Oftentimes such organizations have exploited their members for the personal profit of their enterprising founders. The questionable record of many 'fly by night' concerns should serve as a warning to all Christians not to join any organization without previously having carefully examined its objectives and record.

"Particularly is this the situation in the field of morality and religion. Here, too, there are numerous orders and societies which attract the unwary by claims of exclusiveness or programs for moral improvement. But in their activities many such organizations violate Scriptural principles and conflict with the duties of church members. Accordingly, every faithful Christian when tempted to join some secret order or exclusive club should carefully ascertain whether it has any objectionable features before becoming a candidate for membership. Considerations of personal advantage or special privilege dare not tip the balance if religious features and the program of a club or lodge do not square with Scriptural teaching and precept.

"One of the most vexing problems in this area is the question whether a faithful Christian can conscientiously join the Masonic Lodge or some of its associate or sponsored orders. Members of churches which oppose Masonry may be told by a member of the Masonic fraternity: 'Your church is narrow. There's nothing wrong with Masonry. It's no religion. It's just a social organization. Its members are the best people in any community, and they come together for a good sociable time. If you join us, you will make some valuable friends.'

"Many well-meaning Christians have become confused by such arguments and have been led to doubt that their pastor and their church actually were in possession of the facts about the lodge when they criticized it.

"Moreover, Masonry has its good features. It conducts an extensive welfare program. Its charities are widely heralded. Its hospitals, its homes for boys, its crippled-children fund, the local lodge program of Christmas baskets for the poor, are only a few of the better-known services of its expansive system of benevolences. In its ritual the Lodge unquestionably encourages and fosters civic righteousness, although its morality is largely shallow and in some areas the requirements of acts of charity are limited to brother Masons of the same or superior degrees. The Fraternity controls its membership carefully, screening applicants and eliminating undesirables through a blackball system. In this and other ways

Masonry attracts the better regarded people of the community.

"Nevertheless, to the conscientious Christian, Masonry remains repugnant, chiefly because of its religious character. The Church is required to pass judgment upon all organizations that enter the domain of religion, ethics and morality. If it can be demonstrated that Masonry falls into one of these categories, then we must decide in the light of Bible truth whether a Christian may become identified with it."¹

"In the old days practically all lodges were deistic, pagan, and anti-Christian. It was a simple matter to produce the evidence from the lodge rituals. Every member was received through initiation, and at the initiation he was obligated to the ritual. That made it comparatively easy to get at the conscience of the lodgeman and to convince him that he should sever his connection with the lodge, that it was inconsistent for him to belong to the lodge and to the Church of Christ at the same time. You could quote Bible passages to convince him that the lodge oath was sinful. You could show him that the worship of the lodge was pagan and that the teachings were anti-Christian. You could show him that he was guilty of denying Christ, etc. And if you were dealing with a Christian, you were almost always successful in getting him out of the lodge.

"However, even in those days many pastors and congregations operated with the lodge paragraph in the constitution of the congregation. They made no effort to get at the conscience of the lodgeman. If he joined the lodge, out he went. Perhaps many of our pastors lacked the necessary information to deal intelligently and evangelically with the lodgeman. They knew in a general way what was wrong about the lodge, but they could not quote from the lodge rituals to prove to the individual that their objections applied to a particular lodge. And while most of our members understood that we were opposed to the lodge, very few of them knew why."²

The (Order of) Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons was "originally composed of honorary members (hence the Free and Accepted) of the guild of Masons during the Middle Ages — a privilege which was highly prized especially by those compelled to travel in foreign lands — the Masonic Order was reorganized from a ritual with Christian elements to forms which eliminated what was specifically Christian and substituted the deism then current when the first Lodge of 'Speculative Freemasonry' was organized in London in 1717. The traditions which give the Order a higher age than this, are all legendary, if not pure invention. Knowledge of the Order is obtained from its rituals, which have often been printed in the form of cipher codes for the convenience of Grand Masters instructing candidates in preparation for initiation. Public documents of Freemasonry are the annual Grand Lodge reports, various periodicals, the manuals published for the convenience of Lodges, called Masonic Monitors or Ritualists, containing the charges, general regulations, and emblems, also much of the ceremonies of the Order. A comparison of these public manuals with the printed rituals gives suffi-

¹Masonry in the Light of the Bible, (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1957), pp. 3,4.

²Theodore Graebner, A Handbook on Organizations, (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1957), pp. 19,20.

cient evidence for the character of the latter.

"...When Freemasonry became 'Speculative,' it changed from trinitarian to deistic forms of worship and eliminated the name of Christ from Scripture passages and from its prayers, retaining the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God and the immortality of the soul, as religious doctrines and offering these truths of religion, clothed in symbols, to those who come to its altars. The Bible is only one sacred book among many; the Lodge rejects the notion that the religion of the Bible should possess a unique pre-eminence over the religion of other sacred books. Jesus Christ is not acknowledged as Savior, and the promise of eternal bliss is held out to all who follow the ethics of the Masonic Lodge. It is not possible to express the dependence on good works with greater definiteness than is done in the ritual of the Blue Lodge (the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craftsman, and Master Mason).

"...Due to the Wesleyan Revival in England and the Great Awakening in the United States, with the influence of Protestantism still giving character to national life, Christianity, especially in the United States, was too strong to permit either Freemasonry or Oddfellowship to stress their deistic or anti-Church attitudes. While frankly anti-Christian in its French, German, and Italian branches, Freemasonry in England and the United States has always called itself a supporter of the morality and doctrines of Protestant Christianity. Very few candidates realize that they are joining an organization which is essentially antagonistic to the Christian belief in the inspiration of the Bible and the deity of Jesus Christ. Even in the more advanced degrees (of the American Rite, the Scottish Rite)¹ and in the Mystic Shrine with its Mohammedan ritual, the anti-Christian features are only realized by those who make an independent study of the ritual and of the literature written by the spokesmen of the Order. It is the pledge of a blissful hereafter coupled with the absence of all reference to repentance and to faith in Christ's atoning work, that has opened the eyes of many to the iniquity of Freemasonry.

"...The Order of DeMolay (organized 1919) has a ritual which in every sense reflects the anti-Christian elements of Masonry and which, in fact, is intended to serve as a training school for membership in the Masonic Order. The Rain-bow Girls are a sorority of the same type. Freemasonry claims (1952) a membership of 3,726,744, and the Order of DeMolay approximately two million."²

I have chosen to witness against Freemasonry in particular for the following reasons:

- (a) It was out of the Order of DeMolay—the 'training school for membership in the Masonic Order'—that the Holy Ghost called me;
- (b) Freemasonry is the oldest and the largest of all of the secret orders, and hence, the one after which most of the others are patterned;

¹The American Rite consists of seven degrees (4th-10th); associated with it are three additional honorary degrees (11th-13th). The Scottish Rite consists of twenty-nine degrees (4th-32nd); associated with it is one additional honorary degree (33rd).

²"Freemasonry," *Lutheran Cyclopaedia* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1954), pp. 391-392.

- (c) Most people do not realize that the Christian Church, taken as a whole—whether of the Eastern or Western Rite, or whether of the 'Catholic' or 'Protestant' Tradition—has historically positioned Herself against Freemasonry;¹
- (d) And finally, many Lutherans do not know why many Lutheran Church bodies, including the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, are opposed to Freemasonry.

Freemasons number approximately 6,000,000 in the world: of this number, there are 4,000,000 in the United States; 250,000 in Canada; 50,000 in Latin America (est.); 375,000 in Australasia; 10,500 in the Philippines; 550,000 in England and Wales (est.); 400,000 in Scotland; 47,000 in Ireland; 65,000 in Continental Europe (est.).²

In discussing any secret society or fraternity such as Freemasonry, the first question that must be answered is: Is the secret society or fraternity a religious institution? If the answer to this question is in the affirmative, then, as it has been stated before, it is necessary for the Church to pass judgment upon that secret society or fraternity.

Freemasonry: A Religious Institution

"There has been a needless expenditure of ingenuity and talent, by a large number of Masonic orators and essayists, in the endeavor to prove that Freemasonry is not a religion ...

"The tendency of all true Freemasonry is toward religion. If it makes any progress, its progress is to that holy end. Look at its ancient landmarks, its sublime ceremonies, its profound symbols and allegories—all inculcating religious doctrine, commanding religious observance, and teaching religious truth and who can deny that it is eminently a religious institution? But, besides, Freemasonry is, in all its forms, thoroughly tinged with a true devotional spirit. We open and close our Lodges with prayer; we invoke the blessing of the Most High upon all our labor; we demand of our neophytes a profession of trusting belief in the existence and superintending care of God; and we teach them to bow with humility and reverence at His awful name, while His Holy Law is widely opened upon our altars. Freemasonry is thus identified with religion; and although a man may be eminently religious without being a Freemason, it is impossible that a Freemason can be 'true and trusty' to his Order unless he is a respecter of religion and an observer of religious principle.

¹An estimated 495,000,000 Christians throughout the world today belong to denominations forbidding simultaneous church and lodge membership, according to William J. Whalen, *Christianity and American Freemasonry* (Milwaukee: Bruce Publishing Co., 1958), p. 147 [The actual number is over 1,000,000,000].

²Combined Statistics and Consolidated Chart of Fraternal Societies, (Indianapolis: The Fraternal Monitor, 1963) p. 263.

"But the religion of Freemasonry is not sectarian. It admits men of every creed within its hospitable bosom, rejecting none and approving none for his peculiar faith. It is not Judaism, though there is nothing in it to offend a Jew; it is not Christianity, but there is nothing in it repugnant to the faith of a Christian. Its religion is that general one of nature and primitive revelation—handed down to us from some ancient and Patriarchal Priesthood—in which all men may agree and in which no men can differ...Freemasonry, then, is indeed a religious institution; and on this ground mainly, if not alone, should the religious Freemasons defend it."¹

"A meeting of a Masonic Lodge is a religious ceremony...Masonry in many features is a religious as well as a moral institution."²

"Speculative Masonry, now known as Freemasonry, is, therefore, the scientific application and religious consecration of the rules and principles, the technical language and the implements and materials, of operative masonry to the worship of God as the Great Architect of the Universe, and to the purification of the heart and in the inculcation of the dogmas of a religious philosophy."³

"The system of Masonry, as in its original inception, still claims to be a system of religion in which all men can unite."⁴

"Masonry is not only a universal science, but a world-wide religion, and owes allegiance to no one creed, and can adopt no sectarian dogma, as such, without ceasing thereby to be Masonic..."⁵

"Masonry is a branch upon the tree of religion. Masonry without religion is like a branch severed from the vine. The particular lodge that is not permeated with the religious spirit is not true to Masonry as such."⁶

That Freemasonry is a religious institution is evident. But what type of a religious institution is it? Is it a Christian religious institution?

Freemasonry: A Christless Religious Institution

That Freemasonry is a Christless religious institution is evidenced by the fact that within its prayers Christ's Holy Name is never mentioned nor even indirectly referred to at any time. Below is a typical Masonic prayer

¹Albert G. Mackey, *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* (Chicago: The Masonic History Co., 1956), Vol. 2, pp. 846-848.

²Dr. Robert Morris, *Webb's Monitor of Freemasonry* (Cincinnati: J. Sherer Co., 1860), p. 231.

³Albert G. Mackey, *Masonic Ritualist* (New York: Clark & Maynard Co., 1869), p. 75.

⁴A.T.C. Pierson, *Traditions of Freemasonry* (New York: Macoy, Sickels, & Pierson Co., 1865), p. 372.

⁵Rueben Clymer, *Ancient Mystic Oriental Masonry* (Quakertown, Pa.: Philosophical Publications, Inc. 1928), p. 58.

⁶Charles C. Smith, *The Builder II*, 50.

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used in the work of the Blue Lodge which will illustrate this fact:

"Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant that this candidate for Masonry may dedicate and devote his life to Thy service and become a true and faithful brother among us. Endue him a competency of Thy divine wisdom that, by the secrets of our art, he may be better enabled to display brotherly love, relief, and truth, to the honor of Thy Holy Name. Amen."¹

For another illustration of how Christ's Holy Name is omitted from Masonic prayers, see the prayer quoted in the next section which is entitled Freemasonry: An Inculcator of Works' Righteousness.

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me."²

That Freemasonry is a Christless religious institution is indicated by the fact that its view of the Sacred Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments—is clearly blasphemous in its implications to the child of God—is but the natural outgrowth of its ultra-syncretistic, deistic outlook. Below is cited the pertinent statements of a noted Masonic divine relating to this subject; he says:

"The Bible is properly called a greater light of Freemasonry, for from the center of the Lodge it pours forth upon the East, the West, and the South its refulgent rays of Divine Truth. The Bible is used among Freemasons as a symbol of the will of God, however it may be expressed. Therefore, whatever to any people expresses that will may be used as a substitute for the Bible in a Masonic Lodge. Thus, in a Lodge consisting entirely of Jews, the Old Testament alone may be placed upon the altar, and the Turkish Freemasons make use of the Koran. Whether it be the Gospels to the Christian, the Pentateuch to the Israelite, the Koran to the Mussulman, or the Vedas to the Brahman, it everywhere Masonically conveys the same idea—that of the symbolism of the Divine will revealed to man."³

"It is a Landmark that a Book of the Law shall constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge. We say, advisedly, Book of the Law, because it is not absolutely required that everywhere the Old and New Testaments shall be used."⁴

"A belief in the authenticity of the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as a religious qualification of initiation does not constitute one of the Laws of

¹King Solomon & His Followers (New York: Allen Publishing Co., 1953), 111. Ed., p. 15.

²St. John 14:6.

³Albert C. Mackey, Encyclopedia of Freemasonry (Chicago: Masonic History Co., 1956), Vol. 1, p. 133. Vid. etiam [see also] the remainder of this article (entitled "Bible"—pp. 133-136).

⁴Ibid., 1,561.

Freemasonry, for such a regulation would destroy the universality of the Institution and under its action none but Christians could become eligible for admission."¹

Notice the arrogance which permeates these statements! The Word of the Living and the True God compared to, indeed, equated with the Koran and the Vedas, which are pagan documents through and through! Imagine! The Holy Scriptures are considered or looked upon as just an indispensable part of the "furniture" of the Lodge! But most important of all, and certainly most revealing, is the fact that a belief in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures "would destroy the universality of the Institution" making "none but Christians...eligible for admission." (Need more be said?)

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."²

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."³

"We speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth: comparing spiritual things with spiritual (things)."⁴

"Thy Word is truth."⁵

"The Scriptures cannot be broken."⁶

That Freemasonry is a Christless religious institution is shown by the fact that the Holy Name of Jesus Christ is deliberately stricken out from all of the passages of the Holy Bible which are quoted by this secret organization in their rituals, where the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ occurs in the Holy Bible in those passages. Here below appears an example of this Masonic desecration of the Holy Bible: This is the "Masonically modified" version of I Peter 2: 1-7; 15.

"Wherefore, brethren, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings; if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious, to whom coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious; ye also as living stones, be ye built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up sacrifices acceptable to God.

"Wherefore also, it is contained in the Scripture: 'Behold, I lay in Zion, for a

¹Ibid., 1,113.

²II Timothy 3: 16-17.

³II Peter 1:21.

⁴I Corinthians 2:13.

⁵St. John 17:17.

⁶St. John 10:35.

foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste to pass it over; Unto you, therefore, which believe, it is an honor; and even to them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.'

"Brethren, this is the will of God, that with well doing ye put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honor all men; love the brotherhood; fear God."¹

Notice the omission of the words "by Jesus Christ" from the end of I Peter 2:5 as quoted in the first paragraph above, along with certain other minor changes. Other examples of this form of Scriptural mutilation herein exemplified may be found in the Royal Arch (7th) Degree of the York Rite where similar modifications have been made to II Thessalonians 3: 6 & 12.

"And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Holy City, and from the things that are written in this book."²

That Freemasonry is a Christless religious institution is also demonstrated by the fact that the Holy name of Jesus Christ in its true Scriptural denotation and connotation is not found in any of its hymns (or odes) that are contained within its rituals. On the following page is a typical Masonic hymn known as the "Royal Arch Ode."

"Joy, the Sacred Law is found; Now the Temple stands complete;
Gladly let us gather round Where the Pontiff holds his seat. Now
he spreads the volume wide, Opening forth its leaves today; And
the Monarch by his side Gazes on the bright display.

"Joy, the secret vault is found! Full the sunbeam falls within,
Pointing darkly underground To the Treasures we would win;
They have brought it forth to Light, And again it cheers the earth;
All its leaves are purely bright, Shining in their newest worth.

¹H.T.W.S.S.T.K.S. [Codebook of the York Rite Chapter] (New York: Allen Publishing Co., 1949), III. Ed., pp. 10 & 11. This "Masonically modified" version of I Peter 2:1-7,15 is quoted in the Mark Master (4th) Degree of the York Rite of Freemasonry. ²Revelation 2:19.

"This shall be the Sacred Mark Which shall guide us to the skies,
 Bearing like a Holy Ark All the hearts who love to rise; This shall
 be the Corner-stone, Which the Builders threw away. But was
 found the only one Fitted for the Arch's stay."¹

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is in the world."²

Freemasonry: An Inculcator of Works' Righteousness

Since Freemasonry is a Christless religious institution, it is not at all surprising to note that Freemasonry is also an inculcator of works' righteousness—that it teaches that man is justified before God by his own paltry deeds. Freemasonry is, therefore, directly opposed to Christianity, for the Christian Church—the Holy Catholic and Apostolic church of Jesus Christ—teaches that man is justified only by God's merciful grace through faith in the work done for all time and eternity by Our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary—by His holy and precious Body and Blood which were given and shed for our transgressions. That Freemasonry inculcates works' righteousness is clearly evident from the quotations appearing here below:

Worshipful Master: "'Why were you presented with a lambskin apron, which is the true badge of a Mason?'

Senior Deacon: "'Because the lamb has in all ages been deemed an emblem of innocence; he, therefore, who wears the lambskin as a badge of Masonry is thereby continually reminded of that purity of life and conduct which is essentially necessary to his gaining admission into the celestial lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides."³

"Most Glorious God! author of all good, and giver of all mercy! pour down thy blessings upon us, and strengthen our solemn engagements with the ties of sincere affection! May the present instance of mortality remind us of our approaching

¹H.T.W.S.S.T.K.S. [Codebook of the York Rite Chapter] (New York: Allen Publishing Co., 1949), pp. 154-7,155.

²1 John 4:3.

³King Solomon & His Followers (New York: Allen Publishing Co., 1953), p. 45.

fate, and draw our attention toward thee, the only refuge in time of need! that when the awful moment shall arrive, that we are about to quit this transitory scene, the enlivening prospect of thy mercy may dispel the gloom of death; and after our departure hence in peace and in thy favor, we may be received into thine everlasting kingdom, to enjoy, in union with the souls of our departed friends, the just reward of a pious and virtuous life. So mote it be."¹

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."²

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have Everlasting Life."³

Freemasonry: Idolatry Personified

That Freemasonry is the personification of idolatry in its most flagrant form is clearly evidenced by the fact that it openly rejects the One True Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—by not confessing the True Deity of Our Lord Jesus Christ—the Son of God and Saviour of the world. Since the god of Freemasonry, commonly termed the Great (or Grand) Architect of the Universe by the Freemason, is not the One True Triune God, who is he?

The answer to this question may be found in the "Historical Lecture" of the (Holy) Royal Arch (7th) Degree of the York Rite of Freemasonry, where the candidate is instructed in the meaning of the esoteric symbol shown here below:

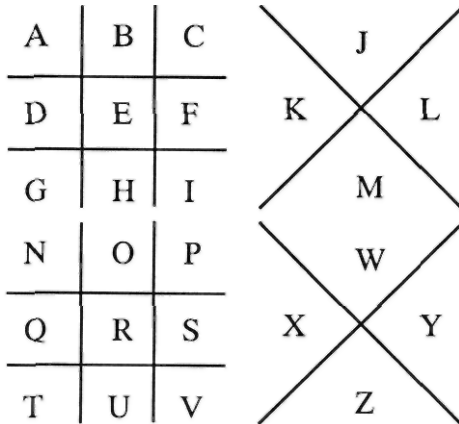


"The Equilateral or Perfect Triangle"

¹Robert Macoy (33°) *Masonic Burial Services* (Chicago: Ezra A. Cook Publications, 1954), p. 18. ²Ephesians 2: 8 & 9. ³St. John 3:16.

He is told that the equilateral or perfect triangle pictured above is an emblem of Deity; that the True Name of this Deity is Jahweh or Jehovah, derived from the Tetragrammaton which is composed of Hebrew characters corresponding to their English-letter equivalents J, H, V, (or W), and H that are contained within this triangle; that the mysterious characters appearing around the perimeter of this triangle have English-letter equivalents which form the "Grand Omnific Royal Arch Word"—a hyphenated word, composed of three separate words which are used as an aid in pronouncing the Ineffable Name derived from the Tetragrammaton; and that each of these three separate words is the True Name of this Deity expressed in another language.

What is this "Grand Omnific Royal Arch Word"? The only way that this question may be answered is by determining what the English-letter equivalents are for each of the mysterious characters appearing around the perimeter of this triangle. This may be done only by referring to and using the "Royal Arch Key," one of the many substitution ciphers used by Masonic ritualists in an attempt to "forever conceal and never reveal" their "secret arts, parts, and points." This Key appears here below in its entirety:



"The Royal Arch Key"

As the "Royal Arch Key" substitution cipher is applied to the mysterious characters on the left side of the triangle, the word Jah is obtained; on the right side of the triangle, the word Bel is obtained; and on the base of the triangle, the word On is obtained. Thus, the "Grand Omnific Royal

Arch Word" is Jah-Bel-On.

To whom and to what do each of these three words refer? The word Jah is a contraction of the word Jehovah; it is often used in poetry to refer to Jehovah. The only reference made to this word in the Holy Bible is found in Psalm 68:4 where the following appears:

"Sing unto God, sing praises to His Name: Extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His Name Jah, and rejoice before Him."

The word Bel refers to one of the chief gods of the Babylonian people—perhaps even their supreme deity. Bel is the Chaldeic form of Baal, which when used alone refers to the sun-god, the supreme male deity of the Syro-Phoenician nations. Bel, known also as Merodach or Marduk, is mentioned in the Holy Bible in Isaiah 46:1, Jeremiah 50:2, and in Jeremiah 51:44 where the following appears:

"And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall."

The word On refers to the ancient city of lower Egypt, known also as Heliopolis or Beth-Shemesh, which was the center of the worship of the Egyptian sun-god known as Ra; this ancient religious center, noted for its learning, opulence, temples, shrines, monuments, sphinxes, and religious schools, was located seven miles northeast of modern-day Cairo, then known as El Qahira. Although On is in reality only the name of a city, the Royal Arch ritualists had, with the Egyptological evidences then confronting them, assumed that it was the name of a god and had so incorporated it in their theosophical system. The word On, therefore, connotes the Egyptian sun-god. This "city of the Sun" is mentioned so frequently in the Holy Bible by its various names, that it would be highly impractical to include all of the references herein; however, for some typical references, examine Genesis 41:45, Ezekiel 30:17, and Jeremiah 43:13 where the following appears:

"He shall break also the images of Beth-Shemesh (On), that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall He burn with fire."

Thus, although the Great Architect of the Universe bears the name of Jehovah, he is not the True Triune God at all, but rather he is a false, pagan, man-made, Christless god that possesses the attributes of Baal and Ra, who is doomed to eventual downfall and destruction when Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, comes once again to claim—for all time and eternity—that which is rightly His!

"I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a

jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."¹

Freemasonry: Secrecy Personified

That Freemasonry is the personification of secrecy in its most evil form is clearly evidenced by the fact that before any candidate is raised to the degree of Master Mason (3rd degree) he is required to promise, declare, and swear that he will not communicate the secrets of a Master Mason to a Fellowcraft, nor those of a Fellowcraft to an Entered Apprentice, nor those of an Entered Apprentice to the rest of the world, and that, furthermore, he will keep as inviolable the secrets of a brother Master Mason when communicated to him as such, murder and treason excepted, and they being left to his own choice. This type of secrecy is not only required of the candidate in the third degree of the Blue Lodge, but it is also required of the candidate in the higher degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites.

"I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing."²

"Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops."³

Freemasonry forces each candidate to uphold this type of secrecy by requiring that an oath and obligation be administered to him for each degree into which he desires admission. On the following pages in its entirety appears such an oath and obligation:

The Oath and Obligation of a Master Mason

"I, (here the candidate repeats his own name), of my own free will and accord, in the presence of Almighty God and this worshipful lodge erected to Him and dedicated to the Holy Saint [?] John, do hereby and hereon, most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, as I have heretofore done, but with these additions, that I will not communicate the secrets of a Master Mason to a Fellowcraft, nor those of a Fellowcraft to an Entered Apprentice, nor those of an Entered Apprentice to the rest of the world; neither these, nor any of them to any person or persons whomsoever, except it be to a true and lawful brother Mason, or within a

¹Exodus 20: 2-6.

²St. John 18:20.

³St. Matthew 10:26, 27.

just and lawfully constituted lodge of Masons, nor unto him or them until by strict trial, due examination, or lawful information, I shall have found him or them as lawfully entitled to them as I am myself.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will stand to and abide by all the laws, rules, and regulations of a Master Mason's lodge, so far as they shall come to my knowledge.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will answer and obey all due signs and summons sent to me from a lodge of Master Masons or handed me by a brother of this degree, if within the length of my cable-tow.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will aid and assist, all poor distressed brother Master Masons, their widows or orphans, they applying to me as such, and I deeming them worthy.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will keep the secrets of a brother Master Mason communicated to me as such, murder and treason excepted, and they left to my own choice.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will not be present at, nor give my consent to, the making a woman a Mason, and an old man in dotage, a young man in nonage, an atheist, an irreligious libertine, a madman or a fool, knowing them to be such.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will not visit a clandestine lodge of Masons nor converse Masonically with a clandestine Mason, or with one who has been suspended or expelled, while under that sentence, knowing them to be such.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will not cheat, wrong, or defraud a lodge of Master Masons or a brother of this degree, knowing them to be such, but will give them due and timely notice, that they may ward off all approaching danger.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will not violate the chastity of a Master Mason's wife, his mother, sister, or daughter, knowing them to be such.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will not give the Grand Masonic Word (MAH-HAH-BONE) in any other manner than that in which I shall receive it, which will be on the Five Points of Fellowship, and then in a low breath.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will not give the Grand Hailing Sign of Distress, except it be in cases of the most imminent danger, or suffering in the cause of innocence and virtue, or in a just and lawfully constituted lodge of Master Masons, or in a lodge for instruction, and when I see or hear it given, by a worthy brother in distress, I will fly to the relief of him which gives it, if there be a greater probability of saving his life than losing my own.

"All this I most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, with a firm and steadfast resolution to keep and perform the same, without the least equivocation, mental reservation, or self-evasion whatsoever, binding myself under no less a penalty than that of having my body severed in twain, my bowels taken thence and burned to ashes, and these scattered by the four winds of heaven, that no more remembrance may be had among men or Masons of so vile a wretch as I should be, should I, in the least, knowingly or wittingly, violate or transgress this my Master Mason's Obligation. So help me God and keep me steadfast."¹

¹King Solomon & His Followers (New York: Allen Publishing Co., 1953), pp. (continued on next page)

Immoral Obligation Assumed:

The Obligations which Freemasonry requires that all of its candidates keep and perform are immoral. The validity of this statement may be readily seen if any of the Obligations from the Master Mason's Oath and Obligation quoted herein are carefully scrutinized; for instance, examine the Obligation which reads as follows:

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will not cheat, wrong, or defraud a lodge of Master Masons or a brother of this degree, knowing them to be such, but will give them due and timely notice, that they may ward off all approaching danger."¹

This Obligation requires only that a Master Mason will not cheat, wrong, or defraud a lodge of Master Masons, or a brother Master Mason, if he knows them to be such. What if he does not know them to be Master Masons? What if they are not Master Masons? From the way that this Obligation is worded, it would appear that a Master Mason by his own Obligation is permitted to cheat, wrong, and defraud both those whom he does not know to be Master Masons and those who are not Master Masons. Is this not what this Obligation says?

"Thou shalt not steal."²

In order that the validity of this statement may be further seen, scrutinize the following Obligation which was also taken from the Master Mason's Oath and Obligation:

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will not violate the chastity of a Master Mason's wife, his mother, sister or daughter, knowing them to be such."³

This Obligation requires only that a Master Mason will not violate the chastity of a brother Master Mason's wife, mother, sister, or daughter, if he knows them to be such. What if he does not know them to be the wives, mothers, sisters or daughters of Master Masons? What if they are not the wives, mothers, sisters or daughters of Master Masons? From the way that this Obligation is worded, it would appear that a Master Mason by his own Obligation is permitted to violate the chastity of both those whom he does not know to be and those who are not the wives, mothers, sisters, or daughters of Master Masons. Is this not what this Obligation says?

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."⁴

133-135.

¹Ibid., p. 135.

²Exodus 20:15.

³King Solomon & His Followers (New York: Allen Publishing Co., 1953), p. 135.

⁴Exodus 20:14.

Blasphemous Oaths Taken:

The Oaths which Freemasonry administers to all of its candidates are blasphemous. God forbids His Holy Name to be called upon to witness to the truth when it is unnecessary and when he who is calling upon His Holy Name is uncertain as to what He is asking him to witness. Certainly the Oaths which are administered by Freemasonry are unnecessary. Also, certainly these Oaths are being taken in uncertain matters, for the candidate does not know what "secret arts, parts, and points" he is going to be required to keep secret.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."¹

"Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these. And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing."²

"But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation."³

Desecrating Penalties Exacted:

The Penalties which Freemasonry attaches to its Oaths and Obligations are extremely desecrating in character. The validity of this statement may be readily seen if the Penalty which is attached to the Master Mason's Oath and Obligation is carefully examined. Here below appears this penalty:

"...binding myself under no less a penalty than that of having my body severed in twain, my bowels taken thence and burned to ashes, and these scattered by the four winds of heaven, that no more remembrance may be had among men or Masons of so vile a wretch as I should be, should I, in the least, knowingly or wittingly, violate or transgress this my Master Mason's Obligation."⁴

How can any Christian bind himself under such a penalty when his body is the holy temple of the Holy Ghost?

"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"⁵

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple

¹Exodus 20:7.

²Leviticus 5:4, 5.

³St. James 5:12, Vid etiam St. Matthew.

⁴King Solomon & His Followers (New York: Allen Publishing Co., 1953), p. 135.

⁵I Corinthians 6:19.

of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."¹

Are these penalties ever exacted? That these penalties are exacted (or, at least, have been exacted in the past) may be demonstrated by listing some of the best authenticated accounts of Masonic assassinations that have come to public knowledge—instances of the same which may be verified by careful historical study; these include the following:

"Samuel Pritchard, an irreproachable citizen of London, England, was murdered in 1730 for exposing Masonry; Noah Smith of Manchester, Vermont, in 1798; Ariel Murdock, of Rensselaer, New York, in 1803; William Michner of Jenkintown, Pa., in 1809; Loring Simons, of Albany, N.Y. in 1809; William Miller, at Belfast, Ireland, in 1813; an unknown man in Bristol, Pa., in 1820; Oliver Gavit, of Ohio in 1824; Alexander, the Czar of Russia, December 1st, 1825 (his death was attributed to Masonic 'vengeance' for [Alexander's] having issued a ukase in 1822, closing all Masonic lodges); William Morgan, at Fort Niagara, N.Y. in 1826; Job Hunt, of Boston, Mass., Nov. 15, 1827; Artemus Kennedy, a seceded Knight Templar, Feb. 27, 1830; the Grand Duke of Tuscany in 1837, after taking measures to suppress the Masons²; David Brounlee, Little York, Ill., in 1840; the carpenter Fogie in Canada in 1854; a stranger by the name of Brock in Howard City, Mich., in 1881.³

A ninety-five page documentation of the Morgan Affair is available which conclusively proves that Captain William Morgan was abducted and murdered by Freemasons for no other offence than that of having revealed the "secret arts, parts, and points" of Freemasonry (The contents of the Publishers' Preface is shown below and the Title Page has been photographically reproduced on page 49; this document is available for 50c [now \$5.00], and may be purchased by anyone from Omni Publications.)

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The republication of the "Old Morgan Book," Illustrations of Masonry, has awakened such an intense interest in the history of its author, that a carefully prepared narrative of the kidnaping and murder of Capt. William Morgan, for revealing the secrets of Freemasonry, seems urgently called for.

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¹II Corinthians 6:16.

²[These Masons were vile Illuminati, nihilists and revolutionaries.] ³"Freemasonry: The First Three Degrees...Blue Lodge Oaths, Illinois Work" (Chicago: National Christian Association, n.d.), pp. 12-13.

wording a little, without in the least altering the sense; otherwise the present edition is a copy of the original.

The overwhelming evidence found in this book, that Freemasons throughout the United States and Canada were either engaged in or accessory to those horrible crimes, and the further evidence, given by Freemasons themselves, under oath, that they felt compelled to commit these crimes in defense of the institution of Freemasonry, must make this book an exceedingly valuable document.

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"Thou shalt not kill."¹

¹Exodus 20:13.

"They profess that they know God: but in works they deny Him, being abominable and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."¹

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fires. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."²

Freemasonry: Lawlessness Personified

That Freemasonry is the personification of lawlessness in its most anarchistic form is unmistakably evidenced by the fact that the institution itself openly boasts that it recognizes no "civil authority":

"The municipal law of the land is, as such, of no binding force in the government of the Masonic Institution."³

[Is this not the basis of all the lies and revolutionary work of nihilistic and atheist Freemasons and their brood, the Communists?]

"Freemasonry is a law unto itself; it treats many acts as crimes which the law of the land does not."⁴

"It is the covenant that makes the Mason.... No law of the land can affect it. No anathema of the church can weaken it."⁵

An actual illustration of disloyalty to country, taken from the era of the Civil War in the United States is cited below. It concerns the sending of a Confederate officer through Union lines to perform a mission for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The Grand Master, J.O.A. Fellows, introduces the student of Masonic history to the facts surrounding the particular incident by saying:

"Brother Driver was selected and for the good of the Order undertook this truly dangerous mission, being an officer (Confederate), of entering the lines of the enemy (Union) without permission. He found the General (Union) in command and

¹Titus 1:16.

²St. Matthew 8:15-20.

³Report on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for 1876, p. 59, cited by "Freemasonry: The First Three Degrees...Blue Lodge Oaths, Illinois Work" (Chicago National Christian Association, n.d.), p. 15.

⁴Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, 1876, p. 49 cited by "Freemasonry: The First Three Degrees...Blue Lodge Oaths, Illinois Work" (Chicago National Christian Association, n.d.), p. 15.

⁵Dr. Robert Morris, Webb's Monitor of Freemasonry (Cincinnati: J. Sherer Co., 1860) p.240.

a Mason, one who understood and appreciated the importance of the mission of Brother Driver, permitted his stay... and granted his safe return. I need not say to most of you that Brother Driver carried his life in his hands—and all for the good of our Order."¹

W.C. Driver, giving his report of the same incident, with boldness and frankness notes:

"In my journey from New Orleans to Natchitoches, I necessarily came into contact with many officers and privates of the U.S. Army who were not Masons, yet I was treated by them all with not only every mark of attention, but was forwarded in my progress by the transmission of my baggage without examination or delay to the Confederate lines."²

Since it is not the purpose of this paper to discuss the political ramifications of such an account as given above, we will not attempt to explore further into this particular area, except to say that many books have been written on this—and related—subject areas. Among them are the works of the noted British historian, Nesta Webster, including *The Socialist Network*, *The French Revolution*, *World Revolution*, and *Secret Societies and Subversive Movements*, the work of a noted French author, Vicomte Leon de Poncins, *The Secret Powers Behind Revolution*, and finally the (Eighteenth Century) classic in this field by a British Professor of Natural Philosophy, John Robison, A.M., entitled *Proofs of a Conspiracy...* originally published in 1798. We heartily recommend these books to those of our readers who might desire to dig deeper into the machinations of intrigue entered into by Grand Orient Freemasonry, whose Satanic (and occult) intentions become more than obvious to the serious student of history as he attempts to extract from the records left behind, buried securely in the sands of time, heretofore (generally) unknown or unrecognized, dangerous truths. Anarchy, lawlessness, treason, subversion, and revolution—these are the political fruits of Freemasonry!³

¹Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of Louisiana, 1866, p. 16 cited by "Freemasonry: The First Three Degrees...Blue Lodge Oaths, Illinois Work" (Chicago National Christian Association, n.d.), pp. 16-17.

²Ibid., pp. 34-35, cited by "Freemasonry: The First Three Degrees...Blue Lodge Oaths, Illinois Work" (Chicago National Christian Association, n.d.), p. 17. ³All titles mentioned in this paragraph are available from Omni Publications, P.O. Box 900566, Palmdale, CA 93590.

"By Me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By Me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth."¹

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou, then, not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same; for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid, for he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore, ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom, to whom custom; fear, to whom fear; honor, to whom honor."² "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."³

Freemasonry: Wantonness Personified

That Freemasonry is the personification of wantonness in its most vile form is clearly demonstrated in the initiation ceremonies of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, wherein, among other things, the candidate is subjected to:

'The Bung Hole Test'

"The large metal cylinder is then produced, stretched out about 30 feet. Each candidate is asked if he was ever called a coward, or turned his back on an enemy. He is prompted to say 'No, I perform all I undertake, and never back down or out.' They are then led to opposite ends of the big cylinder, caused to enter and are told to hurry up as the enemy is approaching. The center of the cylinder contains a strong network of cord or wire, preventing either from passing through. They meet in the middle of the cylinder and strive to pass each other while the Arabs pound on the outside with clubs and swords till they are satisfied, when they slide an opening in the door and ask if they wish to go on or back out. They of course back down and out, when they are given a lecture on their assurance, and told never to be too sure of a thing till they have tried it. They are one by one taken into another apartment, often stretched out on a plank to rest. While in this position a small dog or one who can imitate a dog, is caused to give a sharp yelp, just after a few drops of warm water has (sic) been squirted on the candidate's face, with the remark, "Take that dog out, he has just pissed in the face of Mr. _____ ' when a general laugh takes place and the candidate is shown the trick.

"The 'Bumper' is next used: A box about six feet high; perpendicular on one

¹Proverbs 8:15-16. ²Romans 13:1-7. ³St. Matthew 22:21.

side, and concave on the other side. A ladder is then placed on the concave side. The candidate ascends the ladder and is seated on the top, his legs hanging over the concave side. Then he is told to take hold of the end of a large rope, about two feet long: held by a small string or thread. He is told under no circumstances to let go of the rope, which he firmly grasps, when the box falls to pieces, and he is shot down the concave side of the box thumping his head and buttocks on a partition that is fixed to receive him. He is then conducted to the Grand Potentate, whom he is commanded to approach with humble and great reverence, stooping very low on his knees, his head near the ground, his buttocks elevated, where he receives the 'Grand Salaam' that is a blow on his buttocks with two pieces of board between which are placed some torpedoes that explode with a loud report when they come together. This is called the 'Grand Salaam' or 'Stroke of Introduction.' He is then introduced to the Grand Potentate, near whom is a Galvanic Battery, so arranged (under the carpet) that when the candidate is introduced to the Grand Potentate, he receives a severe electric shock. All those to whose lot it fell, in the casting of lots, are allowed to come into the room and be seated."¹

Prior to taking part in the above 'ceremonies,' the candidate is required to take the (Oath and) Obligation of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the concluding portion of which follows here below:

"...and now upon this sacred book, by the sincerity of a Moslem's oath I here register this irrevocable vow, subscribing myself bound thereto as well as binding myself by the obligation of the prerequisite to this membership, that of a Knight Templar or that of a Thirty-Second Degree A. and A., Scottish Rite Mason. In willful violation whereof may I incur the fearful penalty of having my eyeballs pierced to the center with a three-edged blade, my feet flayed and I be forced to walk the hot sands upon the sterile shores of the Red Sea until the flaming sun shall strike me with livid plague, and may Allah, the god of Arab Moslem and Mohammedan, the god of our fathers, support me to the entire fulfillment of the same. Amen, Amen, Amen."²

"A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness."³

"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."⁴

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is hightime to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day

¹The Mystic Shrine: An Illustrated Ritual of the ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Chicago: Ezra A. Cook Publications, 1950), pp. 25-26. ²Ibid., p. 22 Note: For the complete (Oath and) Obligation vid. pp. 20-22 of this work. ³Proverbs 12:23.

is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."¹

Freemasonry: Religious Unionism Personified

What is meant by the term "religious unionism"? Religious unionism is "a non-Biblical term applied to varying degrees of co-organization, co-worship, or collaboration between religious groups irrespective of creeds or spiritual convictions ... Religious Unionism consists in joint worship and work of those united in doctrine, it denies the doctrine of this clearness of Scripture."²

"Syncretism is practically a synonym of unionism, for it signifies the perverse attempts to combine unlike and irreconcilable elements in the interest of a false union."³ Is not Freemasonry guilty of the sin of religious unionism (or syncretism)?

That Freemasonry is the personification of religious unionism (or syncretism) is manifestly evidenced by the fact that in the Masonic Lodge men of all faiths meet and worship together: here Christian, Jew, Mohammedan, Hindu, Buddhist, Shintoist, et. al. join in common prayer to 'gods' of every description. Under the purposely ambiguous designation of 'Great Architect of the Universe,' i.e., G.A.O.T.U., they fellowship together, each acknowledging his own deity in secret: fearing to offend the sensibilities of one of a differing faith, no man openly confesses his own particular 'god.' Reading mutilated Scripture, singing pseudo-religious odes, and praying God-displeasing prayers—all being done in the spirit of 'agreeing to disagree'—is the essence of the 'common denominator' religion of the Masonic Lodge. The Christian is not permitted to confess his Savior with boldness; he is forced into compromising the truth of God's Holy Word.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God, as God hath said: I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore,

⁴St. Matthew 12:35-37.

¹Romans 13:11-14.

²"Unionism," Lutheran Cyclopaedia (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1954), p. 1081.

³"Syncretism," Ibid, p. 1028.

come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."¹

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches decieve the hearts of the simple."²

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."³

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the Law of the Lord; and in His Law doth he meditate day and night."⁴

Freemasonry & Judaism

Earlier, in the section entitled Freemasonry: A Religious Institution, Dr. Albert G. Mackey, noted Masonic divine, was quoted to the effect that:

"...the religion of Freemasonry is not sectarian. It admits men of every creed within its hospitable bosom, rejecting none and approving none for his peculiar faith. It is not Judaism, though there is nothing in it to offend a Jew; it is not Christianity, but there is nothing in it repugnant to the faith of a Christian...Freemasonry, then, is indeed a religious institution; and on this ground mainly, if not alone, should the religious Freemason defend it."⁵

Please note carefully the words, 'there is nothing in it (Freemasonry) to offend a Jew.' In the light of the words which follow, 'it (Freemasonry) is not Christianity,' what may be asserted? Or, to put the question another way, why is it necessary that Freemasonry 'is not Christianity' and that there is nothing in Freemasonry 'to offend a Jew' be claimed in the same context? In answering the question, St. Paul's testimony in this matter is essential:

"And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision (which is of the religion of the Jews), why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased."⁶

"But we preach Christ crucified (which is the very heart and core of historic Christianity), unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness.

¹II Corinthians 6:14-18.

²Romans 16:17-18.

³Ephesians 5:11-12.

⁴Psalms 1:1-2.

⁵Albert G. Mackey, Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, (Chicago: The Masonic History Co., 1956), Vol. 2, pp. 846-8.

⁶Galatians 5:11.

But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."¹

And, in like manner, St. Peter's testimony in this regard is more than vital:

"Wherefore, also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe, He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the Head of the Corner, and a Stone of Stumbling, and a Rock of Offence, even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."²

From the testimony of St. Paul and St. Peter, the answer to the question asked appears! Jesus Christ and him Crucified, the message which is at the very heart and core of historic Christian theology, is the Stumblingblock and the Rock of Offence to the Jew; it is the Preaching of the Cross which offends the Jew! Thus, it is obvious that if Freemasonry is not to offend the Jew, then Freemasonry is not to be Christianity! For that within Christianity which is offensive to the Jew is its essence, viz., Jesus Christ and Him Crucified! Can any other conclusion be reached?

Please note well the words, 'it (Freemasonry) is not Judaism.' That Freemasonry is not the religion of the Israelites as it is given expression in the Old Testament is true; however, that Freemasonry is not the religion of the Jews of today as it is given expression in the Babylonian Talmud is false! It is important, in this regard, to point out that some of the Jews of today (i.e., modern day Jews) themselves in their writings have claimed that Freemasonry is largely controlled by Jewish influences; in this connection the statement of Dr. Isaac M. Wise ought to be recalled:

"Masonry is a Jewish institution whose history, decrees, charges, passwords, and explanations are Jewish, from the beginning to the end, with the exception of only one by-decree and a few words in the obligations."³

In the Protocols of the Meetings of the Zionist Men of Wisdom, which were signed by the Zionist Representatives of the 33rd (highest) Degree of Initiation, secretly removed from the complete file of Protocols pertaining to the first Zionist Congress—held at Basle in August, 1897—contained in the vaults at the main Zionist office located at that time in French territory, and first published in a work entitled *The Great in the Little* written in 1905 by the well-known Russian author, Serge Nilus, the following significant paragraphs occur:

¹I Corinthians 1:23-24.

²I Peter 2:6-8; vid. Isaiah 8:14 and Psalm 118:22 and Luke 2:34.

³Dr. Isaac M. Wise, *The Israelite*, August 3 & 17, 1855, quoted by Samuel Oppenheim in his pamphlet "Jews and Masonry in the United States Before 1810," (New York: American Jewish Historical Society, 1910), No. 19, pp. 1-2.

"Who and what can overthrow an unseen power? For such is the character of our power. External Masonry acts as a screen for it and its aims, but the plan of action of this power, and its very headquarters, will always remain unknown to the people."¹

"When we are enthroned we will substitute for the liberal words of our Masonic catchword, 'Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity,' another group of words expressing simply ideas, namely, 'the right of Liberty, the duty of Equality, the ideal of Fraternity.'"²

"The establishment of any new secret society will be met by the death penalty, and those societies which now exist and are known to us and either work or have worked for us, will be disbanded and their members exiled to continents far removed from Europe.

"...The Masons whom we may pardon for any reason will be kept under continual fear of exile. We will pass a law whereby all members of secret organizations will be exiled from Europe, that being the center of our government...

"Meanwhile, until our rule is established, we, on the contrary, will organize and multiply free masonic lodges in all the countries of the world. We will attract to them all those who are and who may become public-spirited, because in these lodges will be the chief source of information and from them will emanate our influence.

"All these lodges will be centralized under one management, known only to us and unknown to all others; these lodges will be administered by our wise men. The lodges will have their own representative in this management in order to screen the above mentioned Masonic government; he will give the password and elaborate the program. We will tie the knot of all revolutionary liberal elements in these lodges. Their membership will consist of all strata of society. The most secret political plans will be known to us and will fall under our leadership on the very day of their origination. Among the members of these lodges will be almost all the agents of the international and national police, whose work is indispensable for us, inasmuch as the police not only are able to take independent measures against the rebellious, but may also serve to mask our actions, provoke discontent, and so forth.

"Most people who become members of secret societies are adventurers, career makers, and irresponsible persons in general, with whom we will have no difficulty in dealing and who will help us to set in motion the mechanism of the machine planned by us... It is only natural that we want nobody but ourselves to guide the work of the Masons, for we know where we are trending, we know the final aim of every action...

"Death is the unavoidable end of all. It would be better to accelerate this end for those who interfere with our cause than for our people or for us, ourselves, the creators of this cause to die. We kill Masons in such a way that none but the brothers suspect, not even the victims; they all die when it is necessary, apparently

¹The Protocols and World Revolution (Boston: Small, Maynard & Co., 1920), p. 22, (Note: Protocol IV).

²Ibid., p. 30, (Note: Protocol IX)

from a natural death. Knowing this, even the brethren, in their turn, dare not protest. It is through such measures that we have uprooted the heart of protest against our orders from among the Masons..."¹

Organized Jewry claims that the Protocols are not authentic: one camp urges that they are 'forgeries,' while another camp contends that they are the figment of an 'anti-Semitic' imagination. Either claim may be correct, of course; however, each claim has an inherent weakness:

- (a) If the Protocols are 'forgeries,' as urged, then of what document (or documents) are they 'forgeries'? A 'forged' passport, for instance, has its authentic counterpart! (True or False?)
- (b) If the Protocols are the figment of an 'anti-Semitic' imagination, as contended, then why do they accurately portray, as if they were the blueprints for, the present day World Revolutionary Movement? (Or is this 'resemblance' purely coincidental?)

"For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost."²

Freemasonry & Mormonism

As Rev. F.E. Schumann, a retired Pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, notes in his superb pamphlet on Mormonism, which he wrote after spending many years as a Missionary among the Mormons, opens the section dealing with "Mormonism and Masonry" with these words:

"A chapter on Mormonism and Masonry is in place here, to answer the many questions asked with regard to the Mormon temples.

"It is significant that Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum Smith, and Brigham Young were all Masons. Today Mormons are barred by the Masonic Lodge of Utah and Mormonism is opposed to lodgery, specifically Masonry."³

S.H. Goodwin, P.G.M., points out in his authoritative treatise on Mormonism and Masonry that:

"The observant Craftsman cannot be long among the Mormon people without noting the not infrequent use made of certain emblems and symbols which have come to be associated in the public mind with the Masonic fraternity. And now and again he will catch expressions and phrases in conversation, and meet with

¹Ibid, pp. 47-50. (Note: Protocol XV).

²I Thessalonians 2:14-16.

³F.E. Schumann, "Is this the Church of Jesus Christ?" (St. Louis: Concordia (continued on next page)

terms in literature, which are suggestive, to say the least. If he should continue his residence in Utah, he will sometimes be made aware of the fact, when shaking hands with a Mormon neighbor or friend, that there is a pressure of the hand as though some sort of a 'grip' is being given."¹

Goodwin then describes in detail the oaths, grips, and signs of Mormonism as given in the Temple, saying:

"The audience stands, each with the right hand raised to a square, when the following oath is taken:

"We, and each of us, solemnly bind ourselves that we will not reveal any of the secrets of the first token of the Aaronic priesthood, with its accompanying name, sign or penalty. Should I do so, I agree that my throat may be cut from ear to ear, and my tongue torn out by its roots.'

"Grip. The grip is very simple: hands clasped, pressing the point of the knuckle of the index finger with the thumb.

"Sign. In executing the sign of the penalty, the hand, palm down, is placed across the body, so that the thumb comes directly under and a little behind the ear. The hand is then drawn sharply to the right across the throat, the elbow standing out at a position of ninety degrees from the body; the hand is dropped from the square to the side.

"...Various characters appear and carry on a dialogue, and then a robe and sandals are put on the candidate, and the apron replaced, and the second oath is administered:

'We, and each of us, do solemnly promise and bind ourselves never to reveal any of the secrets of this priesthood, with the accompanying name, grip and penalty. Should we do so, we agree that our breasts may be torn open, our heart and vitals torn out and given to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field.'

"Grip. Clasp the right hand and place the thumb into the hollow of the knuckles, between the first and second finger.

"Sign. The sign is made by extending the right hand across the left breast, directly over the heart; then drawing it rapidly from left to right with the elbow at the square; then dropping the hand to the side.

"The Candidates are then conducted into what is known as the 'Celestial Room.' There also characters appear and carry on conversations, relating to the ceremonies, and other preparations are made for administering of the third oath, which is as follows:

'You, and each of you, do covenant and promise that you will never reveal any of the secrets of the priesthood, with any accompanying name, sign and penalty. Should you do so, you agree that your body may be cut asunder and all your bowels gush out.'

"In this, the left hand is placed palm upright, directly in front of the body, there being a right angle formed at the elbow; the right hand, palm down, is placed under the elbow of the left; then drawn sharply across the bowels, and both hands

Publishing House, n.d.), p. 21.

¹S.H. Goodwin, "Mormonism and Masonry: A Utah Point of View" (Salt Lake City, Utah: Grand Lodge, F.& A. M. of Utah, 1961), p. 43.

dropped to the side. [Sign]

"Grasping the right hands so that the little fingers are interlocked and the fore-finger presses the first. This is known as the patriarchal grip, or the true sign of the nail."¹ [Grip]

Past Grand Master Goodwin concludes this chapter with the very significant words:

"In taking leave of this part of the subject, the fact is worthy of record that Joseph Smith fixes the date of the introduction of the endowments (viz., Temple Rites) as May 4, 1842, nearly two months after he became a Mason."²

In attempting to justify the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Utah with regard to Mormonism, Mr. Goodwin explains:

"In view of such facts as are here set forth: with 'living oracles' whose words may at any time supersede the rule and guide of the Mason's faith and practice, and with fairly definite information as to the character of such pronouncements, where Masonry might be concerned—members of the Craft may be pardoned, perhaps, for hesitating to accept the petition of a Latter-Day Saint. And the necessity for this course is not lessened by the fact that two of the four standard works, or bibles, of the Mormon Church condemn in unsparing and unmistakable terms, all secret organizations.

"...And Masons may be pardoned, perhaps, should they seriously doubt if a 'bad' Mormon can be made over into a good Mason."³

Freemasonry & Roman Catholicism

The Roman Catholic Church has always been the great foe of Freemasonry. In a speech made by the late Monseigneur Jouin, founder of the "Revue International des Societes Secretes," entitled "Papacy and Freemasonry," on December 8, 1930, it is noted that:

"Papacy and Freemasonry, those are the two powers active throughout the world and each is seeking to dominate it. The solution of the struggle taking place between them is, at the present moment of the utmost importance; for we are face to face not only with the crossroads of history but also with a radical transformation of humanity itself. Either Roman Catholicism will lift us up again to the level of Christian Civilization or else Judeo-Masonry will drag us down the path of Barbarism and Decadent Paganism. The whole world oscillates between the two: Christianity and Paganism. On December 8th, 1892, Pope Leo XIII wrote to the Italian Episcopal Hierarchy:

'It is necessary to fight Freemasonry with those weapons of divine faith which in past ages vanquished paganism.'

"Moreover the Papacy and Judeo-Masonry are both so fully conscious of the diametrically opposed parts that they are playing that they assume that from it must

¹Ibid., pp. 46-48. ²Ibid., p. 51. ³Ibid., pp. 72, 76.

issue the political, economic, intellectual and religious future of individuals as well as nations. It is a fact and the better proof of it is their irreducible antagonism toward each other.

"What is, indeed, Judeo-Masonry today if not the concentration and mobilization of all evil forces? This Sect with its threefold claim of being Counter-Church (against the Church), Counter-State (against the State), and Counter-Morality (against traditional morality) takes pride in being above all and for all times the enemy of the Catholic Church; one of its rallying calls is that of Tigrotto, one of the Alta Vendita chiefs, who, in 1822, proclaimed:

'Catholicism must be destroyed throughout the whole world'

"With Tigrotto also the anti-Catholic plan is expressed thus:

'Let us conspire only against Rome'

"Is this not expressed in an identical manner in the German 'Los Von Rom' or in the English: 'No Popery?'

"Monseigneur Gay, having been assigned by the Council of the Vatican the duty of writing 'A Memorandum on Secret Societies,' gave the following striking definition of Freemasonry.

'It is evident that in a general way, this doctrine of Freemasonry is not only a heresy, nor even the totality of all heresies, which find in it a haven; it is a fact that Masonry goes beyond the limits of what constitutes what is generally ascribed to the word 'heresy,' for it allows full play to the commission of outrageous perversion. Freemasonry is indeed the abyss of all errors, the well of perdition.'

"This abyss of all errors (Abyssus Errorum) is justly compared to the 'abysmal well' mentioned in Revelation (abysuss putei, ix, 1-3), whose emanations darken the light of the sun and poison the air. It is this accursed Sect whose perversion was stigmatized by Pope Pius IX when he named it: 'The Synagogue of Satan.' Due to its enormous extension and its nowadays very visible collusion with International Jewish Finance, Freemasonry has indeed become the 'Synagogue of Satan.' As such it provided funds for the Russian Revolution, installed in Moscow;¹ it carried Communism from East to West, took up the leadership of States of their governments, their various administration departments or ministries, and of their parliaments and, in consequence, it is such a world power that, for any discerning mind, it seems as though, today there are on earth only two great powers, viz: Judeo-Masonry in the service of the World Jewry and the Church in the hands of Peter's Successor. Those two powers are at war, face to face as though fighting an endless duel, as is clearly expressed in the stone inscription of the Masonic Grand Orient and Supreme Council of France:

'The fight taking place between Catholicism and Freemasonry is a fight to the very death, ceaseless and merciless.' (Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France p. 183, 1892 and in memorandum of the Supreme Council No. 85, page 48).

"With such a rallying definite line of action, one can positively affirm that

¹vid. Department of State Decimal File 1910-1929, File 861, 00/5399, of the General Services Administration, The National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C.; vid. etiam Elizabeth Dilling, *The Plot Against Christianity* (Lincoln, Nebraska: Elizabeth Dilling Foundation, 1964).

Judeo-Masonry is the Unique Enemy of the Church. It can be detected in all anti-Catholic attacks against clergy or laity led either by Freemasons or even by Catholics whose faith has decreased due to either fear, passion, or self-interest.

"In his encyclical 'Humanism Genus' Pope Leo XIII wrote:

There exists in the world a certain number of sects which although seemingly different one from another as to name, ritual, form, and origin are, however, similar due to the analogy of their aim and chief principles. Indeed, they are identical to Freemasonry which is, for them all, the central point from which they proceed and toward which they converge.'

"Further, in his letter to the Italian people dated December 8, 1892, Pope Leo XIII writes:

Let us remember that Christianity and Freemasonry are essentially incompatible, to such an extent, that to become united with one means being divorced from the other. Let us, therefore, expose Freemasonry as the enemy of God, of the Church, and of our Motherland.'

"At the present moment (1930) it is a fact that St. Augustine's two cities, the City of Good and the City of Evil are separate, each seeking to rule the world. The City of Evil ruled by Satan is named Judeo-Masonry; insistently it proclaims to all, Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox, to Freethinkers, Communists, and Pagans, in fact to the whole world that:

'To fight against Papacy is a social necessity and constitutes the constant duty of Freemasonry.' (Masonic International Congress held in Brussels 1904, page 132 of the Report.)

"The City of Good and of Jesus Christ is the Catholic Church; for over nineteen centuries, according to the teaching of the Roman Pontiff. She repeats to the world Her immutable creed:

'I believe in the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.'

"Such is the subject of my conference. From an overall viewpoint, there should issue a solid appreciation of the work of a number of Popes done on the subject of the Sect of Freemasonry from the time it made its appearance in the eighteenth century. It showed its anti-religious and anti-social activities as well as its licentiousness and its aims which, from the very beginning, were susceptible of excommunication. It showed also its prodigious development leading to the situation which I already sketched, namely, the duality of forces: one, the forces of Evil concentrating in Judeo-Masonry, and the other, the forces of Good, concentrated in one flock under the staff of the one shepherd (representative of Jesus Christ) who, since 1738 has constantly renewed the appeal for the defense of the Church against her mortal enemy—even though in many instances the appeal was useless. Surrounded by Ghettos and Masonic Lodges, in the course of a fight which has become universal, Popes have reiterated their appeal for defense and have clearly shown the place and the duty of Catholics—all too frequently the place has been left deserted and the duty has been betrayed in a shameful manner.."¹

The scholarly Monseigneur Jouin, world authority on Jewish history

¹Monseigneur Jouin, "Papacy and Freemasonry" (Omni Publications, P.O. Box 900566, Palmdale, CA, 1955), pp. 1-5.

and objectives, who knew the necessity for exposing those facts dealing with the Judeo-Masonic Peril to Christianity, desiring to demonstrate the unity of the Papacy in its opposition to Freemasonry, near the end of his speech, (referred to above) says in summary:

"Therefore, our conclusion is contained in just two words: unity of purpose and viewpoint and unity of action shown by the Sovereign Pontiffs in regard to Freemasonry. Fifteen years after the publication of the Constitution of Anderson in 1723, there appeared the constitution 'In Eminenti' of Pope Clement XII, April 28, 1738. Is there in the history of the Church a heresy which met with such a swift condemnation? Another fact equally remarkable is that all the Popes based their ulterior condemnations on this Pontifical act of Clement XII, showing clearly that there was but one Voice, but one cry of disapproval when it came to pronounce the anathema against Secret Societies and striking their members with the most rigorous censure which the Church can apply.

"Even though incomplete, here follows a list of documents as proof of the above:

Clement XII	(1730-1740)	In Eminenti	April 28, 1738
Benedict XIV	(1740-1758)	Providas	March 16, 1751
Clement XIII	(1758-1769)	A. Quodie	Sept. 14, 1758
"	"	Ut Primum	Sept. 3, 1759
"	"	Christianae	Nov. 25, 1766
Pius VI	(1795-1799)	Inscrutable	Dec. 25, 1775
Pius VII	(1800-1823)	Ecclesiam a Jesu Christo	Sept. 14, 1820
Leo XII	(1823-1829)	Quo Graviora	March 13, 1826
Pius VIII	(1848-1878)	Qui Pluribus	Nov. 9, 1846
"	"	Omnibus Zuantisque	April 20, 1849
"	"	Multiplices Inter	Sept. 25, 1865
Leo XIII	(1878-1903)	Humanum Genus	April 20, 1884
"	"	Letter to Italian Episcopate	Dec. 8, 1892
"	"	Letter to Italian People	Dec. 8, 1892
Pius X	(1903-1914)	Vehementer	Feb. 11, 1906
"	"	Letter to France	Jan. 6, 1907

"Add to this, the condemnation of the Y.M.C.A. by the Holy Office, November 5, 1920, and also the decree through which I was made a Prelate, signed by Pope Benedict XV, followed by the Letter of Cardinal Gasperi, praising my book: *Guerre Maconnique* (Masonic War). Then again remember the Encyclical of His Holiness Pius XI against irreligious teaching in schools and his encouragement to me to continue my anti-Judeo-Masonic fight, and you will thus have before you a chain whose links are inseparably united.

"It is this unity of viewpoints which demonstrates that the Papacy has but one voice and is the judiciary power of those Societies which actually form the whole

of Judeo-Masonry."¹

One might ask, perhaps, why this speech was re-printed in 1955, after, twenty-five years had elapsed from the time that it was given. The answer to this question is probably to be found in the Foreward to the pamphlet itself, wherein it is pointed out that:

"The reprinted speech of Msgr. Jouin takes on new meaning in the view of the current rush of Priests and Religious who are eager to accept Judeo-Masonic 'Brotherhood' Awards, Grants, and Political Favors. No longer can the alerted laity remain silent to the Heresy of Interfaith (including Judeo-Christianity) that is being perpetrated in defiance of the oft-repeated infallible Encyclicals of Our Great Popes."²

In the light of this charge, viz, that the Heresy of Interfaith is running rampant in Roman Catholicism (as in Protestantism—and elsewhere), it is indeed, interesting to note that on the 17th day of September, 1964 an application for a charter was filed in the office of the Prothonotary of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, resulting in the creation of Nobles and Knights Charities, Inc., a joint charity project operated by the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Syria Temple) and the (Roman Catholic) Knights of Columbus (vid, the photographic reproductions on the next two pages of the newspaper accounts relating thereto, Application for Charter, and the letter to the author of this treatise from the Imperial Recorder of the Imperial Council of the A.A.O.N.M.S. regarding this matter). Just where is the Ecumenical Movement headed? I shall allow the reader to answer this question himself! (And in doing so the reader might want to study another document, one which we cannot print here, viz., an "alleged" K. of C. "Oath"—printed over fifty years ago in The Congressional Record.³

Catholics, Masons Merge Efforts

Knights of Columbus, Shriners Joining in Charitable Ventures⁴

The Knights of Columbus and Syria Shrine Temple today asked Common Pleas Court for permission to sponsor mutual fund raising events to benefit children. Masonic fraternal organizations—frequently considered rivals—together under the title of Nobles and Knights

¹Ibid., pp. 32-33.

²Ibid., (Inside Front Cover).

³vid. The Congressional Record, Volume 49, Part 4, Page 3218—February 15, 1913.

⁴The Pittsburgh Press, Vol. 81, No. 85, September 17, 1964, p. 34.

Charities, Inc.

Bishop John J. Wright, of the Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese, said in a statement issued here that the plan has both local and national ecumenical significance.

"There must be a hundred corny jokes about the real and alleged differences between Knights of Columbus and Freemasons," he said. "Some of the jokes are funny, but most of them are tired."

He added that if all these jokes were combined they would not do as much "to relax and refresh the human spirit"

as does the news that the Nobles and Knights are joining in a charitable endeavor to help children.

The Knights of Columbus, through their Bishop Wright Project, aid mentally retarded children at St. Anthony's School, Oakmont, and the McGuire Memorial Home., New Brighton.

Syria Temple is well-known for its sponsorship of an annual circus to raise funds for physically handicapped children. William G. Haile is illustrious potentate of the Shrine.

Knights, Shriners Here Join Forces¹

The Knights of Columbus and the Shriners here, frequently thought of as rivals, are joining hands officially to aid children's charities.

Representatives of the Knights and of Syria Temple's Shriners, a Masonic Order, this week filed an application in Common Pleas Court for a single non-profit corporation charter under which fund-raising events for child charities can be staged.

Name of the proposed corporation is the Nobles and Knights Charities, Inc.

The unique arrangement, bringing together members of two prominent fraternal organizations, has ecumenical as well as charitable meaning.

The Knights' particular project involved is the Bishop Wright Project, a year-around fund-raising effort for St. Anthony School in Oakmont and other charities.

Bishop Wright, in praising the new combination, said:

There must be a hundred corny jokes about the real and alleged differences

between the Knights of Columbus and Freemasons.

¹ "Some of the jokes are funny, but most of them are tired. Not all of them combined, however, do as much to relax and refresh the human spirit as does the truly joyful news that Pittsburgh area Nobles and Knights are making com-mon cause to demonstrate their shared conviction that of all virtues, the greatest is charity, and that among all the objects of the charity of decent men, first place is held by children." "This is no joke, and no joke could bring more laughter to more hearts," he continued. "This is good news for the many children traditionally helped by the Shriners. It is good news for the exceptional children to whom the Knights have been so good under their project bearing my

¹The Pittsburgh Catholic, Vol. 116, No. 28, September 17, 1964, pp. 1, 10.

name.

"It is good ecumenical news of the first importance for Greater Pittsburgh. It gives a thrilling example for charitable action in the entire American community and wherever upright men rise above their honest differences to do good deeds about which no difference of opinion is possible."

Committees who worked out the agreement included, for the K of C,

state deputy Carmen R. Capone, William F. Marm, John M. Vegh, Raymond F. Merkel, Dr. Regis J. Ging and William B. Jones: for the Shriners, Illustrious Potentate William G. Haile, C.E. Palmer, J.S. McCans, John A. Hollingsworth, Walther H. Sarraf and James A. Weiland.

Freemasonry & Greek Orthodoxy

The majority of the autocephalous Eastern Orthodox Churches are critical of Freemasonry, even though the largest Orthodox body in the United States, the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America, has never issued an official statement on this subject. However, the Bishops of the Church of Greece unanimously adopted the following pronouncement on Freemasonry in their session of October 12, 1933:

"Freemasonry is not simply a philanthropic union or a philosophical school, but constitutes a mystagogical system which reminds us of the ancient heathen mystery religions and cults—from which it descends and is their continuation and regeneration....

"Such a link between Freemasonry and the ancient idolatrous mysteries is also manifested by all that is enacted and performed at the initiations. As in the rites of the ancient idolatrous mysteries, the drama of the labours and death of the mystery god was repeated, and in the imitative repetition of this drama, the initiate dies together with the patron of the mystery religion, who was always a mythical person symbolizing the Sun of nature which dies in winter and is regenerated in spring, so it is also, in the initiation of the third degree, of the patron of Freemasonry, Hiram, and a kind of repetition of his death, in which the initiate suffers with him, struck by the same instruments and on the same parts of the body as Hiram. According to the confession of a prominent teacher of Freemasonry, Hiram is 'as Osiris, as Mithra, and as Bacchus, one of the personifications of the Sun'.

"Thus Freemasonry is, as granted, a mystery-religion, quite different, separate, and alien to the Christian faith. This is shown without any doubt by the fact that it possesses its own temples with altars...It possesses its own religious ceremonies... It possesses its own initiations, its own ceremonial ritual, its own hierarchical order and a definite discipline. As may be concluded from the masonic agapes and from the feasting of the winter and summer solstices with religious meals and general rejoicings, it is a physiocratic religion.

"It is true that it may seem at first that Freemasonry can be reconciled with every other religion, because it is not interested directly in the religion to which its initiates belong. This is, however, explained by its syncretistic character and

proves that in this point also it is an offspring and a continuation of ancient idolatrous mysteries which accepted for initiation worshippers of all gods. But as the mystery religions, in spite of the apparent spirit of tolerance and acceptance of foreign gods, lead to a syncretism which undermined and gradually shook confidence in other religions, thus Freemasonry today, which seeks to embrace in itself gradually all mankind and which promises to give moral perfection and knowledge of truth, is lifting itself to the position of super-religion, looking on all religions (without excepting Christianity) as inferior to itself...And the fact alone that Freemasonry creates a brotherhood excluding all other brotherhoods outside it (which are considered by Freemasonry as 'uninstructed' even when they are Christian) proves clearly its pretensions to be a super-religion. This means that by masonic initiation a Christian becomes a brother of the Muslim, the Buddhist, or any kind of rationalist, while the Christian not initiated in Freemasonry becomes to him an outsider.

"On the other hand, Freemasonry in prominently exalting knowledge and in helping free research as 'putting no limit in the search of truth' (according to its rituals and constitution), and more than this by adopting the so-called natural ethic, shows itself in this sense to be in sharp contradiction with the Christian religion. For the Christian religion exalts faith above all, confining human reason to the limits traced by Divine Revelation and leading to holiness through the supernatural action of grace. In other words, while Christianity, as a religion of Revelation, possessing its rational and super-rational dogmas and truths, asks for faith first, and grounds its moral structure on the supernatural Divine Grace, Freemasonry has only natural truth and brings to the knowledge of its initiates free thinking and investigation through reason only. It bases its moral structure only on the natural forces of man, and has only natural aims.

"Thus, the incompatible contradiction between Christianity and Freemasonry is quite clear. It is natural that various Churches of other denominations have taken a stand against Freemasonry. Not only has the Western Church branded for its own reason the Masonic movement by numerous Papal encyclicals, but Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian communities have also declared it to be incompatible with Christianity. Much more has the Orthodox Catholic Church maintaining in its integrity the treasure of Christian faith, proclaimed against it every time that the question of Freemasonry has been raised. Recently, the Interorthodox Commission which met on Mount Athos and in which the representatives of all the Autocephalous Orthodox Churches took part, has characterized Freemasonry as a 'false and anti-Christian system'.¹

The Assembly of the Bishops of the Church of Greece accepted the following conclusions that were drawn from the investigations and discussions by its President, His Grace Archbishop Chrysostom of Athens, in the above mentioned session:

"Freemasonry cannot be at all compatible with Christianity as far as it is a secret

¹Ekklesia, No. 48, December 4, 1933, tr. Rev. Fr. Krivoshein, Orthodox priest at Oxford, quoted in Walton Hannah, *Darkness Visible* (London: Augustine Press, 1955), pp. 70-73.

organization, acting and teaching in mystery and secret and deifying rationalism. Freemasonry accepts as its members not only Christians, but also Jews and Muslims. Consequently clergymen cannot be permitted to take part in this association. I consider as worthy of degradation every clergyman who does so. It is necessary to urge upon all who entered it without due thought and without examining what Freemasonry is, to sever all connection with it, for Christianity alone is the religion which teaches absolute truth and fulfils the religious and moral needs of men. Unanimously and with one voice all the Bishops of the Church of Greece have approved what was said, and we declare that all the faithful children of the Church must stand apart from Freemasonry.... It is not lawful to belong at the same time to Christ and to search for redemption and moral perfection outside Him. For these reasons true Christianity is incompatible with Freemasonry.

"Therefore, all who have become involved in the initiations of masonic mysteries must from this moment sever all relations with masonic lodges and activities, being sure that they are thereby of a certainty renewing their links with our one Lord and Saviour which were weakened by ignorance and by a wrong sense of values...."¹

Freemasonry & Lutheranism

The position of the United Lutheran Church in America regarding the Lodge Question is most fully expressed in the Washington Declaration, in which the following pertinent paragraphs occur:

"In view of the prevalence throughout our land of doctrines which are subversive of the Christian faith; and in view of the indifference manifested by many Christian people to the doctrines and principles of the teachers, sects, and organizations which seek their adherence and support; and in view of the fact that through the acceptance of religious and other teachings which contradict the Gospel of Christ, the faith of Christians is endangered; we declare:

"I. That we solemnly warn all our pastors and the members of our congregations against all teachers, sects, and organizations of any kind whose doctrines and principles contradict the truths set forth in Section D, III, of this Declaration, or which limit their adherents or members in a free confession of their Christian faith.

"II. That we warn them especially against all teachers, sects, and societies whose doctrines and principles deny the reality of sin, the personality of God, the full and complete Godhead of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his redemption of this world by His sufferings and death, and the truth and authority of the Holy Scriptures; as well as against all teachers, sects, and societies which teach that men can be saved from sin, or can become righteous before God, by their own works or by any other means than the grace and mercy of God in Jesus Christ. We believe

¹Ekklesia, No. 48, December 4, 1933, tr. Rev. Fr. Krivoshein, Orthodox priest at Oxford, quoted in Walton Hannah, *Darkness Visible* (London: Augustine Press, 1955), pp. 73-74.

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that such organizations are not only not Christian, but are anti-Christian and destructive of true Christian faith and life.

III. That inasmuch as these and other false and dangerous doctrines are widely spread, not only by the activity of individual teachers, but also by the dissemination of literature and through the agency of societies and other organizations, calling themselves by various names which often times conceal the real nature of the doctrines and principles for which they stand; we therefore lay it upon the consciences of the pastors and of the members of all our congregations to scrutinize with the utmost care societies of every sort which seek their adherence and support in all cases of conflict or possible contradiction between these principles and doctrines and those set forth in Holy Scripture and in the Confessions of the Church. In the application of this principle the Church should always appeal to a conscience which it is her sacred duty to enlighten, patiently and persistently, from the Word of God."¹

The position of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod regarding the Lodge Question is stated in detail in the By-Laws to its Constitution, in which the following pertinent paragraphs are to be found:

"Synod is firmly opposed to lodges or societies of an unchristian or anti-Christian character.

"It is the solemn, sacred and God-given duty of every pastor properly to instruct his people on the sinfulness of such lodges as deny the Holy Trinity, the Deity of Christ, the Vicarious Atonements, and other Scriptural doctrines, and to induce his congregations to take action against all members who after thorough instruction refuse to leave such a lodge.

"It is the duty of every fellow Christian, fellow pastor, and especially of the officials of the Synod, to admonish all pastors who neglect their duty in this respect; and if Christian admonition has been administered in the spirit of Matthew 18 without the proper results, the officials of Synod shall bring such cases to the attention of the respective District for further action.

"Synod instructs its officers to exercise vigilant care and urges all pastors and congregations to admonish such congregations and pastors as permit the 'lodge evil' to exist in their churches without counter-testimony and decisive action. If after due investigation it becomes evident that such congregations and pastors refuse to change their attitude and practice, they shall be suspended and eventually expelled from Synod.

"Synod earnestly requests the various Districts to carry out these provisions and faithfully to assist their congregations in eradicating the 'lodge evil.'

"It is, and shall be, the practice of the congregations of Synod not to administer Holy Communion to members of such lodges, nor to admit such persons to communicant membership, since Holy Communion expresses an exclusive spiritual re-

¹"Washington Declaration" (Declaration of Principles Concerning the Church and its External Relationships, (Washington, D.C., October 26, 1920), Section E, I-III, quoted in William Meyer, "A Conspiracy of Silence" (Chicago: National Christian Association, n.d.), pp. 6-7; vid. etiam The Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, Art. VII, Sec. 6.

lationship of the communicant to his Lord and to his brethren. (Matt. 10:32; I Cor. 10:16, 17; and I Cor. 11:25).

"A pastor will sometimes encounter exceptional cases in which he is called upon to administer Holy Communion to a person who is still outwardly connected with such a lodge.

"Such exceptional cases, however, are normally limited to those instances in which the individual involved has renounced, to his pastor and/or the church council, the unchristian or anti-Christian teaching of the lodge of which he is a member. In such cases the pastor shall consult with his brethren in the ministry or with the officials of Synod as the case may require.

"Furthermore, in such exceptional cases the pastor should earnestly beware of procrastination and of giving offense, both to the members of the congregation and to the brethren in general.

"Finally, the pastor should put forth continuous effort to bring the individual to an early decision in this matter so that he may be fully won for Christ, and become or remain a communicant member of the congregation, as the case may be."¹

The position of the American Lutheran Church (since 1930) and of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (since 1952) regarding the Lodge Question is clearly set forth in the Minneapolis Theses, in which the following pertinent paragraphs may be read:

"These Synods agree that all such organizations or societies, secret or open, as are either avowedly religious or practice the forms of religion without confessing as a matter of principle the Triune God or Jesus Christ as the Son of God come into the flesh and our Savior from sin, or teach, instead of the Gospel, salvation by human works or morality, are anti-Christian and destructive of the best interests of the Church and the individual soul, and that, therefore, the Church of Christ and its congregations can have no fellowship with them.

"They agree that a Lutheran Synod should not tolerate pastors who have affiliated themselves with any anti-Christian society. And they admonish their pastors and congregations to testify against the sin of lodgery and to put forth earnest efforts publicly and privately to enlighten and persuade persons who are members of anti-Christian societies, to sever their connection with such organizations."²

The position of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church regarding the Lodge Question is made extremely clear in its Constitution, in which the following pertinent paragraph appears:

"The greatest care shall be exercised in order that no person lacking the proper qualifications be ordained to the ministry or retained in that office. It is especially

¹Handbook of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1957), By-Laws to the Constitution of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Paragraph 14.03.

²"Minneapolis Theses" (These adopted by the representatives of the Ohio, Iowa, and Buffalo Synods at Minneapolis, November 18, 1925), Thesis V., quoted in "Lutheranism and Lodgery" (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, n.d.), p. 5; vid. etiam The Constitution of the American Lutheran Church, Art. II, Sec. 4, p. 4, (continued on next page)

stipulated that no person who belongs to or joins any secret organization or society of unbelievers shall be received or retained in the ministerial office."¹

The position of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and other States regarding the Lodge Question is made explicit in the following statement:

"As lodges and similar organizations have in general a deistic religion, are anti-Christian in character, and teach synergism in its crassest form, we consider it a contradiction in itself to try to be a member of the Lutheran Church and a member of such a society at the same time. Joining such an organization is an act which severs the true fellowship with the Lutheran Church. The simple command of the Lord: Flee from idolatry! covers the situation nicely."²

Freemasonry & Protestantism³

Noteworthy is the fact that it is generally less well-known that certain Protestant Communion have also condemned Freemasonry, and in each it has been Grand Lodge—and not Grand Orient—Masonry which has been severely censured. Among them are to be found:

- (a) Presbyterians: the 'Original Secession' in Scotland repudiated Freemasonry as early as 1757; in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland abstention from Masonry is a condition of membership—even as it is in the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland (and has been since 1927); the Committee on Secret Societies of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of America condemned Freemasonry in a Report to the General Assembly of that body at Rochester, N.Y., in 1942, basically on the grounds that it fosters religious indifferentism; and the United Presbyterian Church of North America banned Masons from church membership until 1925, at which time the matter was declared a matter of individual conscience.
- (b) Methodists: English Methodists passed a resolution against Freemasonry at the Bradford Conference in 1927; and in the United States both the Free

1955 Edition.

¹The Constitution of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chap. IV, Art. II, Sec. II, 1928 Edition, quoted in "Lutheranism and Lodgery" (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, n.d.), p. 3.

²Statement issued by Prof. Winfred Schaller, April 25, 1951, and reaffirmed by Rev. Theodore Sauer, Secretary, November 27, 1956, quoted in "Lutheranism and Lodgery" (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, n.d.), pp. 6-7.

³Vid. Walton Hannah, *Darkness Visible* (London: Augustine Press, 1955), Chapter X, pp. 67-78; vid. etiam William J. Whalen, *Christianity and American Freemasonry* (Milwaukee: Bruce Publishing Co., 1959), Chapter XII, pp. 147-162. These works give a more detailed treatment than is possible in a treatise such as mine, quoting in many instances the positions of the various denominations mentioned in this section—and others, too—in regard to the lodge question.

Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Methodist Church forbid membership in secret societies.

- (c) Baptists: the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (Dr. R.T. Ketcham, National Representative) opposes membership in secret societies—its pastors and most of its members being free from connections with such organizations.
- (d) Reformed: the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa (Cape Synod) appointed a commission to study Freemasonry, and this commission reported against the Craft in November, 1940, urging that all Masons who were members of the Dutch Reformed Church leave their Lodges, and ruling that in the future all Freemasons be prohibited from holding church offices; lodge membership was one of the major points of dispute causing the Christian Reformed Church to separate from the parent Reformed Church in America in 1857; this denomination, in spite of its uncompromising Calvinism and its unrelenting hostility to all secret organizations, has grown more rapidly than its parent body!
- (e) Others: the Assemblies of God (and most of the Holiness and the Pentecostal sects), the Church of the Nazarene, the Seventh Day Adventist, the Jehovah Witnesses, the Church of the Brethren, the Quakers, the Mennonites, the Churches of Christ, and the Salvation Army are all committed in some degree or another to an anti-lodge position.

A point of interest which must be mentioned before closing this section is that the major Protestant denominations which support their own parochial school systems head the list in their opposition to the lodge: these include the following: the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the Christian Reformed, and the Seventh Day Adventist!

Freemasonry & Unitarianism

Is it actually possible for a Mason to maintain in all honesty that he can be a confessionally consistent member of the Christian Church—and simultaneously hold membership in the Lodge? In order to supply an embarrassingly convincing answer to this particular question, it is only necessary to quote extensively from a pamphlet entitled, "The Relation of the Liberal Churches and the Fraternal Orders," written some fifty years ago by a Unitarian minister, Elijah Alfred Coil, who saw the unmistakably inherent inconsistency of leading such an antithetically dual spiritual life, and noted:

"It is becoming more and more clear to me, as the facts relating to the subject are brought out, that the fraternities, and the churches called liberal, have been working along parallel lines for years; but, because the one put the chief emphasis upon the fatherhood of God and therefore emphasized theology, while the other put the chief emphasis upon the brotherhood of Man and therefore emphasized sociology, they have not realized that they were occupying practically the same

ground. They have not therefore always supplemented each other's work as they should have done. Evidences of a better understanding are now appearing, and there is promise that real cooperation will ensue.

"The more I learn of the origin, history, and liturgies of the great fraternities of today, the more amazed I become that the kinship between them and the liberal churches was not clearly discerned a half century ago. Also, the more I learn of the fundamental principles of the great fraternities, the more interested do I become in the fact that many people who denounce the churches called liberal enthusiastically endorse, as fraternity men, the very principles for which those churches stand. I have often thought, in recent years, that I should like to organize a Sunday school class, and use as a textbook the monitors of our leading fraternal orders, and show the members of those organizations the logic of the principles to which they, in their lodges, are pledged. Nearly all of those monitors have, as their very heart, the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of Man, immortality, and salvation by character, principles very familiar to every Unitarian Sunday school scholar who has been properly taught the fundamentals of our faith.

"That the fundamental difference in the principles embodied in the historic creeds of Christendom and those of our modern secret orders has not been clearly thought out is indicated by the fact that many pledged themselves to both. There are lodge men who, in the churches, subscribe to the doctrine that 'We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, by faith and not for our own works or deservings,' and enthusiastically join in the singing of hymns in which that idea is embodied. Then in their lodge meetings they just as enthusiastically assent to the following declaration; "Although our thoughts, words, and actions may be hidden from the eyes of men, yet that All-Seeing Eye whom the sun, moon, and stars obey, and under whose watchful care even comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits.' A little child, once its attention is called to the matter, ought to be able to see that it is impossible to harmonize the creed statements here quoted, with the declaration taken from the monitor of one of our greatest and most effective secret orders, and found, in substance, in the liturgies of nearly all the others. If 'We are accounted righteous before God, only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ by faith and not for our own works or deservings' then it cannot possibly be true that the All-Seeing Eye 'Pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and will reward us according to our merits.' One of these declarations excludes the other. Men cannot consistently subscribe to both. They do, however, subscribe to both, and are thereby led into inconsistencies which they do not discern.... The fact that they do this does not indicate that they are deliberately inconsistent but rather that they subordinate reason to sentiment and emotion on such occasions. That confusion and weakness are resulting from the course many are now pursuing in this pledging themselves to one set of principles in their churches, and to another set in their lodges, is so apparent that all who see conditions as they really are should count it a privilege to help clear the atmosphere and bring about a more consistent course."¹

¹Elijah Alfred Coil, "The Relation of the Liberal Churches and the Fraternal (continued on next page)

...Fraternity men, interested in the welfare of their children, should be informed that in the liberal churches their children will be trained in principles which they will not practically have to deny should they become members of the lodge. This is something of far greater importance than it may at first seem."¹

"Now I am ready to make my appeal to you. I want you to realize that to neglect the moral and spiritual training of the young, or to teach them principles so out of harmony with the general trend of thought that they are almost sure to be held indifferently or given up entirely in later life, is to invite moral and religious calamity. Study those ages in which long established forms of religious faith have broken down and you will get the force of what I am now saying. I have been devoting much time to an investigation of the subject, and I say, without fear of successful contradiction, that the liberal churches, from their beginning, have been developing in thought and sentiment, along the same lines as those followed by most of our great modern fraternities. They have championed and advocated the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, immortality, and salvation by character, and these are the very principles for which nearly all the great fraternities stand. Taught these principles in childhood, as they should be taught them in the Sunday schools and churches, people will not have to unlearn or deny them should they choose to identify themselves with almost any one of present day fraternities, as those brought up in 'Orthodox' Sunday schools and churches have to unlearn, deny, or ignore much that has been taught them if they become members of a lodge.... If we really believe in the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of Man, immortality, and salvation by character, then we should do something more in our church than fill a pew occasionally and make our annual contribution to its financial support. We should come fully to realize the great need of a complete understanding and harmonious endeavor on the part of all institutions that are striving to work out, along the same lines, a nobler destiny for mankind. The liberal churches and many of our great fraternities have, as I have shown you, a common basis.... We should lose no opportunity to let those fraternity people, whose faith in the dogmatic and ceremonial form of religion is breaking down, know that there is a church in which they can find a home, and in whose Sunday schools their children can be taught principles which they, as fraternity people, have already enthusiastically approved."²

Conclusion

Wherever and whenever the Christian Church has expressed itself after careful study, it has stated that Freemasonry as a religious system is a real enemy of orthodox Christianity.³ Since the mid-eighteenth century

Orders" (Boston: American Unitarian Association, 1929), pp. 9-12. ¹Ibid., p. 15.

²Ibid., pp. 17-19.

³Walton Hannah takes important notice of this in *Darkness Visible* (London: Augustine Press, 1955), p. 78, where he points out the following: "One startling fact emerges, which should make the Christian mason more than a little thoughtful. No Church that has seriously investigated the religious teachings and (continued on next page)

Christian opposition to Freemasonry has been stated clearly in numerous official statements, resolutions, and canons, Freemasonry is particularly dangerous because, in spite of its anti-Christian teachings, it presents an ostensibly friendly appearance and supports numerous praiseworthy works of charity and mercy which outwardly serve man well. It presents special difficulties in individual cases on the parish level because sincere and well-meaning Christian people have affiliated with the group on the basis of faulty and incomplete information and under pressure from powerful forces and motives. Christian testimony in relation to Freemasonry is also complicated by the undeniable difficulty always present in making it clear that we oppose, not the people in the group, but false and godless doctrines which will lead man to hell. Lodge testimony is often the highest office of love and concern for the individual.

"The church, whatever the pressures and difficulties, is bound to take and keep her position with Christ and His holy Word. To do less is to undermine the very foundation of faith and endanger blood-bought souls of men. Silence and compromise will lead only to confusion and terrible offense to the faithful. Christ Himself encourages us here. 'Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in heaven' (Matt. 10:32). The Christian must speak up for Christ. This must always be done tactfully and patiently and evangelically. Yet there is an irreducible and unescapable element of offense in His Cross which His own dare not sidestep. In facing up to Freemasonry we must make it clear that this is the issue."¹

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."²

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."³

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."⁴

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."⁵

implications of Freemasonry has ever yet failed to condemn it."

¹Theodore F. Nickel and James G. Manz, "A Christian View of Freemasonry" (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1957), pp. 28-29.

²St. Matthew 6:24

³St. Matthew 12:30

⁴Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

⁵Revelation 2:10

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THE PHALLIC WORSHIP OF FREEMASONRY UNVEILED

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A Compendium of Quotations Extracted from

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"For we wrestle not against Flesh and
Blood, but against Principalities, against
Powers, against the Rulers of the Darkness
of this World, against Spiritual Wickedness
In High Places."
Ephesians 6:12

Part One:

The Anti-Christian Theology of Freemasonry

I. Masonry is a religious institution:

A. It teaches and promulgates a system of religious doctrines.

"...Masonry teaches, and has preserved in their purity, the cardinal tenets of the old primitive faith, which underlie and are the foundation of all religions."¹

"The religious faith thus taught by Masonry is indispensable to the attainment of the great ends of life; and must therefore have been designed to be a part of it."²

"Every Masonic Lodge is a temple of Religion; and its teachings are instruction in Religion."³

B. Masonry is an institution wherein worship is conducted:

"Masons must be kind and affectionate one to another. Frequenting the same temples, kneeling at the same alters, they should feel that respect and that kindness for each other, which their common relation and common approach to one God should inspire."⁴

"That Rite [the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite] raises a corner of the veil, even in the Degree of Apprentice; for there it declares that Masonry is a

¹P. 161 (10th Degree) ²P. 196 (12th Degree) ³P. 213 (13th Degree)

Note: Other official statements to the effect that Masonry is a religion may be found on pages 7, 20, 22, 23, 104, 122, 137, 138, 139, 148, 197, 208, 210, 212, 214, 219, 226, 254, 274-275, 287, 325, 327, 328, 385, 405, 407, 411, 423, 425, 428,429,430,431,452, 483, 486-87, 506, 526, 531-32, 538-39, 548,568, 574-75, 586,595, 624, 625, 706, 717, 718, 741, 744, 745, 791, 809, 840-41, 843, 852, 854; nevertheless, even within this same volume the antithetical proposition, viz., that Masonry is not a religion, is asserted; thus:

"Masonry is not a religion. He who makes it a religious belief, falsifies and denaturalizes it. The Brahmin, the Jew, the Mahometan, the Catholic, the Protestant, sanctioned by the laws, by time, and by climate, must needs retain it, and cannot have two religions; for the social and sacred laws adapted to the usages, manners and prejudices of particular countries, are the work of men." ⁴P. 122, (6th Degree)

worship."¹

"Qu.'...What are the symbols of purification necessary to make us perfect Masons?

Ans.' ... Lavation with pure water, or baptism; because to cleanse the body is emblematical of purifying the soul; and because it conduces to the bodily health, and virtue is the health of the soul, as sin and vice are its malady and sickness; unction, or anointing with oil; because thereby we are set apart and dedicated to the service and priesthood of the Beautiful, the True, and the Good: —and robes of white, emblems of candor, purity, and truth.

"Qu.' ... What is to us the chief symbol of man's ultimate redemption and regeneration?

Ans.' ... The fraternal supper, of bread which nourishes, and of wine which refreshes and exhilarates, symbolical of the time which is to come, when all mankind shall be one great harmonious brotherhood ... And thus, in the bread we eat, and in the wine we drink tonight may enter into and form part of us the identical particles of matter that once formed parts of the Material bodies called Moses, Confucius, Plato, Socrates, or Jesus of Nazareth."²

C. Masonry is an institution which binds its membership with sacred obligations—vows of a distinctly religious character:

"The obligation of the candidate is always to be taken on the sacred book or books of his religion, that he may deem it more solemn and binding; and therefore it was that you were asked of what religion you were. We have no other concern with your religious creed."³

"You have heard more than one definition of what Freemasonry is, of what its purposes and very essence and spirit are; and it has for every one of us the force and sanctity of a divine' law, and imposes on every one of us a solemn obligation.

"Freemasonry is the subjugation of the Human that is in man by the Divine*; the Conquest of the Appetites and Passions* by the Moral Sense and the Reason; a continual effort, struggle, and warfare of the Spiritual against the Material and Sensual."^{4*}

¹P. 219 (14th Degree)

²Pp. 538-39 (26th Degree)

³P. 11 (1st Degree)

* This is typical Masonic (demonic) deception. The Masonic practice and effects are exactly the opposite. —Ed.

⁴P. 854 (32nd Degree)

II. Masonry Is an anti-Christian religious institution

- A. Masonry teaches that all religions are man-made, and that it alone* possesses the cardinal tenets of that faith* which is the foundation of all religions:

"But Masonry teaches, and has preserved in their purity, the cardinal tenets of the old primitive faith, which underlie and are the foundation of all religions. All that ever existed have had a basis of truth* and have overlaid that truth with errors.* The primitive truths taught by the Redeemer [viz., Jesus Christ] were sooner corrupted, and intermingled and alloyed with fictions than when taught to the first of our race. Masonry is the universal morality* which is suitable to the inhabitants of every clime, to the man of every creed ... and those who have vengeance, political ends, and Jesuitism, have merely perverted it to purposes foreign to its pure* spirit and real nature."¹

- B. Masonry teaches that the religion of the Israelites has its essential roots in paganism:

"It is to Hermes ...that we must attribute the concealment or veiling (velation) of the Indian worship, which Moses unveiled or revealed, changing nothing of the laws of Hermes, except the plurality* of his mystic gods."²

"And in the institution of the Hebrew Priesthood, in the powers and privileges, as well as the imunities and sanctity which he [viz., Moses] closely imitated the Egyptian institutions making the public the worship of that Deity* whom the Egyptian initiates worshiped in private."³

"The doctrine of Moses and the Prophets, identical* at bottom with that of the ancient Egyptians, also had its outward meaning and its veil."⁴

"Magism was the Science of Abraham* and Orpheus, of Confucius and Zoroaster. It was the dogmas of this Science that were engraven on the tables of stone by Hanoah and Trismegistus. Moses purified and revealed

* Again, exactly the opposite is the case with Masonry when viewed by historic Christianity. Readers can pick out Masonic misrepresentations by Luciferian liar, Albert Pike, in the forthcoming pages. —Ed. ¹P. 161 (10th Degree)

Note: Other official statements to the effect that all religions are merely human speculations or inventions may be found on pages 25, 222, 226, 642, 643, 674, 712, and 842. ²P. 364 (23rd Degree) ³P. 369 (23rd Degree) ⁴P. 744 (28th Degree)

them, for that is the meaning of the word reveal."¹

C. Masonry teaches that Christianity has its essential roots in paganism:

1. Masonry teaches that Jesus Christ is not true God:

"In the beginning," says the extract from some older work, with which John commences his Gospel, 'was the word, and the Word was near to God, and the Word was God ...'

"And the first sentence, fully rendered into our language, would read thus: 'When the process of emanation², of creation or evolution of existences inferior to the Supreme God began, the Word came into existence and was ..."³

"...this is the new Law, 'the 'Word,' for which the world had waited and pined so long; and every true Knight of the Rose [Croix] will revere the memory of Him [viz., Jesus Christ] who taught it, and look indulgently even on those who assign to Him a character far above His own conceptions or belief, even to the extent of deeming Him Divine."⁴

2. Masonry teaches that Christian Doctrine has its essential roots in paganism:

"The early Christians, taught by the founder of their Religion, but in greater perfection, those primitive truths that from the Egyptians had passed to the Jews and been preserved among the Essenes, received also the institution of the Mysteries ..."⁵

"...Jerusalem, the murderess of her prophets, and so often prostituted to the false gods of the Syrians and Babylonians, had at length in its turn lost the Holy Word, when a Prophet announced to the Magi by the consecrated Star of Initiation, came to rend asunder the worn veil of the old Temple, in order to give the Church a new tissue of legends and symbols, that still and ever conceals from the profane, and ever preserves to the Elect the same truths."⁶

¹P. 839 (32nd Degree)

Note: Other official statements to the effect that the religion of the Israelites had its essential roots in paganism may be found on pages 97, 100, 196, 205=06, 223, 241, 253, 256, 257, 258, 259, 274, 277, 278, 286, 289, 302, 368, 375, 405, 408-09, 410, 416, 422, 424, 431, 443, 448, 460-62, 463, 466, 492, 497, 498-99, 508, 509, 510, 511, 514, 540, 568, 590, 597-98, 603-08, 611, 625, 655, 657, 661, 679, 685, 687, 688, 727, 729, 745, 818, 843. ²This is a Kabbalistic, i.e., Jewish mystical concept. —Ed. ³P. 280 (18th Degree) ⁴P. 310 (18th Degree) ⁵P. 369 (23rd Degree) ⁶P. 840 (32nd Degree)

"Christna, the Hindu Redeemer, was cradled and educated among Shepherds. A Tyrant, at the time of his birth, ordered all the male children to be slain. He performed miracles, say his legends, even raising the dead. He washed the feet of the Brahmins, and was meek and lowly of spirit. He was born of a Virgin; descended to Hell, rose again, ascended to Heaven, charged his disciples to teach his doctrines, and gave them the gift of miracles."¹

- D. Masonry teaches the anti-Christian doctrine of salvation by works, promulgating the pagan dogma that virtue is always rewarded and vice is always punished—both in this life and in the hereafter, and that one may make expiation for his own sins:

"...Salvation or reprobation begins here below, and the terrestrial world too has its Heaven and its Hell. Always, even here below, virtue is rewarded; always, even here below, vice is punished ..."²

"To this end it [Masonry] teaches this great and momentous truth: that wrong and injustice once done cannot be undone; but are eternal in their consequences; once committed, are numbered with the irrevocable Past; that the wrong that is done contains its own retributive penalty as surely and as naturally as the acorn contains the oak ... Punishment is not the execution of a sentence, but the occurrence of an effect. It is ordained to follow guilt, not by the decree of God as a judge, but by a law enacted by Him as the Creator and Legislator of the Universe ... There can be no interference with, or remittance of, or protection from, the natural effects of our wrongful acts.³ God will not interpose between the cause and its consequences; and in that sense there can be no forgiveness of sins.⁴ The act which has debased our soul may be repented of, may be turned from; but the injury is done. The debasement may be redeemed by after-efforts, the stain obliterated by bitterer struggles and severer sufferings"⁵

"The judgment of merit and demerit is intimately connected with the judgment of good and evil. Merit is the natural right which we have to be rewarded; demerit is the natural right which others have to punish us ... Punishment and reward are the satisfaction of merit and demerit, but do not constitute them ... Reward accorded to merit is a debt; without merit it is an

¹P. 277 (18th Degree)

Note: Other official statements to the effect that Christianity and paganism are identical may be found on pages 233, 235, 248, 249, 251, 252, 254, 260, 272, 273, 274, 277, 281, 290-92, 320-21, 322, 323, 326, 362, 372, 376, 405, 406, 497, 498, 499,501,504,505,509,511,524, 525,530,540,548-52,568, 576, 595, 623, 639-42, 643,650, 730-31, 732, 733, 744-45, 769,842, 843. ²P. 101 (3rd Degree)

³A. Pike, a scoundrel and pervert, lived to the ripe old age! —Ed. ⁴This is the dismal "Religion" of Masonry.—Ed. ⁵P. 127 (7th Degree)

alms or a theft."¹

Masonry is an anti-Christian religious institution founded upon the doctrines of what is known as the Kabbalah:

"All truly dogmatic religions have issued from the Kabbalah and return to it: everything scientific and grand in the religious dreams of all the illuminati, Jacob Boehme, Swedenborg, Saint-Martin, and others, is borrowed from the Kabbalah; all the Masonic associations owe to it their Secrets and their Symbols.

"One is filled with admiration, one penetrating into the Sanctuary of the Kabbalah, at seeing a doctrine so logical, so simple, and at the same time so absolute ... a theology summed up by counting on one's fingers; an infinite which can be held in the hollow of an infant's hand; ten ciphers, and twenty-two letters, a triangle, a square, and a circle,—these are all the elements of the Kabbalah. These are the written Word, reflection of that created the world."²

"The Occult Science of the Ancient Magi was concealed under the shadows of the Ancient Mysteries: it was imperfectly revealed or rather disfigured by the Gnostics: it is guessed at under the obscurities that cover the pretended cries of the Templers; and it is found enveloped in enigmas that seem impenetrable, in the Rites of the Highest Masonry. "Magism was the Science of Abraham and Orpheus, of Confucius and Zoroaster. It was the dogmas of this Science that were engraven on the tables of stone by Hanoah and Trismegistus. Moses purified and re-veiled them, for that is the meaning of the word reveal. He covered them with a new veil, when he made the Holy Kabbalah the exclusive heritage of the people of Israel, and the inviolable Secret of its Priests. The Mysteries of Thebes and Eleusis preserved among the nations some symbols of it, already altered, and the mysterious key whereof was lost among the instruments of an ever-growing superstition. Jerusalem, the murderess of her prophets, and so often prostituted to the false gods of the Syrians and the Babylonians,³ had at length in its turn lost the Holy Word, when a Prophet announced to the Magi by the consecrated Star of Initiation, came to rend asunder the worn veil of the old Temple, in order to give the Church a new tissue of legends and symbols, that still and ever conceals from the profane, and ever preserves to

¹Pp. 723-24 (28th Degree)

Note: Other official statements to effect that good works are to salvation as cause is to effect may be found on pages 41-2, 75, 101, 127, 157-58, 172, 230, 316,340-42, 351,577, 619, 624, 723-24, 792, 797. ²Pp. 744-45 (28th Degree)

³Here, for change, Pike is right: the ancient (Pharisaic) and contemporary Judaism is a corruption of the religion of Moses by Babylonian impurities and abominations. In that sense, the Pharisees and Rulers had to crucify Christ because he revived the pure religion of Moses and the Prophets and extended it into divine Christianity.—Ed.

the Elect¹ the same truths. It was the remembrance of this scientific² and religious Absolute, of this doctrine that is fine, alternately lost and found again, that was transmitted to the Elect of all the Ancient Initiations: it was this same remembrance, preserved, or perhaps profaned in the celebrated Order of the Templars, that became for all the secret association of the Rose-Croix, of the Illuminati, and of the Hermitic Freemasons, the reason of their strange rites, of their signs more or less conventional and, above all, of their mutual devotedness and of their power."^{3,4}

"The Kabalistic doctrine was long the religion of the Sage and the Savant; because, like Freemasonry, it incessantly tends toward spiritual perfection and the fusion of the creeds and Nationalists of mankind. In the eyes of the Kabalist, all men are his brothers; and their relative ignorance is, to him but a reason for instructing them.⁵ There were illustrious Kabalists among the Egyptians and Greeks, whose doctrines the Orthodox Church has accepted; and among the Arabs were many, whose wisdom was not slighted by the Mediaeval Church.

"The Sages proudly wore the name of Kabalists. The Kabbalah embodied a noble philosophy, pure, not mysterious, but symbolic. It taught the doctrine of the Unity of God, the art of knowing and explaining the essence and operations of the Supreme Being, of spiritual powers and natural forces, and of determining their action by symbolic figures; by the arrangement of the alphabet, the combination of numbers, the inversion of letters in writing, and the concealed meanings which they claimed to discover therein. The Kabbalah is the Key of the Occult Sciences; and the Gnostics were born of the Kabalists."⁶

"The primary tradition of the single revelation has been preserved under the name of 'Kabbalah,' by the Priesthood of Israel. The Kabalistic doctrine, which was also the dogma of the Magi and Hermes, is contained in the Sepher Yetsairah, the Soliar, and the Talmud."⁷

¹This is human comedy: the corrupters and distorters of the Mosaic and Christian religions are presented here as the "Elect," i.e., the "enlightened" Judeo-Masons. —Ed.

²Another branch of Judeo-Masonry, Marxism-Leninism, also claimed to be "scientific socialism." —Ed.

³Pp. 839-40 (32nd Degree)

⁴Pike reveals here the little known truth that the Judeo-Masons and Communists/Socialists are a form of medieval and ancient societies which tried to gain power and enslave nations and humanity. The Masonic New World Order is only another disguise. —Ed.

⁵Have the Communists not imposed themselves brutally upon the subverted and enslaved nations in the name of their superior revelations?! —Ed.

⁶Pp. 625-26 (28th Degree)

⁷P. 841 (32nd Degree)

Part Two:

The Sexual Deity of Freemasonry

I. The Supreme Deity of Masonry is symbolized by the union of the genital organs of man and woman:

A. The Supreme Deity is represented by a point in a circle:

"In the East of the Lodge, over the Master, enclosed in a triangle, is the Hebrew letter YOD¹ ... YOD is, in the Kabbalah, the symbol of Unity, of the Supreme Deity ... It must suffice to say that it is the Creative Energy of the Deity¹, is represented as a point, and that point in the center of the Circle of immensity ..."²

B. The point in a circle represents the union of the genital organs of the two sexes:

"These two Divinities, the Active and Passive Principles of the Universe, were commonly symbolized by the generative parts of man and woman; to which in remote ages no idea of indecency was attached; the Phallus³ and the Cteis,⁴ emblems of generation and production, and which, as such, appeared in the Mysteries. The Indian Lingam was a union of both, as were the boat and the mast, and the point within a circle."⁵

II. The Masonic letter "G" in the name of God is a symbol of the penis:

A. The Masonic letter "G" is a substitute for the Hebrew YOD, the first letter of the Hebrew name of God, viz., JEHOVA:

"In the East of the Lodge, over the Master, inclosed in a triangle, is the Hebrew letter YOD. In the English and American Lodges the Letter G is substituted for this, as the initial of the word God, with as little reason as if the letter D, initial of DIEU, were used in the French Lodges instead of the proper letter. YOD is in the Kabbalah, the symbol of Unity, of the Supreme

¹In a Kabbalistic diagram of God's "emmanations," YOD is the male sexual organ in the center of that "divine image."—Ed.

²P. 15 (1st Degree)

³Male sexual organ.—Ed

⁴Female sexual organ.—Ed.

⁵P. 401 (24th Degree)

Deity, the first letter of the Holy Name¹ / ²

B. The meaning of this Hebrew letter YOD is to be found in the Kabalah:

All truly dogmatic religions have issued from the Kabalah and return to it... all the Masonic associations owe to it their secrets and their symbols."³

G In the Kabalah the Hebrew letter YOD in the name of God is a symbol of the penis:

"Adam is the human Tetragram, which is summed up in the mysterious YOD of the Kabalah, image of the Kabalistic Phallus. Add to this YOD the ternary name of EVE, and you form the name of JEHOVA"⁴

III. The Square and the Compass represent God as Male and Female:

"Return with us, now to the degrees of Blue Masonry, and for your last lesson, receive the explanation of one of their symbols. You see upon the altar of those degrees the SQUARE and the COMPASS, and you remember how they lay upon the altar in each degree ... The Hermaphroditic⁵ figure is the symbol of the double nature anciently assigned to the Deity, as Generator and Producer ... The COMPASS, therefore is the Hermetic Symbol of the Creative Deity, and the SQUARE, of the productive Earth or Universe."⁶

IV. Nevertheless, elsewhere (In Morals and Dogma) we read:

"Obtuse commentators have said that the Kabalah assigns sexual characteristics to the very Deity. There is no warrant for such an assertion, anywhere in the Sohar or in any commentary upon it. On the contrary, the whole doctrine of the Kabalah is based on the fundamental proposition, that the Very Deity is Infinite, everywhere extended, without limitation or

¹P. 15 (1st Degree)

²To put it plainly, the square and compass on the Masonic "altars" stand for the female and male sexual organs. Pike is lying to even "high" Masons about the Phallic Religion he is smuggling into their minds.—Ed.

³P. 744 (28th Degree)

⁴P. 771 (28th Degree)

⁵Male-female.—Ed.

⁶Pp. 850-51 (32nd Degree)

Note: Other statements of this difficult teaching of Freemasonry, viz., that the nature of God is sexual, can be found on the following pages of Morals and Dogma (by Albert Pike): 13, 202, 254, 267, 305, 323, 377, 402, 476, 477, 629, (continued on next page)

determination, and therefore without any conformation whatever. In order to commence the process of creation, it was necessary for Him, first of all, to effect a vacant space within Himself. To this end the Deity, whose nature is approximately expressed by describing Him as Light filling all space, formless, limitless, contracts Himself on all sides from a point within Himself, and thus effects a quasi-vacant space, in which only a vestige of His Light remains; and into this circular or spherical space He emits His Emanations, portions of His Light or Nature; and to some of these, sexual characteristics are symbolically assigned."¹

V. Masons are ignorant of the real Masonic doctrines

It is very probable that the majority of Masons are unaware of the facts cited in this outline; this state-of-affairs, however, is not surprising, especially in light of the fact that Freemasonry's clearly stated intention is to keep the mass of its membership ignorant of the real meaning of its doctrines! Hence, we read (from *Morals and Dogma*):

"The popular explanations of the symbols of Masonry are fitting for the multitude that have swarmed into the Temples, —being fully up to the level of their capacity."²

"The Blue Degrees are but the outer court or portico of the Temple. Part of the symbols are displayed there to the Initiate, but he is intentionally misled by false interpretations. It is not intended that he shall understand them; but it is intended that he shall imagine he understands them. Their true explanation is reserved for the Adepts, the Princes of the Masonry."³

VI. The historical origins of devotion rendered to the Phallus and the Cteis in Freemasonry are to be found in the Ancient Mysteries of Paganism:

"These two Divinities, the Active and Passive Principles of the Universe, were commonly symbolized by the generative parts of man and woman; to which in remote ages no idea of indecency was attached; the Phallus and the Cteis, emblems of generation and production, and which, as such, appeared in the Mysteries. The Indian Lingam was a union of the two great Causes of Nature, which concur, one actively and the other passively, in the generation

631, 632, 638, 653, 656, 697-99, 700, 701, 750, 751, 761, 763, 793, 846, and 849.

¹Pp. 765-66 (28th Degree) ²Pp. 37-8 (2nd Degree) ³P. 819 (30th Degree)

Note: For similar statements see pages 7, 9, 17, 104-5, 202-11, 279, 402, 500, (continued on next page)

of all beings; which were symbolized by what we now term Gemini, the Twins, at that remote period when the Sun was in that Sign at the Vernal Equinox, and when they were Male and Female; and of which the Phallus was perhaps taken from the generative organ of the Bull, when about twenty-five hundred years before our era he opened that equinox, and became to Ancient World the symbol of the creative and generative Power.¹

"The Christian Fathers contented themselves with reviling and ridiculing the use of these emblems. But as they in the earlier times created no indecent ideas, and were worn alike by the most innocent youths and virtuous women, it will be far wiser for us to seek to penetrate their meaning. Not only the Egyptians, says Diodorus Siculus, but every other people that consecrate this symbol (the Phallus), deem that they thereby do honor to the Active Force of the universal generation of all living things. For the same reason, as we learn from the geographer Ptolemy, it was revered among the Assyrians and Persians. Proclus remarks that in the distribution of the Zodiac among the twelve great Divinities, by ancient astrology, six signs were assigned to the male and six to the female principle."²

"Children of tender age were initiated there (in Samothrace), and invested with the sacred robe, the purple cincture, and the crown of olive, and seated upon a throne, like other initiates. In the ceremonies was represented the death of the youngest of the Cabiri, slain by his brothers, who fled into Etruria, carrying with them the chest or ark that contained his genitals: and there the Phallus and the sacred ark were adored. Herodotus says that the Samothracian initiates understood the object and origin of this reverence paid the Phallus, and why it was exhibited in the Mysteries. Clemens of Alexandria says that the Cabiri taught the Tuscans to revere it. It was consecrated at Heliopolis in Syria, where the Mysteries of a Divinity having many points of resemblance with Atys and Cybele were represented. The Pelasgi connected it with Mercury; and it appears on the monuments of Mithras; always and everywhere a symbol of the life-giving power of the Sun at the Vernal Equinox."³

"The Brahmins of India expressed the same cosmogonic idea by a statue, representative of the Universe, uniting in itself both sexes. The male sex offered an image of the sun, centre of the active principle, and the female sex that of the moon, at the sphere whereof, preceding downward, the passive portion of nature begins. The Lingam, unto the present day revered in the Indian temples, being but the conjunction of the organs of generation

732, and 772.

¹This is more than a hint that Masonry represents the regression of Christianity to Paganism. In terms of sociological and ideological realities of the Western world, Masonry has become the invisible and unrecognized pagan religion. As in the pagan ancient world, Christianity is again religion of a despised minority. Western culture can truly be described as ex-Christian.—Ed.

²Pp. 401-2 (24th Degree)

of the two sexes, was an emblem of the same. The Hindus have ever had the greatest veneration for this symbol of ever-reproductive nature. The Greeks consecrated the same symbols of universal fruitfulness in their Mysteries; and they were exhibited in the sanctuaries of Eleusis. They appear among the sculptured ornaments of all the Indian temples. Tertullian accuses the Valentinians of having adopted the custom, he says, introduced by melampus from Egypt into Greece. The Egyptians consecrated the Phallus in the Mysteries of Osiris and Isis, as we learn from Plutarch and Diodorus Siculus; and the latter assures us that these emblems were not consecrated by the Egyptians alone, but by every people. They certainly were so among the Persians and Assyrians; and they were regarded everywhere as symbolic of the generative and productive powers of all animated beings. In those early ages, the works of Nature and all her agents were sacred like herself."¹

"The binary is the generator of Society and the law. It is also the number of the gnosis, a word adopted in lieu of Science, and expressing only the idea of cognizance and intuition. It is Unity, multiplying itself by itself to create; and therefore it is that the Sacred Symbols make Eve issue from the very chest of Adam."

"Adam is the human Tetragram, which is summed up in the mysterious Yod of the Kabalah, image of the Kabalistic Phallus. Add to this Yod, the ternary name of Eve, and you form the name of Jehova, the Divine Tetragram, the transcendent Kabalistic and magical word [HVHJ].

"To us, Creation is Mechanism,² to the Ancients it was Generation. The world producing egg figures in all cosmognies: and modern science has discovered that all animal production is oviparous. From this idea of generation came the reverence everywhere paid the image of generative power, which formed the Stauros of the Gnostics and the philosophical Cross of the Masons."³

"Reversing the letters of the Ineffable Name, and dividing it, it becomes bisexual, as the word Yod-He [i.e., JH, Yod = He] or Jah is, and discloses the meaning of much of the obscure language of the Kabalah, and is the Highest of which the Columns Jachin and Boaz are the symbol, 'In the image of Deity,' we are told, 'God created the Man; male and Female created He them,' and the writer, symbolizing the Divine by the Human, then tells us that the women, at first contained in the man, was taken from his side. So Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom, was born, a woman and in armor, of the brain Jove; Isis was the sister before she was the wife of Osiris, and within Brahm, the Source of All, the Very God, without sex or name, was developed Maya, the Mother of all that is. The Word is the First and Only-begotten of the Father; and the awe with which the Highest Mysteries were regarded has imposed silence in respect to the Nature of the Holy Spirit.

¹P. 656 (28th Degree)

²An atheistic concept of the world.—Ed.

³P. 771 (28th Degree)

The Word¹ is Light, and the Life of Humanity.²

"It is for the Adepts to understand the meaning of the Symbols. Yod impregnates the letter He and begets a son; and she, thus pregnant, brings forth. The principle called Father (the Male or Generative Principle) is comprehended in Yod, which itself flows downward from the energy of the Absolute Holy One."³

"Yod is the beginning and the end of all things that are.⁴ The stream that flows forth is the Universe of things, which always becomes, having no cessation. And this becoming world is created by Yod: for Yod includes two letters. All things are included in Yod; wherefore it is called the Father of all."

"... Yod and He, two letters of the Ineffable Name of the Manifested Deity, represent the Male and the Female, the Active and the Passive in Equilibrium and the Vav completes the Trinity and the Triliteral Name [VHJ], the Divine Triangle, which with the repetition of the He becomes the Tetragrammaton."⁵

"... It is to be noted that the Name of God in Latin and French (Deus, Dieu), has for its initial the Delta of Greek Triangle. Such is the reason, among ancients and moderns, for the consecration of the Triangle, whose three sides are emblems of the three Kingdoms, or Nature, or God. In the centre is the Hebrew Jod [i.e., Yod] (initial of [HVHJ], the Animating Spirit of Fire, the generative principle, represented by the letter G, initial of the Name of Deity in the languages of the North, and the meaning whereof is Generation."⁶

"... To the Mysterious Societies, this number [the number 10] typified the assemblage of all the wonders of the Universe. They wrote it thus 0[Theta], that is to say, Unity in the middle of Zero, as the centre of a circle, or

¹The allusion here is to the "Lost Word" of Ancient Wisdom which Masonry would allegedly bring back to humanity and enlighten it. Masonry is in this respect the arch-enemy of Christianity, the pagan darkness driving out Christ's Light out of human souls. It is the ultimate denial of Christ's saving mission. Pike was in this respect consistent: He announced himself as Luciferian, i.e. Devil-worshipper. Freemasonry is indeed "Spiritual wickedness in high places," as Dr. Ben Cook had indicated by placing St. Paul's statement on the title page.—Ed. ²P. 849 (32nd Degree) ³Divinity is thus SEXUALIZED.—Ed.

⁴Freud, cognizant of the sexualized Jewish mysticism, had postulated sexuality as the principal drive in the psyche. Carl Gustav Jung had recognized that Freudism is a Jewish psychology. (See R.M. Jurjevich: *The Hoax of Freudism: A Study of Brainwashing The American Professionals and Laymen*. Obtainable from Ichthys Books Distribution.)—Ed. ⁵P. 323 (19th Degree) ⁶Pp. 631-32 (28th Degree)

symbol of Deity. They saw in this figure everything that should lead to reflection: the centre, the ray, and the circumference, represented to them God, Man and the Universe."¹

"And this is why the Essential Name has four letters, —three different ones: and one of them once repeated; since the first He is the wife of the Yod, and the second He is the wife of the Vav."²

"In the Name [VHJ], says the same [viz., the Siphra de Zeniutha], are included the Father, Mother, and Microprosopos, their Issue. He, impregnated by Vau, produced Microprosopos, or Seir Anpin."³

"If, says the Kabbalah, the Justice of God, which is Severity or the Female, alone reigned, creation of imperfect beings such as man would from the beginning have been impossible, because Sin being congenital with Humanity, the Infinite Justice, measuring the Sin by the Infinity of the God offended against, must have annihilated Humanity at the instant of its creation; and not only Humanity but the Angels, since these also, like all created by God and less than perfect, are sinful. Nothing imperfect would have been possible. If, on the other hand, the Mercy or Benignity of God, the Male, were in no wise counteracted, Sin would go unpunished, and the Universe fall into a chaos of corruption."^{4,5}

"The Principle called Father, says the Idra Suta, is comprehended in Yod, which flows downward from the Holy Influence, wherefore Yod is the most occult of all the letters; for he is the beginning and end of all things"⁶

"The key to their true meaning [the true meaning of the two columns of the portico of the Temple, Jachin and Boaz] is not undiscoverable.⁷ The perfect and eternal distinction of the two primitive terms of the creative syllogism, in order to attain to the demonstration of their harmony by the analogy of contraries, is the second grand principle of that occult philosophy veiled under the name 'Kabbalah,' and indicated by all the sacred hieroglyphs of the Ancient Sanctuaries, and of the Rites, so little understood by the mass of the Initiates, of the Ancient and Modern Free-Masonry."⁸

¹P. 638 (28th Degree)

²P. 761 (28th Degree)

³P. 793 (28th Degree)

⁴P. 846 (32nd Degree)

⁵The above paragraphs will perhaps convince reader of the wonderful clarity of the Kabbala of which Pike vexed so enthusiastic in the first part of his exposition. — Ed.

⁶Pp. 792-93 (28th Degree)

⁷The Masonic "Temple" has, not unlike the temples of Phoenician divinities, Baal and Ashera, two columns as symbols of an erect penis.—Ed.

⁸Pp. 304-5 (18th Degree)