

# THE CHRISTIAN LODGE?

## Shriners and Masons

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### PREFACE

I am writing this article after prayerful consideration; that I might convey what I have learned about the Masonic Lodge. I hold no ill feelings toward the individuals in the Lodge, and only desire to inform the Mason and prospective Mason the basis for the teachings of the Lodge.

The information that follows is not drawn from anti-Masonic literature, or some specific denomination, but from Masonic publications. It should be noted that while I personally have renounced my affiliation with the Lodge, and no longer consider myself under the bonds of any Masonic oaths, I have revealed no secrets of the Lodge in this article. I know of nothing in the secret signs and words that affect the case I am presenting.

I have chosen to use a quote-comment style; where specifically identified Masonic publications are quoted, and commented on. I encourage every Mason who doubts the authenticity of these quotes, or feels I have taken them out-of-context to look them up in the library of their Lodge.

### TRUTH CONCEALED

"... few Masons of today know or appreciate the mystic meaning concealed within these rituals", a quotation of this writer? No, this was quoted from page 14 of "The Lost Keys Of Freemasonry or The Secret of Hiram Abiff" by Manly P. Hall published by the Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company (hereinafter referred to as "The Lost Keys"). This is but one of the many references in Masonic literature that states that the true meaning of the Lodge is concealed from the uninitiated and the less studied and lower degree Mason. Following are two such quotes from "Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Of Freemasonry", by Albert Pike, Grand Commander, 1859-1891 (hereinafter referred to as "Morals and Dogma"):

"The Blue Degrees are but the outer 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." (page 819)

"Masonry, like all religions, all the Mysteries, ..., conceals its secrets from all except the Adepts and Sages, or the Elect, and uses false explanations and misinterpretations of its symbols to mislead those who deserve only to be misled; to conceal the Truth, which it calls Light, from them, and to draw them away from it. Truth is not for those who are unworthy or unable to receive it, or would it." (page 104-105)

Two things should be noted from these quotes; First that many Masons (specifically third degree Masons) are purposely lied to about the true meaning of the Lodge's symbols, and secondly that Masonry is a Religion. The deception involves even the basic symbols of the Lodge. For example:

"He (Every true Mason ) realizes that the Temple of Solomon is really the Temple of the Solar Man -- Sol-Om-On-- the King of the Universe ...". (Lost Keys page 63)

"In the center is the Hebrew JOD, ..., 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 where of Generation ... In this reign begins the Generation of bodies; and this is why the letter G., in its radiance is presented to the eyes of the adept." (Morals and Dogma page 632)

Most Masons never realize that Solomon is Solar Man or that the "G" in Masonry (as shown in the Square and Compass) actually stands for the initial of the "Animating Spirit of Fire".

## **THE GREAT LIGHT IN MASONRY**

In the center of every Lodge there exists an altar with a King James version of the Holy Bible. After completion of the third degree of Masonry the new Master Mason is presented with his "Masonic Bible". On the inside title page of this Bible it says "THE HOLY BIBLE THE GREAT LIGHT OF MASONRY ". This King James version is exactly like any other Bible with the exception of certain Masonic helps at the beginning. Quoting from the "Helps Section, The Bible in Masonry" page 4:

"In all the rich symbolism of Ancient Craft Masonry two symbols, or symbolic themes predominate. One is the search for Light; the other is the labor of building. The source of Light is the Holy Bible, and the grand representation of the builder's art is King Solomon's Temple"

Note that the quotation refers to "Ancient Craft Masonry." yet the Bible did NOT play a role in the development of the early Lodge. Quoting from the Masonic Bible, Helps Section "Questions and Answers" page 6, question 23 :

"... The history of the Masonic symbolism of the Bible is interesting. Although referred to in the manuscript before the great revival of 1717, as the book upon which the covenant was taken, it was never referred to as a great Light. In the oldest ritual that we have, that of 1724, - a copy of which from the Royal Library of Berlin is given by Krause, - there is no mention of the Bible as one of the Lights ..."

This reference goes on to say that the Bible is a Great Light in the "American system"; yet current Masonic teaching consistently refers to the Bible as an imperfect and meaningless book; Quoting from "Morals and Dogma":

" The doctrines of the Bible are often not clothed in the language of strict truth, but in that which was fittest to convey to a rude and ignorant people the practical essentials of doctrine. (page 224)

"The Bible, with all the allegories it contains, expresses, in an incomplete and veiled manner only, the religious science of the Hebrews. (page 744)

What about the roots of Masonic ritual, roots which still make up the ritual of the "American Lodge? If the Bible is believed to be so incomplete, and was not the original Great Light in Masonry then what was and is the Great Light? The answer to this question is found in, "Morals and Dogma"; Quoting from pages 744-745 of that publication:

"All truly dogmatic religions have issued from the Kabalah and returned to it. Everything scientific and grand in their religious dreams of the Illuminata, Jacob Boehme, Swedenborg, Saint-Martin, and others, is borrowed from the Kabalah: all the Masonic associations owe to it their secrets and their symbols.

"The Kabalah alone consecrates the Alliance of the Universal Reason and Divine Word;...

"... thus was a second Bible, (the Kabalah \*) unknown to, or rather uncomprehended by the Christians ; a collection, they say, of monstrous absurdities. (\* reference added by this author for clarity)

"One is filled with admiration, on penetrating into the Sanctuary of the Kabalah, at seeing a doctrine so logical, so simple and at the same time so absolute."

It should be noted that the Kabalah is an ancient Jewish book dealing with magic and the occult. A book which, based on the above quote, is the true "Great Light" in Masonry.

## **WHO'S WHO IN MASONIC DOCTRINE?**

Christianity teaches that God forbade Adam to eat of the tree of Good and Evil, that God created Eve, and that it was the serpent (Lucifer) that tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden, causing the fall of mankind.

"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." - Genesis 2:16,17

"And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man made he a woman... - Genesis 2:22

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field ... And he said to the woman, Yea hath god said Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?... and the serpent said unto the woman , Ye shall not surely die ... she took of the fruit thereof and did eat." - Genesis 3:1-6

Masonic doctrine tells a different version:

"To prevent the light from escaping at once the Demons forbade Adam to eat the fruit of 'Knowledge of good and evil,' by which he would have known the Empire of Light and that of Darkness. He obeyed; an Angel of Light induced him to transgress, and gave him the means of victory; but the Demons created Eve, who seduced him into an act of Sensualism. That enfeebled him, and bound him anew in the bonds of matter. This is repeated in the case of every man that lives."

(Morals and Dogma page 567)

It is clear that Masonic teachings concerning creation cast the roles of Satan and God in opposite roles as compared to scripture. In Masonic doctrine this role reversal doesn't end with the twisted account of creation, but actually says Lucifer is the true god and Adonay, the God of the Christians, is the god of evil.

"To you, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, we say this, that you may repeat it to the brethren of the 32nd, 31st and 30th degrees-The Masonic Religion should be, by all of us initiates of the higher degrees, maintained in the purity of the Luciferian Doctrine.

"If Lucifer were not God, would Adonay (Adonay is the Hebrew name for the Lord) whose deeds prove his cruelty, perfidy and hatred of man, barbarism and repulsion for science, would Adonay and his priests, calumniate him?

"Yes, Lucifer is God, and unfortunately Adonay is also god. For the eternal law is that there is no light without shade, no beauty without ugliness, no white without black, for absolute can only exist as two gods: darkness being necessary for light to serve as its foil as the pedestal is necessary to the statue, and the brake to the locomotive.

"thus, the doctrine of Satanism is a heresy; and the true and pure philosophical religion is the belief in Lucifer, the equal of Adonay; but Lucifer, God of Light and God of Good, is struggling for humanity against Adonay, the God of Darkness and Evil" (Albert Pike, Grand Commander in his instructions to the 23 Supreme Councils of the World, July 14, 1889; recorded by A.C. De La Rive, *La Femme et l'Enfant dans la Franc-Maçonnerie Universelle* - page 588)

The Who's Who of Holy Scripture is different than that of Masonic teachings. Most DANGEROUS is any organization that supports and teaches the doctrine that Lucifer is the true and "good" god.

## **GOOD KING HIRAM; THE ROLE REVERSAL CONTINUES**

The principle character of Masonic teachings is Hiram King of Tyre. This character is murdered and resurrected by the "strong hand of Judah" during Masonic Ritual, this is Masonic symbolism for Christ. The following quote from "Morals and Dogma" page 640, confirm this statement:

"The murder of Hiram, his burial, and his being raised again by the Master, are symbols, both of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Redeemer: and of the death and burial in sins of the natural man.

This sounds consistent with the purpose of Christ's redeeming crucifixion until one investigates the true character of Hiram.

"how long will it take King Hiram of Tyre, the warrior on the second step, symbolic of the fellow craft of the cosmic Lodge, to teach mankind the lessons of self mastery? ... when the Mason learns that the key to the proper application of the dynamo of living power, he has learned to mystery of his craft. The seething energies of Lucifer are in his hands and before he may step onward and upward, he must prove his ability to properly apply energy." (page 47 & 48)

This same character of Hiram King of Tyre is shown in Ezekiel 28:11-19 where the Lord Places a lamentation (siege sorrows and sufferings) over the King of Tyre. Most scriptural scholars agree that the references of these verses describe someone other than a human, rather Satan himself.

Satan (Hiram) is being used as a counterfeit to represent Christ. This is another example of the deception, through role reversal, existing in Masonic symbolism.

It is true that there was a King of Hiram, referenced in I Kings, that helped Solomon build his temple, and is alluded to in Masonic ritual; but this isn't the true King Hiram of Masonry. Quoting from the "Lost Keys":

" Hiram, the Universal Agent, might be translated Vita." (page 99)

"We also read Hiram (Chiram), or the Universal Agent, assisting King Solomon to build his temple." (page 98)

"In the word Hermaphrodite, (a word invented by the old philosophers), we find Hermas changed to Herm, signifying Chiram, or the Universal Agent..." (page 98)

Chiram isn't the same Hiram of 1 Kings.

## **THE MASONIC PURPOSE**

What then is the Masonic purpose, what will a person supposedly gain from Masonic teachings? We have already learned that the lodge declares itself a religion, but what more? Quoting from "The Lost Keys" we find the answer?

"True Freemasonry is esoteric; it is not a thing of this world. All that we have is a link, a doorway, through which the student may pass into the unknown. (page 16)

"The Masonic order is not a mere social organization, but is comprised of all those who have banded themselves together to learn and apply the principles of mysticism and the occult rites. (page 17)

"In Freemasonry is concealed the mystery of creation, the answer to the problem of existence, and the path the student must tread in order to join those who are really the living powers behind the thrones of modern national and international affairs. (page 18)

"... the Master Mason who spiritually represents the graduate from the school of esoteric learning. (page 53)

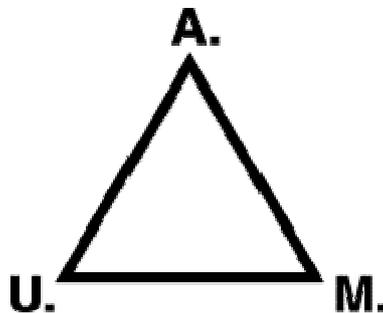
"The true disciple of ancient Masonry has given up forever the worship of personalities. ... The true Mason is not creed-bound. he realizes with the divine illumination of his lodge that as a Mason his religion must be universal: Christ, Buddha or Mohammed the name means little, for he recognizes only the light and not the bearer. (pages 64 & 65)

"The Master Mason is in truth a sun, a great reflector of light, ... Through him passes Hydra, the great snake, and from its mouth there pours to man the light of God." (page 55)

Masonry is more than a social order or a men's club. It is an organization practicing occult ritual, and in many cases without the understanding of the majority of its own membership.

It is often stated in Masonic Ritual that the Mason is in search of the true name of God. Which according to the Royal Arch Degree is "JAOBULON". This name is a combination of three words: "JAO" Greek for Jehovah, "BUL" the 8th month of the Jewish ecclesiastical calendar and a variation of the word Baal a false god, and "ON" a term used for the Egyptian god Osiris.

The Royal Arch Degree is not alone in its search for the true name of God; in the Consistory the initiate is shown the letters A. U. M. as the true name. The meaning of which can be linked to the occult sciences of India.



This triangular arrangement of the great name, AUM, recognized as the WORD in higher Mysteries in India, as the One true God referred to in the extract, represents the Triune God of all the Ancient Mysteries of the Oriental religions.

(Quoted from History of Freemasonry, page 1772.)

It is of interest that the A. stands for Agni the Creator, the U. stands for Ushas the Preserver and M. stands for Mitra the Destroyer. All of which are pagan Indo-Aryan deities.

## **IN SUMMARY**

The Masonic teachings, quoted above, make the following clear:

- 1) The entire system of Masonry is a purposeful deception, with the majority of Masons never realizing the basis of the ritual they are practicing.
- 2) The true "Great Light in Masonry" is the Kabbalah, the ancient Jewish book of mysticism and magic.
- 3) Masonic symbolism not only is meant to deceive, but actually presents a counterfeit presentation of Christianity with Lucifer as God.

4) Masonry is no mere club or social organization, but a religion, practicing occult rituals for the purpose of esoteric learning.

#### **5) MASONIC DOCTRINE AND CHRISTIANITY ARE NOT COMPATIBLE!**

I urge you to consider your walk with Christ in light of the above referenced teachings of the Lodge. I exhort you to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit as you examine your obligations to the Lodge and to the Lord. Finally I ask that you consider the following scripture (Verse collection compiled by Ed Decker in his article, The Question of Free Masonry):

"Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. (2 Cor. 6:17)

"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:11-12)

"For there is One God Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (1 Tim. 2:5)

"According to the grace of God which is given unto, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 3:10,11)

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:9-11)

"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?" (2 Cor. 6:14,15)

Open your heart to Jesus Christ and pray this prayer :

**Jesus Christ, I ask that you come into my life and into my heart. I accept your free gift of salvation and acknowledge that I am a sinner. I ask forgiveness for my sins, including my sins of association with Lucifer and his occult rituals. I renounce my affiliation with the Masonic Lodge. I ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fill me with wisdom and joy . I praise you for leading me to this decision. In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, AMEN.**

NOW, find a Christian brother and tell him of your decision!

With the Love of the Lord Jesus Christ,

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