

Can a Christian be a Freemason?



Introduction

By anothermouse

My Dear Freemason Friend,

You may find it strange indeed that a complete stranger should call you by such an endearment; a dear Friend. Yet, I do so most sincerely and from the bottom of my heart. I mean it. After all we are all brethren, aren't we?

For some time now I have been receiving mail from an erstwhile friend, a Freemason. It must have been by some small mistake or oversight perhaps, but from it I have been privileged to some insight into the goings-on of that particular Provincial Grand Lodge. This particular brother had risen to the rank of Provincial Grand Master and from his writing one can detect that his heart must be filled with that satisfying pride that comes with hard earned success and achievement. I would have liked to have known him. His utter commitment and dedication to "the cause" is striking. But then, most Masons I knew are like that. I sincerely miss the warm friendship, the brotherhood, the close fellowship with like-minded dear, dear folk, just like yourself.

You see, I once was one of you. Yes, I was a Mason myself! For the better part of 15 years I joyously traversed the country-side with tux and apron and partook in what I firmly believed to be a most honourable and worthwhile undertaking. I really came to enjoy it; the lofty ideals of brotherly love and tolerance, the majestic and ancient old landmarks of worthy morals and men stretching out to achieve them, the glowing warm contentment in the heart when yet another milestone work for charity had been achieved.

I met and befriended the dearest of people, genuine folk – the best. I loved ritual work especially and started rising steadily through the ranks, a true ambassador of the Order, always keen to defend and promote it, and tolerant (never disrespectful) to those poor misguided folk on the outside that criticized us so harshly without knowing the first thing we stood for. "Oh, if all the whole world would just become masons like us, the world would be a better place," was a phrase that lived in our hearts and thoughts continually. I eventually rose to the rank of Assistant Provincial Grand Master and rumour had it that I was destined for higher.

So, what could have changed this happy circumstance, you may well ask.

Now, as you well know, in order to join Freemasonry, one has to be able to truthfully testify to a belief in a Supreme Being. This in itself seem to be a very laudable precondition and I must admit, it was one of the things that helped clinch the decision for me at the time of my initiation. Having never been a non-believer perse and having been brought up in a Christian, church-going home, the very fact that a belief in a God was such a firm prerequisite, dispelled many possible doubts one could have fostered. After all, how is it possible then for such an organization to be anything but good and God-fearing, right? So, I was initiated and immediately taken in by the warmth and sincerity of the brethren. Those great ideals, " the greater moral good", and that seemingly impossible dream of a "Brotherhood of man" took root in me and flourished. I was sold.

To me, The Great Architect of the Universe had always been the God of the Bible. It never really entered my thoughts that to others the GAOTU represented or might represent some other deity or deities. And even if it did I doubt it would have made a difference. You see, my notion of Christianity at the time correlated perfectly with my beliefs regarding Masonry. I could not understand at all how anybody could see a contradiction between the two! God is love, right? And the masons say, lets be tolerant and love our neighbours. So, where is the problem?

I thought and felt that way for a long time. One night, not very long ago, the profoundest thing happened to me. For the first time in my life I heard the Gospel explained to me with such clarity and eloquence that it took me to the brim of the abyss; for the first time I realised my terrible predicament before God (the same one we all share, by the way). And to crown it all, His glorious love for all of us – that he forfeited His only begotten Son, so that you and I could live! For the first time ever I saw how well I was on my way to be lost for ever – yet the Saviour held out his hand. I took it and was saved! This salvation is freely available to all of us. It is there for the asking.

In the experience I had with the Lord, Masonry was not on the agenda at all. However in the days and weeks that followed the realization came to me that Masonry is no place for a Child of God, which is what I had become, having accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. For the first time in my life I became a serious scholar of the Bible and it soon became abundantly clear to me that there is absolutely no way a true follower of Christ can reconcile Masonry with his walk with the Lord.

It was a sad day in my life when I tendered my resignation. Almost immediately erstwhile "brethren for life" turned their backs, never to be heard from again. It was painful to loose so many good friends at once but if one considers the alternative, there was just no other way.

So what is my take on Masonry and the Masons now? It is the same as always. I still love every single Brother and pray for them often. I still believe that Masonry is an honourable organization that does a lot of really good things. Unfortunately though, it stands in conflict with the God I serve and all my brethren that I left behind are still blinded to this very important fact. This is a matter of grave concern to me and to this cause have I pledged myself – to get the message out to as many brethren I can.

Ecclesiastes 12 is often quoted in Masonic ritual. It was (and still is) one of my favourites. "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man".

That is very good council. That very same God makes it abundantly clear in His Word that He is the only God. There is none other. How can a person that truly fear (live in reverent awe and obedience to) this same God be voluntarily bonded to an organization where His commandments are compromised for the sake of relationships with men and mankind? And this is just one example of the conflict I mentioned. There are countless others.

For the past two years I have been running a blog called ["CAN A CHRISTIAN BE A FREEMASON?"](#) Compiled hereunder is a some of the most popular (most read) articles on this blog. It provides very clear answers as to why Freemasonry is no place for a Child of God.

When all is said and done none of us can be forced or coerced into one way or another. We must each decide for oneself individually, just as we will be judged one day individually. Most Masons I know are excellent people. If you are reading this, you most probably are one too, and you are looking for answers. Please consider what I have said and pray the Lord for guidance.

May God bless you and keep you,

Eternally,

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Why can a Christian not be a Freemason?

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I found the following article, with the same title as the title of this blog incidentally, on this website;

<http://www.excatholicsforchrist.com/articles.php?PageURL=ChristianFreemason.htm>

The objections a true born again Christian have against the fraternity of freemasonry is legio and the need to warn others about it seems universal. This article highlights a few of those problems.

Can a Christian be a Freemason?

by G. Patrick Battell, July 2005

This is one of those frequently asked questions that regularly gets an airing either on Christian radio or in church circles.

Another question asked, is Freemasonry Christian?

So I must answer an emphatic **NO** to both questions, but also try to perhaps qualify why the Born Again Christian can never seek membership to be a Mason or any other secret society. Or even wish to do so.

Regrettably, however was the fact that former Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher was indeed a practising mason all his life.

The Church of England has long had the problem of how to deal with Freemasons in their broad church. Rowan Williams, whose father was in the Craft, used to block the promotion of practising Masonic bishops, before he was promoted to Canterbury.

In Martin Short's book, 'Inside the Brotherhood' he shares the following account of one Anglican Primate who wasn't happy to learn of a Masonic burial in an Anglican Church:

".....I found that the words 'Jesus Christ' were omitted from the prayers and the word 'Architect' substituted. Worse still, the cross was to be removed from the altar.... I thought that in this case it would be better for the service to take place in a Masonic temple....this line I took stirred up a hornets' nest. I was warned that I had offended

important benefactors and that the diocese would suffer financially. It might have done so" (pgs. 76, 77.)

"Secret societies must be either Christian, non-Christian, or anti-Christian", wrote George L. Hunt in his book 'Secret Societies'. Although this statement was written over a hundred years ago its meaning is just as relevant today, if not more so!

(In recent years the Masons have tried hard to reinvent their battered and tarnished image, by allowing members of the press and public to come and visit their Lodges, during out of hours. One recent Masonic newsletter that was sent to me, had the following quote, about the need for more "good news" stories, from the local press: "...Now that we are achieving good coverage in the local press we are looking to other means of spreading the good news about Freemasonry." This same publication boasted of the numerous good works that they do in their areas, with the sum raised by them, for the years 2004/2005 being 200,037. It would appear that they are trusting in their own righteousness, not Jesus' to receive Eternal Life (Rom. 10:1-4.)

At this stage I must lay my cards on the table and state categorically that to my knowledge there have never been practising freemasons in my family. How could there be? As a fourth or fifth generation Roman Catholic, had not the church forbidden membership to freemasonry? And by no less than nine papal bulls issued by fuming Pope's! All this was to change covertly after Vatican II, when I suspect the ecumenical plot allowed masons to join the fold. If you're still not sure of the Roman Catholic view, just check the 1994 Catechism; you will find no mention of freemasonry and why a Catholic cannot seek membership. Today I don't think they - the hierarchy - could care less what you wish to do with your spare time. Accept possibly promote the Social Gospel!

So can a Christian be a freemason? The first question is why would he want to (yes, I know some lodges allow women): "The Order of the Eastern Star can and does include both men and women." But they remain very much male driven. Incidentally the knights of DeMolay are a related organization that a young Bill Clinton was attracted to join when he was 15 years old. According to 'Freemasonry today', young Bill enlisted in DeMolay at Hot springs in Arkansas in 1961. He later stated: "I enjoyed learning all parts of the ritual. I grew up in a family with no money and no political influence. I had a lot of breaks; a lot of people helped me. DeMolay I think helps that". He would later become a Rhodes scholar: Cecil Rhodes was himself a highly respected millionaire freemason. Also according to Dr Peter S. Ruckman,

President Clinton became somewhere in his political career a born again Christian, so make of that what you will!

George L. Hunt states that: "Secretism is not only non-Christian, but that it is anti-Christian." Heavy stuff you may say, but are they religious these Masons?

They most certainly are! Just listen to what Albert Pike, Grand Commander and Sovereign Pontiff (recognise that word?) of Universal Masonry) has to say: "Every Masonic lodge is a temple of religion."

Or as Dr Albert Mackey a highly respected mason wrote in his book 'The encyclopaedia of Freemasonry': "Masonry is an eminently religious institution. The truth is masonry is undoubtedly a religious institution."

Or as Sir John Cockburn, past deputy grand master of South Australia said:

"Masonry, is a form of worship in which all religions can unite". (And boy, aren't they just promoting that today?)

Incidentally according to the author Jim Shaw, himself a previous 33rd degree Mason who was saved from the darkness of masonry and brought into the light of Jesus Christ, he writes:

"Masonry, contrary to popular belief, is NOT based upon the Bible. Masonry is actually based on the Kabala (Cabala), a medieval book of magic and mysticism."

This dangerous statement is also reinforced by no less that Albert Pike. He said: "Masonry is a search after light. That search leads us directly back, as you see, to the Kabala." (Check out James' article on this website about the Kabbalah.)

Now one thing this website is clear about and that is: you must get out of religion! Have nothing to do with it. It cannot save you! No two ways about it! I mean would you wish to be mixed up with these people? Remember – masonry excludes the name of Christ from prayer. The precious name of Jesus is excluded from every passage of Scripture that is read in the lodge:

For example, this verse is how it should read, but Masons *omit the following words*:

"Now we command you, brethren, *in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us" (2 Thess. 3:6.)

The same is used to mangle 2 Thess. 3:11, 12:

"For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort *by our Lord Jesus Christ*, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread."

This is not genuine Christian behaviour, neither should it ever be accepted as such.

"When Masonry mutilates the Holy Scripture by deliberately omitting the name of the Messiah it is no longer the God-breathed, inspired word of God. It is religion without Jesus Christ as Saviour and Redeemer."

This statement by the late Jim McCormick himself an astute observer and writer of numerous articles on Freemasonry over the years is confirmed by Albert Pike in his lexicon of freemasonry He writes: "A Christian Mason is not permitted to introduce his own peculiar opinions with regard to Christ's mediatorial office into the lodge."

"It is interesting that in 'The Builder', a well known Masonic book, there is no entry in the index for: 'Jesus' or 'Christ.'

In 'Coils Masonic Encyclopaedia' no such entry is listed either. Neither does 'Holman's Masonic edition of the Holy Bible' include an entry of either 'Jesus' or 'Christ'. So I have to ask: does this not show the scornful attitude of any Lodge toward Christianity? All prayers in the lodge it seems are Christ-less prayers. How sad.

So where does that leave the Christian as regards worship in the lodge? Assuming he has got this far!

Well he can use the volume of Sacred Law (VSL), the Koran, Vedas, the book of Mormon, or gita. He can choose Mohammed, Zoroaster or the angelus for inspiration, if he so wishes. He can worship in any lodge behind closed doors in Trafalgar sq, off Broadway or near the neverland ranch (if he should wish to.)

Yet did not Jesus proclaim: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14: 6). So what is

going on here, I have to ask. And don't be taken in by the all 'seeing eye' familiar in the lodge and on the back of a dollar bill. It is not the eye of God as masons claim but rather:

"The all seeing eye (that) was the symbol of deity in the ancient mysteries of Egypt."

Secretism, it seems, announces another route, another door independent of the Lord Jesus Christ. This I will not accept! Christ is not on the level with Mohammed or Buddha or Confucius, Sitting Bull or Pope Benedict XVI.

Freemasonry also states that: "If you deserve and purchase your path to heaven you are being saved by your own works, not God's works." This is from the Freemasons pocket companion. The true Christian knows that good works can never save you. Only the precious blood of Jesus Christ can achieve this. Nothing else. And if it did, what was the point of the Crucifixion?

"He that is of God heareth God's words" (John 8:47.)

So why are young men attracted into becoming Freemasons?

In the Masonic Catechism the novice is asked:

"Why did you become a Freemason?"

"To obtain a knowledge of the secrets and mysteries preserved amongst the brethren."

In the commercial sector it can offer promotion and in bringing in new business to the firm if a man is approached to join the lodge. This is very much a sweetener as well as the colourful regalia. And don't all men love a uniform and the whiff of secret societies? (For the purpose of this article I have excluded the Illuminati, the Trilateral group, the Bilderberg group and other assorted anti-Christian institutions.) It should also be remembered that: "Many ministers, elders, deacons, trustees and Sunday school teachers", have all requested a place in the Lodge. And shame on them!

Remember: Masonic rites are idolatry. This is clearly witnessed in the initiation oaths especially in the first 3 degrees. Even God is re named the great Architect of the Universe! Masons will not find him in the Grand lodge in the sky! Rather they will meet the one true God at the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11.)

The apostle Paul was correct when he warned those seeking the truth not to yoke with those who practise such acts. Did Jesus not warn: "Swear not at all" (Matt. 5:34.)

In the 19th degree of the 33 degrees of Freemasonry, the candidate is marked with balm with the words said over him:

"Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

We must see this as blasphemy and unacceptable.

Incidentally in the same degree (19th) the candidate is presented with a sash embroidered with the 12 signs of the zodiac. The Bible clearly forbids this divination (Deuteronomy 18:10). Again the Christian should and must reject such a practise if it is offered to him.

And what about secret hand grips? And mumbled Oaths muttered in the dark (please read what the Apostle James says in his Epistle 5:12 about this matter). The apprentice is warned that his throat will be cut, his tongue and heart will be torn out and his discarded body will be marked and disembowelled, if any lodge secrets are revealed to non-masons, or I suppose his family!

So why would any sane person in his right mind want to go along with this malarkey? One more thing a Christian should look out for are: Masonic rings cuff links and tie clips as well as fleece lined aprons and silk festooned ties, crystal glass or pewter decanters.

My final advice to any Christian who has joined freemasonry is to get out of it: burn the regalia – don't wait. And if you've got kids or grandchildren they'll love to assist you in stoking that fire in the garden. Perhaps your wife will also be very glad of your decision!

Remember what the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Cor. 6:17: "Come ye out from among them", he later qualifies this in Ephesians 5:11:

"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."

So what more encouragement do you need?

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

G. Patrick Battell, July 2005

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7 Responses to “Why can a Christian not be a Freemason?”

1.  *Rebel* Says:
[October 31, 2008 at 7:05 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

I know you probably won't post my comments but that's fine...

But it's funny how you have to copy and paste someone else to make a statement. As a "Former" Freemason, you should be able to express your own testimony on why you left the fraternity...

Also, you should be able to poke holes all through this person's outside views of the fraternity. How many times has an Anti-Mason took a sentence out of a Pike or Mackey's book to make their argument? Hundreds? Thousands?

If they included the whole paragraph from which the sentences or statements reside, it would change the entire argument... Also, as an outsider they should first look at the intro of Pike's *Morals and Dogmas*... It even states that the work is of Pike's own view and everyone is free to discredit it or disagree... AND it's for those who know the symbolism as in those who have been through the degrees... How would anyone on the outside be able to truly and accurately interpret his work? Or that of Mackey?

Also it's still not true about the mention of Christ. Christ is not left out of our prayers... In fact in our Monitor is the Lord's Prayer... How about that?

Speaking of secrecy... This dude speaks of the Catholic church. The Catholic church is widely known for secrets such as sexual abuse with minors – over 500 cases. It is also a fact that they purposely kept that a “Secret” as the “Catholic church protects their own.” Check out my source on that, wikipedia...

So what’s wrong with secret handshakes? When did that become a sin? Was no one a kid and kept secrets or came up with a special handshake? That’s just stupid... What’s next, you must walk and talk a certain way? How much more do you people plan to keep on adding to the Bible?

Oaths and Obligations...no more than just promises... Does not your Anti-Mason ministry make promises to others or promise to keep secrets of others or do you see that as a sin? Where in the Bible does it state OR where would secrets tie in as a sin? It’s not hate, idolatry, adultery, murder, strife, fornication, lies, stealing, witchcraft, blasphemy, etc... So what makes it a sin? AND given the fact that Freemasonry does not worship or take the place of worship, in that it’s a secular entity as you may find that Pike and Mackey have also stated, it not being a religious institution in the terms of it being a Church or Synagogue or Mosque, nor does it preach doctrines or sacraments... where in that above said list would Freemasonry fall under making it a sin?

If you read the Bible and know anything about Masonry’s rituals, you’ll find the scriptures come from the Masonic Bible or better known as the Authorized King James Version of the Holy Bible which is widely used by Christians today.

Basically it’s just more evidence that there are certain people that will do what it takes to keep that tax exempt status, sell more books, and drive fear into the hearts of man just to be rich. There’s a special place in hell for people like that, I do believe that...Anyone that would slander the names of countless good men and their family.

And guess what, you keep supporting those intolerant hypocrites, criminals... The real sad part is that they are not cutting you in on their profits... At least charge them for the free advertising...

-  Aaron Says:
[October 31, 2008 at 10:42 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

So you shouldn't become a Mason because the Pope said so? The Pope also says that YOU are not a member of the One True Church, and YOU will not be going anywhere until you repent and accept Christ. You are an Apostate.

So why should I listen to anything you have to type?

3.  [Johnie I. Robinson](#) Says:
[November 23, 2008 at 5:29 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

I am a Christian, I believe that We can only enter the kingdom of God through the Blood of Christ. I am also a Mason of near forty years. God is called by many names in many languages, so no matter the name, be it yawah, I am, Jovah, Great Artect of the Universe, or any name in any language, God knows what is in Your heart. So to You who condem Free Masonary, most of you are liars, because you have never been a Mason. The truth is that some Churches fear financial loss, because Masons give to many chairtys, and every dime that goes to these chairtys is money not received by the church. Freemasonry is not a religion, and the Masonic lodge is not a church. Freemasonry is a fraternaty, and the lodge building is our meeting place. I know that those who condem others will not cease. Try teaching Love of Christ, and your fellow men, and Women. God loves us all.

4. [WHY NO CHRISTIAN CAN BE A FREEMASON « Can a Christian be a Freemason?](#) Says:
[April 1, 2009 at 9:59 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

[...] most popular blogpost I published here is titled: "Why can a Christian not be a Freemason." That in itself should tell you a story. I publish below an article found on a website dedicated to [...]

5.  [mercerd](#) Says:
[July 17, 2009 at 7:05 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

interesting material, where such topics do you find? I will often go

6.  [OneGodOneFaithOneBaptism](#) Says:
[August 30, 2009 at 3:33 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Who do you represent? I am a formal member of OES. I finally came to my senses and realized who I was representing! If you really want to find out.. check out demonic signs and symbols and see what symbols come up and what they represent!! You can't serve two masters at one time! John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. So if you represent any of these demonic symbols you can't possibly represent JESUS CHRIST!!!!

7.  *anothermouse* Says:
[August 31, 2009 at 7:06 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Hallo and welcome,

You are quite right, one can not serve two masters.
I used to be a mason but now I serve Jesus.
If you read carefully you will see that I warn masons about the dangers of masonry and proof exhaustively why and how it transgresses the will of God.
I have been a mason myself for many years until I got saved by the grace of God and my own eyes were opened. I know God loves all of us and he loved us even whilst we were sinners! I know many who are still in the order and pray daily for their deliverance and salvation. I still love them, now even more as when I knew them as brethren.

No sane person will stay in an evil organization unless they are evil themselves. The people I met in masonry were the nicest people one could ever hope to meet. None of them thought they were busy with the works of the Devil. They all patted themselves on the back daily, thinking they were doing good!

YET – THEY ARE ALL DELUDED !!!

Having been there yourself, you will now what I talk about.

Please join me in prayer and my efforts to get this message to them,

God bless,

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Can a Christian be a Freemason?

By anothermouse

I was once a mason and very proud of it. I did my best to spread the word and to get many initiated into the order. The old and ancient landmarks of brotherly love, charity and tolerance echoed through my soul and touched a deep chord of inner satisfaction. I glowed with an intense conviction: "I am doing the right thing!" I felt good about myself, my brethren and all the order stood for.

Then I got saved.

Jesus knocked on the door of my heart one late evening in April, I opened, He entered and we had that "meal" he talks about in Rev. 3:20. Those of you who have had that experience will, I am sure, testify that it is the single most wonderful thing that can happen to anyone alive! And you know what? It is available to all of us. At this very moment He is knocking on your door too! All you have to do is open it and let Him in.

As a result of being saved and thus been born again, one views the world through different eyes. One's priorities change! One clearly see things the way they really are! One of the things that came to me as quite a shock was the deep opposition my beloved order stands into in relation to Jesus, my Saviour! I really enjoyed masonry. All my friends were masons! Yet, the undeniable fact stood firm and steadfast. I just had to leave – I had to resign from the order and leave behind all that I held dear for so long. There is just NO WAY the order can be reconciled with Jesus. ANY TRUE CHRISTIAN WILL TELL YOU THIS! How did I know? Well, the Spirit speaks to one unequivocally. The texts in the Bible jumps out at one and when I did a Google-search on the subject I was astounded at the amount of material available that gave clear Biblical proof as to why one can not be a Christian AND a freemason at the same time. Being a follower of Christ just does not allow for it, as simple as that. Want proof? This whole blog is packed full of it and I add material on a regular basis.

Google the sentence "**can a christian be a freemason**" and you will be surprised to find a multitude of excellent references on the subject. As in any google-search one will undoubtedly find a measure of ill-conceived and hard-to-believe *drivel*, yet amongst all of that you will find a multitude of hard-hitting, objective, to-the-point material that hits the nail smack on the head with sound reasoning, mind shattering, demystifying biblical proof that answers the above question fully;

NO, A CHRISTIAN CAN NOT BE A FREEMASON!

Only a person who is willingly ignorant, dumb by choice, to put it harshly, will dare stand up to argue against such overwhelming evidence.

This blog serves as a flashing WARNING light to you, dear reader, if you are a freemason. Think carefully about the trap you are in. You have the option to come out of there and you know it. All you have to do is TO DO IT!

Will that solve all the problems regarding what the address will be of your eternal abode? Not at all. But it will be a start. Being trapped in the place you are spells only one thing for you. Eternal doom!

It required me to be saved before I could see it. Now that I am "in the Light" I do not see why anyone should perish for the lack of not being warned. Therefore I started this blog, to get the word out to you, dear Brother. Please consider it carefully. Your salvation is at stake! God gave us all a free will. We can decide ;life or death, the decision is OURS! But oh, how dearly He wishes for us to choose life. (Deut. 30:19).

When we meet Him on our knees at His throne one day, what would you rather have Him say to you:

Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. (Matt. 25:23)

or

I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matt. 7:23).

The choice is yours!

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18 Responses to "Can a Christian be a Freemason?"

1.  [LOU Delf](#) Says:
[October 28, 2008 at 5:06 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

I couldn't find in the bible where it mentions the Freemasons, and how God is against them. Can you help me out?

2.  [another mouse](#) Says:
[October 28, 2008 at 8:09 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

I always wanted to know about Mormonsim, it is also not mentioned! Nor is Nazism or abortion or animal cruelty or spitting in someone else's food! Wow! Does that make it OK then, if it is not mentioned?

3.  [Greg](#) Says:
[October 28, 2008 at 11:05 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

And when you say why you can't be a Mason, remember its because a Blog told you that you couldn't.

4.  [Aaron](#) Says:
[October 29, 2008 at 1:40 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

I really can't believe there is someone dumb or stupid enough to make the argument another mouse just did. But this IS the internet.

5.  [another mouse](#) Says:
[October 29, 2008 at 6:10 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

My dear friends, if there had been but a mere modicum of intelligence to be observed in your remarks, I would have been compelled to a remorseful sense of quilt about that dum-by-choice quip. Alas, my fears for that event is unfortunately still in vain. I do however trust that more sincere souls read this blog and is thereby led to a process of objective reevaluation of their position in relation to eternity. It is for them that I will continue

my efforts – despite the likes of the scoffing few who prefer to scoff and choke in smoke while the house is burning down.

6.  *LOU Delf* Says:
[October 29, 2008 at 6:21 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

All I submit is a request for information backing your point, and I'm told that there isn't a "mere modicum of intelligence to be observed in your remarks"? Please explain how a request for information is somehow unintelligent? It sounds like you need to be saved again... from your own ego.

7.  *another mouse* Says:
[October 29, 2008 at 7:10 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Cool down LOU Delf and read through the whole blog. Read all the past posts in the archives and the pages found in the right-hand column. It has all been published some time ago. If, after that you still want more, ask again. I'll do my best to help.

8.  *Martin* Says:
[October 29, 2008 at 12:27 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Hi Anothermouse and Corrie,

I was out of the country on business the past three weeks. Sadly you are still echoing the same perculiar brand of Christianity, Bible interpretations and understanding of Freemasonry. You are missing the point, do you really think you are the only reborn and saved Christians? Think again my friend. Although I am not a pilot by profession like yourself, that does not give you the authority to utter the following nonsense " My dear friends, if there had been but a mere modicum of intelligence to be observed in your remarks, I would have been compelled to a remorseful sense of quilt about that dum-by-choice quip. Alas, my fears for that event is unfortunately still in vain" That is a distasteful and unasked for remark. After reading and studying al the posts the only intelligent conclusion is that a Christian must be a Freemason.

9.  *Aaron* Says:
[October 29, 2008 at 5:52 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Anothermouse:

Your quip was little more than a Freudian slip which reveals that your brand of "Christianity" has more in common with virulent Fundamentalist Islam than any historical model of Christianity.

10.  [Bill Lawson](#) Says:
[October 30, 2008 at 8:02 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Hi, Anothermouse -

I read a lot of blogs regularly, and I have to say it's not really traditional or helpful to take a position and then require people to read a whole lot of other stuff to figure out /why/ you're taking that position.

Based on past criticisms of Freemasonry, I'm going to assume that you felt convicted because Christianity and secrecy don't really go together, and/or because Freemasonry requires loyalty that seemed to you in opposition of the primary, higher-priority loyalty to God.

However, I think some of that reasoning may not be really valid these days. Freemasonry is more like a social club these days, and there are plenty of associations that require high loyalty that are not in opposition to Christianity (like, loyalty to one's country, for instance).

The secrecy is really more circumspection these days, and many former secrets about Freemasonry are no longer secret.

Exclusivity isn't in opposition really, either, particularly since there would be few examples of someone really suffering because they could not get recommended into membership.

Freemasonry is a brotherhood that encourages lots of Christian characteristics in members, too. In fact, Freemasons are responsible for a lot of good, charitable community works, and I'd say that's their primary "fruit" these days. Even in the past, this was the primary work, I think — in Texas, for instance, Masons built lots of towns and churches. See:

<http://www.stoppingpoints.com/texas/freemasons/>

So, I don't think the two pursuits are at all in opposition.

If you'd like to better explain where you're coming from, I'd be interested in the discourse, though.

11.  anothermouse Says:
[October 31, 2008 at 1:43 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Martin,

Your comment does not do much to change the status quo regarding what I remarked about my own quip... Of course I would still be doing the same, what do you think might have changed? My peculiar brand of Christianity, Bible interpretations and understanding of Freemasonry? What is peculiar about it? Please explain. (Welcome back).

Bill Lawson,

Thank you for an intelligent and considered look at the subject. That is the kind of tone I was accustomed to from the many fine gentlemen I knew as brethren when I was in the order.

No, I did not feel convicted by anything in masonry. As I mentioned, I really enjoyed my masonry a lot. And you are right, there is a LOT of good to be said about freemasonry – undeniably, without a doubt. It was also not the exclusivity or secrecy that was my reason for resigning.

I resigned because of a genuine conflict that, I discovered, exists between what a true Christian believes and certain aspects of freemasonry. That is a serious statement, because one's eternal destiny is at stake. Yet millions of very fine gentlemen are (inadvertently) deceived into believing freemasonry is innocent and pure before God (Jahveh, God of the Christian Bible) and I wish to assure you that it is not! As a Christian I feel compelled to warn as many as will listen about this grave threat. It is addressed to all the millions of fine upstanding gentlemen in the order as well as my fine brethren and friends I left behind.

You may have a valid point; it may be unreasonable to expect one to read the whole blog. For that reason I will publish my reasoning on a single page, explaining the entire argument in full.

Thank you again for your comment and welcome to the debate.

12.  [LOU Delf](#) Says:
[November 1, 2008 at 3:11 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

anothermouse,

I still haven't seen anything in your arguments, or in the bible that really describes why exactly Freemasonry violates your christian sensibilities. Wasn't at least one pope a Freemason?

I tend to find similar sentiment as Bill Lawson's well-thought post. I really think the two could co-exist based on what I've seen.

13.  [anothermouse](#) Says:
[November 2, 2008 at 10:49 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

LOU Delf,

If you are really serious about finding certainty for yourself about this question I suggest you do a serious study about the issue. You should study the doctrine, rituals, constitution and all you can find about freemasonry in the finest detail. Then you should study the Bible in depth to discover God's will as He presents it to us in His word. Finally you should pray to our Lord that He may open your eyes and reveal the truth to you. If you do this, I believe He will enlighten you. It is so easy to disregard what we don't want to hear or see and only to see and hear that what we want or are in agreement with. At the end of the day it is not what WE want or find agreeable that will get us in heaven, but what our Father in heaven finds agreeable and approves of. There is no EASY answer. Not even this blog can hope to produce the answer in a simple paragraph or two. It is just not that easy. Now, on this blog I have produced a lot of written material. Should I just keep on repeating myself? It is all there, just go and read it. What I will do one of these days, as I promised earlier, is to publish a page with some of the most convincing proof and arguments at my disposal. But I can tell you now already, not even that will satisfy everybody. It just is not that easy!

Can you answer this;

1. Are you a Freemason?
2. If so, what made you become one?
3. Are you allowed to stand up in your Lodge and witness about Jesus with the hope of winning a soul for Christ?

Please answer these and I might be able to get you closer to an answer.
God bless.

14.  [LOUDeIf](#) Says:
[November 3, 2008 at 2:23 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

anothermouse,

I would suggest that if you want to make a point, you bring the evidence forward to your questioners, instead of asking them questions, or running them around in a circle. I have asked some simple questions, yet have not seen an answer anywhere.

15.  [Martin](#) Says:
[December 10, 2008 at 9:46 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Dear Anothermouse,

I will not comment on your Christianity or Bible interpretations, that is your personal business, although peculiar to me I still respect your view. Regarding Freemasonry it is another story.

Your understanding:

"Yet, what does the freemasons do? What do they proclaim? They profess to be tolerant toward ALL religions. They acknowledge that there are other gods in existence! They do this to such an extent that they do not even address God by His proper name when they pray, least one of the "other" gods or their followers take offense. Heaven forbid that should happen."

Facts from the GLSA Constitution And Laws:

1. The first condition of admission into, and membership of, the Order is a belief in The Supreme Being referred to by F.M. as T.G.A.O.T.U., and His revealed will. This is essential and admits no compromise.
2. The Bible, referred to by Freemasons as the volume of the Sacred Law, is always open in the Lodges. Every candidate is required to take his Obligation on that Book or on the Volume which is held by his particular creed to impart sanctity to an oath or promise taken upon it. That the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry (viz. the T.V.O.S.L., the square and the

Compasses) should always be exhibited when the Grand Lodge or its Lodges are at work, the chief of these being T.V.O.S.L.

3. Everyone who enters Freemasonry is at the outset strictly forbidden to countenance any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; he must never be remiss in the allegiance due to the Head of State of his country.

4. while South African Freemasonry thus inculcates in each of its members the duties of loyalty and citizenship, it reserves to the individual the right to hold his own opinion with regard to public affairs. But neither in Lodge, nor any time in his capacity as a Freemason, is he permitted to discuss or to advance his views on religious or political questions.

For the best will on earth, I cannot read your understanding into the official document. May be the following will help you.

Matt 6:5-146:5 "When you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Most certainly, I tell you, they have received their reward. 6:6 But you, when you pray, enter into your inner room, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 6:7 In praying, don't use vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their much speaking. 6:8 Therefore don't be like them, for your Father knows what things you need, before you ask him. 6:9 Pray like this: 'Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. 6:10 Let your Kingdom come. Let your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. 6:11 Give us today our daily bread. 6:12 Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. 6:13 Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.'

6:14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 6:15 But if you don't forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16.  *anakni solomon* Says:
[June 24, 2009 at 2:05 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

what?????

The writer of this blog is not or have not been a member of the craft for he did not understand what;s freemasonry is all about. Freemasonry is not and doesnt teaches religion.. It is an

organization like any club with a purpose, the only difference is how men of this group get closer together in helping out their respective community regardless of your race, religion or affiliation..doesnt discriminate and willing to lend a hand to non-members much more to its members..

there is no connection whatsoever to any faith or religion that can interfere with one[s faith..

members of this society are men of their own faith, an islam, hindu, buddhist, christians... and now how can a certain Christian faith says that freemasonry contradicts Christianity.. Freemasonry promotes tolerance to each others faith.. embraces all men of different faith..

Many of Christian societies merely expresses faith and condemns men of diff religion... can anybody tell me if this is a Christian act???

if this Christian faith will tell me that I am mingling evil men, Id rather get out of that church rather than to condemn or leave my good fellow masons jst to prove my faith,

- o  *anothermouse* Says:
[July 6, 2009 at 5:49 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

The writer of this blog was indeed a mason (for 15 years) and understand fully what freemasonry is all about!

Freemasonry is indeed a false religion, as my latest post clearly proves (thanks to the brethren at emfj.org).

God's Word is truth! Just read your Bible.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32)

-  *LOUDelf* Says:
[July 6, 2009 at 8:46 pm](#) [edit](#)

As freemasonry does not itself preach religion, but instead allows others to operate within it's body, how is it a false religion?

As a matter of fact, one of the things specifically forbidden from conversation in the body of a lodge is religion. They do this to prevent friction between members of different faiths and beliefs. Again, not false religion... not religion at all.

An ex-mason on freemasonry.

By anothermouse

Welcome dear friend, if you just got here. This blog is dedicated to expound the unfeasibility for a Christian to be a freemason. In this space you will find sufficient information to enable you to make a sound and well considered decision. Comment and discussion from masons and non-masons alike are welcome.

Unfortunately there abounds on the internet and elsewhere a multitude of poorly researched articles and downright nasty literature about the masons. This site is not one of them. I have been a mason myself for many years and can attest to the huge amount of ridiculous literature out there that bears nothing resembling the truth about the order. The vast majority of masons are in fact upright and honourable men and often also respected leaders in the community. Many of them are elders in their church or even a pastor. So, this blog is definitely not an attack on a person or persons but rather an expose on the doctrine and philosophy of the order and firm reasoning accompanied by Biblical proof why freemasonry is definitely not something a Christian should be involved in.

If the destiny of your immortal soul is of import to you, you will do well to study the material to be found here. What is my motive? Love for my fellow man. I was recently saved and as a result came to realize the serious conflict that exist between what a Christian holds dear and the doctrine of the order of freemasonry.

The irony and tragedy is that there are so many individuals in the order that are so set in their ways, so taken in by the doctrine, that the conflict that does exist gets washed over and is soon forgotten. The transgressions that freemasons commit against God is so subtle and so well camouflaged that it easy to gloss over them, soon to be completely forgotten. There is always a ready answer to be provided for any question and a new member is quickly taken in by the camaraderie and so-called striving for lofty ideals of high moral standards and values, all very well and admirable.

The end result is not so subtle. How will you explain the multitude of transgressions to God on judgment day. The material you will find here contain sufficient reference to scripture that proof the argument many times over. Open your eyes my Brother and get out!

Love and God Bless.

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6 Responses to "An ex-mason on freemasonry."

1.  **corrie** Says:
[June 1, 2008 at 7:31 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Its like u say, most of the stuff on internet about masonry is crap, but it is like you sat ,being a mason you tend to overlook things and just focus on the good deeds as donating moneys etc to the needy, yes i also thoroughly enjoyed being part of it, but since ive become a reborn christian i tend to look deeper into the ritual of each degree and saw all the wrongs, belive me when you there nothing else matters, the bible is open etc but for all the wrong reasons that i see now, you wont find anything wrong with it if you are not a true reborn christian. i beg of you who read and visit this blog, before you decide to join the order rather speak to people who were there,you want good advice ! ! stay away ! ! its not for true christians

2.  **Greg** Says:
[June 24, 2008 at 9:43 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Sure, I'd be happy to debate the point. I think when it comes down to it, your basing faith with reason, which is something you can't do.

A Christian can decide that it does not fit within their Christian world view, but that does not make it incompatible with Christianity. It comes down to interpretation and how you accept the bible as a literal text, or as interpretive. Perhaps you missed the lessons on symbolism in your time in the lodge. Nothing in Freemasonry can be taken on face value, all of it is symbolic.

Have a look when you have a chance. I'm posting your response today.

3.  **Greg** Says:
[June 25, 2008 at 4:14 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Your response to your question.

Would Jesus be a freemason if he had been with us in our time?

No, He would have joined a carpenters guild in the Renaissance.

Today, why wouldn't he, what better place to find good men to make disciples and do good work. I think the problem, including the sermon you sent to me is that it is based strictly on faith and your view through it. You, in your faith, feel compelled to rail against something you perceive to be against something you find fault with. Because you lift texts out of context and reorganize them to fit your message is a false positive to your argument.

Just as it is your "faith" that filters your view, it does not make it an absolute. Is it just as righteous to validate the owning of slaves, the stoning of prostitutes, or the taking of multiple wives OK because the Bible says it's acceptable? Take the question further, what version of the bible do you follow? The Roman Catholic text assembled from Nicea, or the other Greek texts? What about the even older Gnostic texts, those parts of the bible excised out so many eons ago?

To adjudge Freemasonry on a level of right or wrong based on a narrow line of modern interpretation, is flawed.

Put the texts back into context, put Pike bak in with Pike, and Mackey back in with Mackey, and THEN lets look at the whole text and discuss what they are saying.

4.  **S** Says:
[May 3, 2009 at 3:33 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Greg my dear,

Jesus wasn't looking for good men to do good work. he was looking for sinners who wanted to be saved. He could not work with the self-righteous people who thought they were good, like the pharisee. He sought out the publicans.

God can't have good people in His perfect heaven. If good people go to heaven, then heaven will be just like earth. We already have good people on earth, and we know earth is not perfect, despite all the good people.

So, to have an eternal, perfect heaven, God even has to clean up the good people, because good though they may be, they still have sin. Jesus came to take away their sin, not to affirm their own self concept of goodness.

5.  Kevin Says:
[August 26, 2009 at 12:06 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

I am not a Christian and I think the free masons are certainly sketchy! What do they have to hide? Why plant so much symbolism in all sorts of media and mediums? Do you [***edited***] really think you have some kind of subliminal mind control? Most people are not open about their real intentions but it is sad that there are organizations that follow suit. However this is not surprising, it is the same with most if not all corporations.

Freemasonry – Are There Any Implications For Christians?

By anothermouse

I found this article on a Christian website called allaboutgod.com Please have a look at it and then pay special attention to the conclusion at the end. Remember, this article was not reproduced from a "mason bashing" site, as some of you accuse this blog to be, but from a site that focuses on ALL issues relating to God. I merely did a search for any freemasonry stuff on it and came upon this article. I have copied it in below.

Freemasonry - The Nature of God

Although Freemasonry requires members to acknowledge a "god" in order to be accepted into the Lodge, the god of Freemasonry and the God of the Bible are not the same. There is a great difference between the two concepts of God. The Masonic god, "The Great Architect of the Universe" (G.A.O.T.U), or the "Grand Artificer of the Universe," is an all-inclusive "Life Principle" that lies within all living things. In

Freemasonry, god is not a personal being, but an impersonal force, an energy that has no substance. In theistic terms, this belief is known as pantheism.

As the unifier of all religions, Freemasonry holds that "the Christian, the Hebrew, the Moslem, the Brahmin, the followers of Confucius and Zoroaster, can assemble as brethren and unite in prayer to the one god who is above all the Baalim." (Pike, *Morals and Dogma*) In other words, the biblical God is reduced to the level of all the other gods and rendered as equal with the gods of those religions. Therefore, by definition, Freemasonry is a "religion" of plurality that strips all others of their uniqueness.

Freemasonry – The Nature of Jesus

Freemasonry has adopted a pluralist approach toward Jesus Christ. Generally, Masonry teaches, "Jesus was just a man. He was one of the exemplars, one of the great men of the past, but not divine and certainly not the only means of redemption of lost mankind. He was on a level with other great men of the past like Aristotle, Plato, Pythagoras and Mohammed. His life and legend were no different from that of Krishna, the Hindu god. He is the son of Joseph, not the Son of God." (Jim Shaw, *The Deadly Deception*, 1988)

In Masonry, Jesus Christ is not to be looked upon as the Savior, Redeemer or God incarnate. He is to be viewed as no different than any other great prophet, spiritual leader or guru. The Lodge does not permit the name of Jesus or Christ to be used in any of its prayers or rituals, and when the Bible is used in ceremonies, all scriptural references to Jesus are removed. "All prayers in Mason lodges should be directed to the one deity to whom all Masons refer to as the Grand Architect of the Universe." (*The Maryland Master Mason*, March 1973)

Freemasonry – Are There Any Implications For Christians?

Freemasonry is responsible for many noble causes. Nobody can deny the social and charitable works done by the Brotherhood. However, as a "religious" institution, there are beliefs and practices in Masonry that are incompatible with biblical Christianity. The Mason who professes to be a Christian must decide whom he will serve: the God of the Bible or the god of Freemasonry. He cannot serve both. Ultimately, every Christian who participates in Masonry must ask himself, "What does the Lodge teach us to do with Jesus Christ?" "The Mason who is a Christian is put in a very difficult position. Although his Fraternal Order supported his Christianity in its early years, it now no longer allows for it, as there is no question about the pagan orientation of Freemasonry in our day. Therefore, the Mason must ask himself whether he can, in good faith, remain a part of an organization that devalues the God of Christianity." (Russ Wise, *Freemasonry and the Christian Church*, 2002)

As a reminder to professing Christians, Jesus said: "*But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.*" Matthew 10:33 (KJV)

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12 Responses to "Freemasonry – Are There Any Implications For Christians?"

1.  *Rebel Says:*
[October 1, 2008 at 10:03 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."
Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–68)

I got this from a more credible source:
Those who oppose Freemasonry will claim that Masons worship a 'false God' whom they claim is GAOTU – the "Grand Architect of the Universe" (in some jurisdictions referred to as the "Great Architect of the Universe").

Nothing could be further from the truth!

Let us be quite clear: Freemasonry does NOT have a "god" of any kind. Freemasons however do profess a belief in a Supreme Being.

Perhaps we should repeat:

The organization – FREEMASONRY – has no "god", no religion, no theology, no dogma, no creed....

<http://www.masonicinfo.com>

Why post an article stating that this Organization is a religion when you already stated and agreed that it is not? Why keep stating these things when people have shown that it is incorrect...

Here's a list of plenty of "Anti-Masons":
<http://www.masonicinfo.com/people.htm>

"...their arguments against Freemasonry are generally presented separately from their other 'material', it's not always easy to see the 'whole picture'. If it were from simple ignorance, the venom might be overlooked but when they repeat lies knowing them to be such, put profit ahead of honesty, or lie in the name of religion, we think that it's only appropriate to also provide 'the rest of the story'. Even when lies or falsehoods are exposed time and time again (the classic example is reuse of the Taxil hoax by anti-Masons), these individuals persist in their defamation."

<http://masonicinfo.com/excludesjesus.htm>

<http://masonicinfo.com/baphomet.htm>

<http://masonicinfo.com/lucifer.htm>

<http://masonicinfo.com/bloody.htm>

Please get the facts straight and use reliable sources before falsely accusing others of wrong doing.

2.  Neo Says:
[October 2, 2008 at 9:06 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

This "allabout" website, like its counterparts, is written by Christians and is merely a reflection of your own thoughts, a re-hash of things already posted online in other places- there's nothing scholarly here at all... ONce again this is flawed logic. One finds understanding not by starting with the "truth" and looking for evidence to back them up- one finds the truth from the evidence gathered.

3.  another mouse Says:
[October 6, 2008 at 3:59 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Rebel,
Funny you should quote Martin Luther to to me – can you not see the apt application of that quote to yourself?
And no – although I am willing to concede to the fact that freemasonry might not be a religion, there are indeed others who continue to contend hat it IS. I am not a defender of either position so I will post both views. I do not belief the fact that freemasonry is a religion or not is crucial to this debate.

4.  *Rebel* Says:
[October 6, 2008 at 4:52 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Yes it is funny how one tends to ignore facts and contradict themselves over and over in order to continue the absurd notion that a Christian must be bigoted in order to be a Christian... In other words, the quote resembles you. MLK Jr. never believed in bigotry or hate but rather peace and acceptance, the very things you have shown that you are against...

"I am willing to concede to the fact that freemasonry might not be a religion,"

You stated and agreed that it is not a religion, but post articles that says it is... Either you know it to be true or do not is very crucial. In other words, you can't debate against something that you know nothing about.

You're ignorant on the topic. If you don't like it, then do something about it – like learning...

5.  *corrie* Says:
[October 6, 2008 at 7:55 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

rebel says that freemasons does not have a god then why is a lodge called a temple ? the bible says tht a temple is a place of worshipping to a god ? my my my ?

6.  *Rebel* Says:
[October 6, 2008 at 9:34 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

A Lodge is usually called and refereed to as a "Lodge."

Now considering the definition – do try not to leave out facts just to be biased – we fine that a Temple is:

1. a building used by any of various fraternal orders.
2. a building used by the Templars in the U.S.
3. (initial capital letter) either of two groups of buildings (Inner Temple and Middle Temple) on the site of the Templars' former establishment in London, occupied by two of the Inns of Court.
4. (initial capital letter) either of two establishments of the medieval Templars, one in London and the other in Paris.
5. a building, usually large or pretentious, devoted to some public use: a temple of music.
6. (in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) a building

devoted to administering sacred ordinances, principally that of eternal marriage.

7. (in France) a Protestant church.

8. a synagogue, usually a Reform or Conservative one.

9. an edifice erected as a place of public worship; a church, esp. a large or imposing one.

10. an edifice or place dedicated to the service or worship of a deity or deities.

11. Anatomy. the flattened region on either side of the forehead in human beings.

12. Zoology. a corresponding region in certain animals.

13. Ophthalmology. either of the sidepieces of a pair of eyeglasses extending back above and often around the ears.

14. a device in a loom for keeping the cloth stretched to the proper width during the weaving.

15. A city of central Texas south of Fort Worth. It is a processing and manufacturing center. Population: 55,400.

My, my, my, Corrie... It appears that you looked over a many of definitions. And, by the way, a Freemason does believe in God, no one denied that. Freemasonry consist of many religious men devoted to God. How many on here have already stated that? Do try to keep up with the facts.

As for your question..."a building used by any of various fraternal orders."

7.  Aaron Says:
[October 11, 2008 at 6:37 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

allaboutgod is hardly an unbiased website. A Masonic Temple is called a temple in remembrance of King Solomon's Temple around which many of the lessons of Masonry are taught. As far as that semantic argument goes: fail.

8.  corrie Says:
[October 22, 2008 at 4:35 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

thats the point, king solomon build the temple to pray and worship GOD the father of JESUS CHRIST as the bible teaches us, they prayed in that temple because a temple means a place of prayers and worshipping to a god, so what does the masons do if you are not allowed to talk religion in a temple, to what god

are they praying in this temple (place of worshipping and prayers) ? wake up please

9.  *Mark* Says:
[January 17, 2009 at 4:23 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Why do Mason's not discuss religion in the Lodge. Simple answer Masonry is a belief in the brotherhood of man. How many arguments are held and how many lives have been forfeit due to religious orders believing that theirs is the only true belief system?

There are two topics of discussion that will most assuredly lead to an argument one is politics and you guessed it the other is religion.

So you should climb off your high horse and learn a little about the different religions. You may be surprised to find that they all have glaring similarities. Just look at the christian religions Protestant, Catholic, Baptist, Episcopal, Nazarene, Pentecostal and on and on. Riddle me this which one of these is correct answer that without starting an argument then we can discuss Freemasonry.

10.  *another mouse* Says:
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Hallo Mark,

Thank you for your comment. Of course, you have a valid point. We all want to avoid conflict and yes, there are so many religions; which one is the right one? Very valid argument! I'm just a bit busy right now, but I will endeavour to post a reply to this comment in the next day or so.

Kind Regards and God Bless,
A.

11.  *stung!* Says:
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Is Revelations 13, 10 referring to Satan's Secret society and spiritual captivity to Witchcraft?

Has the N.W.O. / Nazis Within the Order with its many branches, such as the "Free" Masons / Shriner's / Mafia / New Age Movement just to name a few, distributed occult paraphernalia into

society to cause spiritual bondage / captivity to witchcraft? Is this how the N.W.O. places people into spiritually captivity Rev 13, 10? Are Games such as Ouija boards, tarot cards, even the "8" ball with its pyramid in the middle, forms of (divination)? Could role playing games such as Dungeons and Dragons be another method used to take people into captivity? Is magic art a method to lead victims into spiritual bondage, (which is the precursor to Transcendental Meditation, the secret ceremony used for distributing the "Spiritual Mark of the Beast")? Has Harry Potter witchcraft books been distributed into society to lure people away from God and take them spiritually captive to witchcraft? Deuteronomy 18, 9 strictly forbids these practices. Is it by spiritual captivity caused from these "games" / practices that people / victims are forced with witchcraft to go through the "secret ceremony" performed with transcendental meditation? In said transcendental meditation state, the victims are forced to except the worship of one of "Satan's Secret Society's" many "Gods". They say that in accepting the worship of one you accept "all" there "Gods". These are no Gods at all but demonic entities, one including the Devil! Is this the powerful delusion spoken of in the Bible, and the method for enslaving society through means of witchcraft / demonic powers 2 Thessalonians 2, 11? Here are a few verses giving insight. "Those who go into captivity into captivity they will go" Rev 13, 10. "Who enslaved nations by her witchcraft" Nahum 3, 4. "By your magic spell all nations were led astray" Rev 18, 23.

There is a way out!!! "Those who overcame, overcame by the blood of the lamb and the "WORD" of their testimony, they didn't love there own life's so much as to shrink from death". "This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints" Rev 12, 11. Witchcraft / the powers of the Devil are real Job 2, 7. Are you aware that "the martyrs for Christ who don't receive, what I believe to be, the "spiritual mark of the Beast" will come to life and reign with Christ for 1000 years during the millennium" Rev.20, 4? Would you trade a short life on earth for a 1000 year reign with Jesus Christ, and then so much more? Amen Brothers and sisters!!! You no who you are!

Also, are you aware that this society has been in the process of being set up for a long time under the totalitarian / evil rule of the Devil! Look up George Washington / Free Masons and the location of the Whitehouse and associated government buildings. This is just one of many examples. NWO / "Free" Mason symbolism has been distributed across the land. Satan and his followers are quite boastful. The Devil has been preparing for the coming tribulation for quite some time, when God will give him

authority along with the Beast for 42 months of living HELL! And we thought Hitler was bad!

The True Roots of Freemasonry

By anothermouse

Can we Find the Roots of Freemasonry in the Bible?

By Jim Nations and Karen Romero.

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**“This is the Stone (Jesus) which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the Head of the Corner. Neither is there Salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”
Acts 4: 11-12**

Freemasonry is a secret and fraternal organization which is believed to have evolved from the ancient guilds of the stonemasons. Membership is open to men only, requires no allegiance to a single faith or religion, although belief in a god is considered a necessity. The basic unit of Freemasonry is “the Lodge,” which exists under a charter issued by a Grand Lodge exercising administrative powers. The Lodges are linked together informally by a system of mutual recognition between Lodges that meet the Masonic requirements. The Lodge confers three degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. Additional degrees are conferred by two groups of advanced Masonry: The York Rite (which awards 12 degrees) and the Scottish Rite (which awards 30 higher degrees). The original Freemasons were required to be actual craftsman, either in stone laying or brick masonry. However, in and around the year of 1722, the Freemasons became known as the “Free and Accepted Masons” where the members were no longer required to be of the craft.

I decided to join the Masons when I was 23 years old. My father was a Freemason and it had been in my family for many generations. I petitioned the local Lodge and the first question asked on the petition was, “Do you believe in God.” Of course, being raised in a Christian home, I quickly answered “Yes” to the question and then began to feel much better about joining this highly secret organization. I was

accepted into the organization right away because, upon investigating me, they found out that Freemasonry had been in my family for many generations. I was told that Freemasonry was a Christian organization; I took their word for it, as so many people do with many things in life, which can be very dangerous.

About six months after I was raised to Master Mason, which is the 3rd degree of Freemasonry, God began to deal with me and drew me back to Him. My wife and I found a Church with a Godly Pastor and I was able to get my life back in right relationship with Jesus. However, there was a feeling that God was not pleased with me being a part of this secret society. I was told not to believe what was said on the outside about Freemasonry and that the Masons would tell me what I needed to know because, after all, I was now "illuminated." I was also led to believe that I was somewhat superior to those on the outside world, not to mention the fact that I was bound by a death oath which forbade me to even look outside of the lodge.

It got to the point where I would not attend the meetings anymore because of these feelings that I had when I was at the Lodge or when I wore the Masonic ring, but yet I still continued to pay my yearly dues and stay in good standing. God was so very patient with me as I would point out to Him all of the good works that the Masons were doing and try to convince Him that it was a good solid organization. One day, when I could not stand it any longer, I decided to take a look on the outside, which, as I stated before, I had been forbidden to do by the hierarchy of the Freemasons. As you read this article, you will discover some of the conflicting viewpoints and deep dark secrets which I found out in my years of digging and unearthing the secret society of the Freemasons.

For those of you who are Freemasons who may read this article, I desire to choose my words very carefully because I know how sensitive the issue can be because I have personally been there myself at one time. My biggest concern is for those of you who are true born-again Christians who may feel little questions come up when you are in the Lodge and when you see or hear things which just don't feel right in your spirit. These are feelings that only the Holy Spirit can cause you to feel; it is a spirit of discernment. I felt uneasy in my spirit when I was a Mason and attended meetings and rituals at the Lodge. Despite the fact that I was out of Church at the time, I still perceived that something was not quite right but I just could not put my finger on it. It is those of you who feel as I did back then that I especially want to reach with this article. If you truly desire to serve the Lord and want to know the truth, then this article can help you to understand

why Freemasonry is not biblical despite the fact that the organization uses some elements which can be found in the Bible, such as the names of certain individuals from the Old Testament. Jesus said in **Luke 11:35**, **"Watch, then, that the light in you is not darkness."** I pray that you will leave the light that was dark and come back to the One and Only True Light, which is Jesus Christ.

IS FREEMASONRY REALLY BIBLICAL?

In this article we will be investigating where the true roots of Freemasonry originated, as well as, where the Freemasons claim that the organization actually originated. We will begin this investigation by looking at what the Bible states because the Masons claim, or at least they did back then, that some of their teachings come from the Bible with some even going as far as to claim that Jesus was a Mason. You will soon see what Jesus had to say about people who gather behind closed doors, lock themselves in and cover the windows so that no cowans or eavesdroppers can know what sordid things are going on inside. It is not difficult to see here that the Bible contradicts with many of the claims and practices of Freemasonry.

Freemasonry claims that they have "true light," which is what the candidate is searching for when he enters into every degree. In the initiation ritual of a 3rd degree Master Mason, the candidate is asked, "...what do you most desire?" He is prompted to answer, "Further Light in Freemasonry." In the first degree he is searching for light and then every degree thereafter there is more and then more light to grasp, or so they claim. Jesus said in **John 8:12**, **"I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."** If a person has already accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour, meaning that he already has the True Light dwelling inside of him, and then joins the Freemasons, then what is he actually receiving within the confines of the Lodge? Good question! This is what Jesus had to say: **"No one, when he has lighted a lamp, puts it in a secret place, or under a basket, but on a lamp stand, so that they who come in may see the light (Luke 11:33)."** He also stated, as previously quoted, **"Watch, then, that the light in you is not darkness (Luke 11:35)."** The man who holds the highest position in the lodge is referred to as "The Worshipful Master." Jesus said in Luke 16:13, "No man can serve two masters." And yet, the members of the lodge exalt their leader and refer to him as THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER!

The secret word of a 3rd degree Mason is to only be given on the "5 points of fellowship." It is not to be spoken out loud, but can only be

spoken at a low breath. Again, we go to the Bible in Luke 12:3, where Jesus said, **“Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the house tops.”**

In the rituals of the Lodge and in a duly constituted Lodge, the Name of Jesus is never spoken during the rituals. The excuse given for such a rule is that because the lodge also accepts Jews and Muslims, they would not want to offend any of them by saying the name of Jesus Christ. I am not so sure that I buy that explanation! Turning again to the words of Jesus given in **Luke 9:26**, we read, **“For whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words, the Son of Man shall be ashamed of him when He shall come in His own and in His Father’s glory, and that of the holy angels.”** Let us also read what the Apostle Paul said in Ephesians 5:11-13, **“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. But all things that are reprovèd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.”**

Many people only see the good deeds or works performed by the Masons within their communities. Do the Freemasons do good works? Sure they do. But they also love to sound the trumpets and stand in the spotlight bragging about what they have accomplished. What they don’t want the outside world to know about are the things which go on in the dark, behind closed doors and in the shadows. They don’t want you to know about the control in which they have in the local churches over the pastors who may also be Masons; or the control in which they have in the local, the national and in the international government. The Masons maintain control from the Fraternities and Sororities at our Colleges and Universities on down to the Boy Scouts; from the local city police force all the way up to the President of the United States. They control kings and nations along with other secret organizations just like them which will be elaborated upon later in another article.

WHO WERE THE ORIGINAL MASONS?

Now let us go back and look at the Bible to see if we can find any solid connections to the roots of Freemasonry? The Freemasons love to make connections to their organization using the Bible. This tactic has hooked many blinded people into their occult organization. Let us look at how this is accomplished and what the end results will be which will ultimately involve America, as well as, the rest of the world!

The 3rd degree initiation of a "Master Mason" is said to be the height of ancient Freemasonry. This ritual re-enacts the account of the death, burial, and resurrection of one of the craft, Hiram Abiff, a widow's son. We read in the Bible, that Hiram Abiff was one of the head workmen employed at the building of King Solomon's Temple, and other ancient writings inform us that he was an arbiter between King Solomon and Hiram, king of Tyre; but his tragic death is not recorded anywhere, except in the archives of Freemasonry. Not even the writings of Josephus, or any other writings, however ancient, of which we have any knowledge, furnish any information respecting the death of Hiram Abiff. Another interesting side note here is that the Master Masons' Lodge is styled to be like the Holy of Holies of King Solomon's Temple. This was a very holy and sacred place that only the High Priest, chosen by God, could enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. If anyone entered the Holy of Holies with any sin on his heart, then he was immediately struck dead on the spot!

During this 3rd degree Master Mason initiation ritual, there are different "roles" which are played out within the hierarchy of the Lodge during the initiation ceremony. This role-playing represents some important figures of the Bible's Old Testament who were mentioned in the above paragraph. As this section unfolds, you will see a biblical description and the significance of each of the figures played out within the ceremony. The Worshipful Master plays the role of King Solomon, another Mason plays the role of King Hiram of Tyre and the candidate seeking to be initiated plays the role of Hiram Abiff, the Master Mason or the "grand architect at the building of Solomon's Temple (this description comes directly from Freemasonry)." During the initiation ritual, the candidate for Master Mason, playing the part of Hiram Abiff, is ceremonially murdered and then raised again from the dead by the Worshipful Master. This is why many Freemasons claim to be "born-again" despite the fact that it has nothing to do with surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Also, Freemasons in the 3rd degree claim to become a "Master Mason" or craftsman, but in the higher degrees, they claim to be EQUAL TO GOD!

Let us look at the sequence of events and the significance of the individuals mentioned above in the ritual. In the 5th Chapter of 2 Samuel, we see David established as King over all of Israel. Hiram, the King of Tyre, then quickly makes his move on God's people by making contact with King David. NOW, LET US QUICKLY LOOK AT THE KING OF TYRE, AND THE POWER SOURCE BEHIND HIM! **Ezekiel 28:2** states, "**Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet**

thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God." BUT WE FIND OUT WHICH GOD THIS REALLY IS HERE! As God lifts Ezekiel's eyes from the King of Tyre, to the force behind him we see that he is being empowered by none other than Satan! **Ezekiel 28:12** says, "**Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.**" HERE WE FIND THE BEST DESCRIPTION IN THE BIBLE OF SATAN, WHO IS THE GOD OF THIS PRESENT WORLD!

Again, as soon as David ascended to the throne and was in power, King Hiram of Tyre contacted him and began to do him favors, give him gifts and stroke his ego. I believe that Satan must have known that God had His Hand on David, who had been promised by God that the seed of the Messiah would come through his lineage. Satan wanted to do everything he could possibly do to hinder or stop this from happening, so inevitably he planned to use King Hiram to corrupt and utterly destroy the nation of Israel.

David had been a great warrior and had slain many, so because he had much blood on his hands, God would not allow him build the Temple. **In 1 Kings 5:3**, David's son Solomon states, "**Thou knowest how that David my father could not build a house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.**" There is no record of King Hiram contacting Saul when he was King of Israel, but **2 Samuel 5:11** says regarding King Hiram's contact with David, "**And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David a house.**" This is where the Freemasons begin to make their connections with the Bible claiming that God used the masons to build His glorious Temple.

Once David died, his son, Solomon, ascended to the throne and was established as King of Israel. This same process repeated itself: *King Hiram made his move again!* **1 Kings 5:12** states, "**And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they made a league together (my italics).**" God forbids Israel to make leagues or covenants with pagan nations, yet Solomon goes against the Will of God and makes a league with a pagan nation. The question in my mind, knowing the immorality in this occult secret society of Freemasonry, is: Would Solomon have descended to the place in which he did and possibly lost his soul if he had trusted God instead of embracing this pagan king and Baal worship? I don't think so. **1 Kings**

11:1-10 "But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon cleaved unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded." How it must have grieved God to see this happen to someone who was once His servant, who built His Temple and who once walked in His Ways.

Remember, as stated earlier, that there are two Hiram's in the Freemasonry ritual; one is a king and the other one is a master craftsman. The first Hiram in the ritual is King of Tyre, who has been adequately described as a tool of Satan. The second one, Hiram Abiff, is described here in the following verse of Scripture. **1 Kings 7:14** says, "**He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to King Solomon, and wrought all his work.**" The phrase, "HE WAS A WIDOW'S SON," give us the connection to the female deity because all false religions have at least ONE. Here, in this example, the deity is Ashtoreth. Masons are referred to as "widow's sons" and the Lodge is often referred to as "the widow!" Also, **1 Kings 7:13** says, "**And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.**" Did you notice that God did not tell Solomon to send for Hiram Abiff? Solomon took it upon himself to invite Hiram to do the work on the Temple. This Hiram is the role played by the candidate who is being initiated to Master Mason in the

Blue Lodge ritual. During the ritual, he is supposedly murdered, buried and then brought back to life when the Worshipful Master, who is playing the role of King Solomon, takes hold of Hiram Abiff with the grip of the Master Mason as he is raised from the "dead."

Masons love to connect themselves to people of power and importance regardless of how evil they may be. An example of this is found in Albert Mackey's *An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* where it states, "The legend of the craft in the Old Constitution refers to Nimrod as one of the founders of Masonry." Nimrod was the designer of the Tower of Babel. He was so evil that God came down and confounded the languages of the people to stop them from completing their pagan work, which was to build a tower that would reach Heaven. This was an attempt by man to reach Heaven his own way, when God had already provided a way through faith in the promised coming Redeemer. The Tower of Babel under Nimrod was the original site of paganism! It was also the first rebellion against God after the flood and the beginning of the rebellion which continues until this present time! **Revelation 17:5** states, "**And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**" This is the real and *true roots* of Masonry, but this is just the beginning of the evil connections. The Masons claim that the roots of Freemasonry can be traced back all of the way to Tubal-Cain in Genesis 4:22. He was the son of the first polygamist recorded in the Bible and was the descendent of Cain (Adam and Eve's first born). Tubal-Cain was the first ever craftsman in brass and iron. He plays some significance in Freemasonry because in the 3rd degree Master Mason ritual, the secret password to advance further in the ritual is "Tubalcain." To briefly summarize this section, we can conclude that according to their own admission, the original Freemasons were all pagans, not children of Jehovah God. From Tubal-Cain to Nimrod and all of the way to Hiram Abiff of Tyre; not a one of these men were considered noble in the Eyes of God.

WHICH GOD ARE THE FREEMASONS REALLY WORSHIPPING?

In **1 Kings 11: 43** we read, "**And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father; and Rehoboam his son reined in his stead.**" IT IS HERE IN WHICH THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL DIVIDES. Israel held together though Solomon's reign and God blessed them despite the evil in which Solomon had involved himself. After his death, Solomon's son, Rehoboam, planned to place more burdens on the people of Israel. **1 Kings 12:4** says, "**Thy father (Solomon) made our yoke grievous: now therefore make**

thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee."

Rehoboam refused to lessen the burden and as a result, the kingdom of Israel divided into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. The Northern Kingdom in Samaria went into calf and Baal worship and the Southern Kingdom went into Baal worship. The worship of Baal had its principal seat in Tyre, where King Hiram had reigned. Judah and Benjamin became the Southern Kingdom and had several Godly kings who destroyed the high places of Baal worship but the Kingdom eventually fell and went into Babylonian captivity.

THE WICKED QUEEN JEZEBEL ALSO CAME FROM THIS SAME AREA OF TYRE. **1 Kings 16** states, **"Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal the king of the Sidonians, and Tyre, served Baal, and worshipped him."** **1 Kings 21:25** also says, **"But there was none like Ahab, who sold himself to work wickedness in the sight of Jehovah, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up."** It is around this time that the prophet Elijah steps out into the world of that day and tells the people that it will not rain until God says that it will. GOD SENT ELIJAH TO THE VERY HEART OF BAAL WORSHIP IN THAT DAY TO SHOW THAT HE WILL BLESS THOSE WHO OBEY HIM! In **1 Kings 17:9**, God tells Elijah, **"Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee."** Zarephath was situated on the Mediterranean Sea between Tyre and Sidon. God provided for this widow woman because she obeyed Jehovah instead of Baal. The Bible also reveals again the god of Ahab and Jezebel in **1 Kings 16:30-32** where it says, **"And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshiped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria."**

I quote the above Scriptures to reveal the practice of Baal worship in the Old Testament because the worship of Baal is so easily connected to Freemasonry. Baal worship is the worship of the SUN and FIRE. All Masonic Lodges are built due east and west and it is arranged this way so that the Worshipful Master can sit in the east. In one of the Freemasonry rituals it is said, "As the sun rises in the East to open and govern the day so rises the Worshipful Master in the East to open and govern the Lodge, setting the Craft at work, giving them proper instruction for their labor." As the Sun moves through the heavens and as the Earth turns, so turns the stations in the Lodge. There is the

Junior Warden who sits in the south side of the lodge because it represents where the Sun is at noon. There is also the Senior Warden who sits in the West end of the lodge because the Sun sets in the West. Isn't it very evident that this is Sun (Baal) worship?

Do you remember the "high places" mentioned in the Bible? An example is given in **2 Chronicles 21:11** speaking of the wicked king Jehoram, where it says, **"Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication and compelled Judah there** (my italics)." It is worth quickly mentioning here that I found a great many fornicators and womanizers within the confines of the Freemasonry Lodge! I realize that not all Masons were guilty of such as I was not when I was a Freemason, but the Apostle Paul warns us in **1 Corinthians 5:9, "I wrote unto you in an Epistle not to company with fornicators."** In comparing the "high places" of the Bible to the Masonic Lodge, it is common knowledge among Masons that the Masonic Lodge must be elevated at least to the second floor above the ground unless they have acquired special permission from the Grand Lodge. It is a part of the ritual that is said to keep the cowans and eavesdroppers from hearing what is going on inside, but I also believe that it is because it has to be a high place, just as the idol worship of the old. Another interesting side note is that when I joined the Boy Scouts in my own home town, we met under the Masonic Lodge which is the normal standard. This is because the Boy Scouts were founded by a Freemason! Beware my friends, they start preparing them very young for the higher ranks of Freemasonry!

Elijah brings this to a climax when he confronts the prophets of Baal and asks the following question at Mount Carmel; and now I am asking the Freemasons the same question. **1 Kings 18:20-22, 24, 26-28** says, **"So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt you between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men...And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answerers by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken....And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was**

made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them." What does this all of this cutting and blood shed have to do with Freemasonry? While Masons may not cut themselves exactly as these pagan priests did, the oaths that they take are very bloody indeed! An example is given in the 3rd degree Master Mason oath, where it states, "All this I most solemnly, sincerely promise and swear, with a firm and steady resolution to perform the same, without any hesitation, mental reservation, or secret evasion of mind what-ever, binding myself, under no less penalty than that of having my body severed in two, my bowels taken from thence and burned to ashes, the ashes scattered before the four winds of heaven, that no more remembrance might be had of so vile and wicked a wretch as I would be, should I ever, knowingly, violate this my Master Mason's obligation. So help me God, and keep me steadfast in the due performance of the same." The oaths get even more bloody and binding as a person climbs the hierarchal ladder of Freemasonry.

NEXT WE SEE GOD'S JUDGEMENT OF PAGAN BAAL WORSHIP WHICH I BELIEVE TIES DIRECTLY INTO FREEMASONRY! In **1Kings 18:38**, 40 we will find that Jehovah God answered by fire on Elijah's altar and that the 450 prophets of Baal were all killed. The Scripture reads, **"Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the Burnt Sacrifice...And Elijah said unto them, Take the Prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there."** Once Elijah destroyed the Prophets of Baal and proved Jehovah God to be the One True God, the Scriptures say in **1 Kings 18:41**, **"And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain."**

Judah fell into Baal worship with the door being opened by Solomon and this ultimately led to destruction and captivity. **Ezekiel 8:16** says, **"And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshiped the sun toward the east."** Ezekiel saw the elders of Israel turn their backs on the Glory of God and the Holy of Holies and he watched the Glory of God depart from the Temple, ascend to the Mount of Olives and then disappear. I weep as I read this, because just as Israel and Judah did this damnable thing, I

believe that many Christians have turned their backs on Jesus Christ and the Glory of God and they are traveling facing the eastern sun rise as well. If this is you, then you are grieving the Holy Spirit every time you FEEL a touch that you can't explain and you continually ignore His quiet persistence. The question still stands: **"How long halt you between two opinions?"** And furthermore, how long will God wait before His Glory departs from you? I urge you to please hear the words of the Apostle Paul when he pleaded with the Corinthians saying, **"What? Do you not know that your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: therefore Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)."**

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4 Responses to "The True Roots of Freemasonry"

1.  [47th problem of Euclid](#) Says:
[July 31, 2009 at 3:58 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

How can you determine that a man who thinks he is praying to the Lord is actually praying to a false god? How does that happen? A man sets aside time to pray, a man who fears the Lord and seeks to connect to the Lord through prayer, and just because he's a Freemason, the false god Baal swoops in and intercepts the prayer, stealing it from the Lord? By that argument, how do you know if anyone's prayers are actually reaching the Lord? Maybe we're all kidding ourselves, and a host of false deities are getting fat and powerful on our prayers? Either a man connects to the Lord through prayer, or no such connection ever occurs. It can't be both ways. Why would Jesus allow the prayers of a man who prays to Him go to a false god?

I think what rankles you is that Freemasonry is open to any man who believes in one God and the promise of future reward for virtue after death. A Sikh, a Jew, a Muslim, a Christian, and a Druze are all eligible to be masons. Masons are tolerant of other monotheists. To someone who cannot abide men who are not their own particular sectarian stripe of Christianity, who despise the world of men except for their own little sect, this is unpalatable. But it's a big world, full of people who do not believe the same things we do. Do we offer an olive branch to outsiders who agree to abide by a few simple moral laws, or we shun all but our own co-religionists?

The question is, does John 14:6 mean that Christians cannot join an organization erected to God that affords non-Christians equal treatment?

2.  *anothermouse* Says:
[August 1, 2009 at 3:05 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Hi 47th_problem_of Euclid,

Thank you for your comment. I will answer in detail a bit later on.

Regards,

A.

3.  *Nicola* Says:
[September 29, 2009 at 9:07 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Praise God that he brought you out of this satanic worshipping and back into his light.

I believe their roots go back to Cain, he being the first builder in the Bible, what is a builder but a mason.

Gen 4:16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

Gen 4:17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

Cains bloodline is still with us today.

Thank you for sharing your story

God Bless you and may he keep you safe.

4.  *anothermouse* Says:
[September 29, 2009 at 5:57 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Thank you Friend and welcome,

I personally believe the roots to be in Babylon, but that is another story for another day,

God Bless,

A.

A Freemason's 33rd Degree Initiation

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Excerpt from Jim Shaw's book: [The Deadly Deception](#), pp. 99 – 109

INTO THE LIGHT

The hurricane came and went without any harm to us. But the one within me continued to gather force. It seemed strange, from my point of view, for all the people around me seemed calm. Even the doctor was no longer speaking much to me about the Lord, for I wasn't seeing him regularly. Bonnie was quietly supportive, but we really didn't say much about it. Mike and my other friends went on with life. It was "business as usual" around me, but definitely not that way inside of me.

THE HIGHEST MASONIC DEGREE

Easter was approaching and one quiet morning I was at home recuperating from the second operation when the doorbell rang. It was a special delivery letter from the Supreme Council in Washington, notifying me that I had been selected for the 33rd Degree.

I could hardly believe it was true! This honor is one most Masons never even think of receiving. It was too much, too far out of reach, beyond limits of reality. It was unreal to think I had actually been selected. It was an honor just to be considered for this ultimate degree and I had actually been selected, chosen by that small and powerful group, the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree.

I called Bonnie to share the good news with her. In talking with her, I surprised myself by asking her if she thought I should accept it "What a strange thing to ask her," I thought. But before I could contemplate it she said, "Why, sure you should accept it. You have worked so hard for so long to get there – by all means you should accept it."

So I returned my acceptance immediately and began making plans for the trip.

I MADE IT ON MY OWN

With plenty of time to reflect, I thought about my long climb up the mountain of Masonry in search of light. I thought about the odds

against anyone's ever making it to the 33rd Degree. I realized that in my case the odds have been even greater. I had made it by hard work and dedication alone. Some men have an edge on selection because of their wealth, political power or prominence. I had none of these.

Like the day I had carried the man all the way to the top of "Shaw Hill" between Camp Butner and Raleigh, I had made it to the top of the Masonic mountain because I was willing to make the effort required and refused to quit. Thinking of this, I felt particularly good about it and wished my mother could know.

I had come a long way since leaving the front gate that terrible day so many years ago. I had come the distance with no help from Uncle Irvin. Who would have thought that the lonely walk, begun so many years ago by that frightened 13-year-old boy, would have led to this point? I had reached the pinnacle – made it all the way to the top.

Some of the most prominent and influential men in the world would undoubtedly be there to participate when I was given this ultimate degree – for me – little Jimmy Shaw, who had gone to work at age five and made it alone since age 13. They would be there to give the 33rd Degree to me. It was really a bit difficult to take it all in.

3 DAYS AT THE MOUNTAIN TOP

In order to receive the 33rd Degree it was necessary to go to Washington. D.C. The initiation and related functions were to last three days.

Since Bonnie could participate in practically none of the things I would be doing each day, she decided not to go along. We were both excited as I made preparations to leave. But I was not as excited as I expected to be. The edge was taken off the excitement because, in me, it was mixed with a considerable amount of conviction. Way down deep there was a growing restlessness, an increasing conflict, produced by the things the doctor had been sharing and by all the Scripture I had been reading. Preparing to receive this "ultimate honor" was not as thrilling as it might otherwise have been.

ARRIVING AT THE HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE

I flew into Washington National Airport and took a taxi to the House of the Temple on Northwest 16th Street. Upon arriving at the Temple I was met by a receptionist who asked if I were there to receive the 33rd Degree. I was surprised to find a woman in those sacred Masonic

precincts, but said that I was and showed her my letter from the Supreme Council. She then told me that in order to receive the degree, I would be expected to make a "minimum donation" of a very large amount of money (at least it was a "very large" amount for me). This took me completely by surprise for there had not been a word about any such "minimum donation" in the letter sent me by the Supreme Council. I didn't carry that much money with me and had left my checkbook at home but was able to borrow the money from one of the other men and gave it to her. We candidates were all unhappy about this unpleasant surprise and grumbled to one another about it, but were not unhappy enough to forsake the degree over it. We were too close to the "top of the mountain" to turn back at that point.

THE TEMPLE ITSELF

The House of the Temple is quite impressive – a bit awesome, really. Standing large, grey and silent on the east side of Northwest 16th Street, between "R" and "S" Streets, it looms very wide and tall from the curb. There is a huge expanse of granite pavement in front of it, including three levels of narrowing steps as the entrance is approached. Flanking the entrance are two Sphinx-like granite lions with women's heads, the neck of one entwined by a cobra and decorated with the "ankh" (the Egyptian symbol of life and deity).

Adorning the neck and breast of the other is an image of a women, symbolic of fertility and procreation. In the pavement, just in front of the tall bronze doors, are two Egyptian swords with curved, serpentine blades and, between the two swords, brass letters, set into stone, saying, "The Temple of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite."

Over the tall, bronze doors, cut into the stone, is the statement, "Freemasonry Builds Its Temples in the Hearts of Men and Among Nations." ([1](#))

High above the entrance, partially concealed by stone columns, is an elaborate image of the Egyptian sun god, backed with radiating sun and flanked by six large, golden snakes.

Inside is elegance: polished marble, exotic wood, gold and statuary. There are offices, a library, dining room, kitchen, Council Room, "Temple Room" and a large meeting room. This room is like a luxurious theater, rather elegantly furnished and decorated.

The ceiling is dark blue, with lights set into it to give the appearance of stars. These lights can even be made to "twinkle" like stars in the sky. There is a stage, well-equipped, and it is all very nicely done. But the thing that is most noticeable is the way the walls are decorated with serpents. There are all kinds; some very long and large. Many of the Scottish Rite degrees include the representation of serpents and I recognized them among those decorating the walls.

It was all most impressive and gave me a strange mixture of the sensations of being in a temple and in a tomb – something sacred but threatening. I saw busts of outstanding men of the Rite including two of Albert Pike, who is buried there in the wall.

INTERVIEWED BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL

The first day was devoted to registration, briefings and interviews. We were called into one of the offices, one at a time, and interviewed by three members of the Supreme Council.

When my turn came I was ushered into the office and seated. The very first question I was asked was, "Of what religion are you?" Not long before this I would have answered with something like, "I believe the Ancient Mysteries, the 'Old Religion,' and I believe in reincarnation." However, without thinking at all about how to answer, I found myself saying, "I am a Christian."

Then, to my surprise and theirs, I asked them, "Are you men born again?" The man in charge quickly stopped me by saying, "We're not here to talk about that – we are here to ask you questions."

After they sent me back out I sat down and thought about it. When the next man came out, I asked him, "Did they ask you if you are a Christian?" He said, "Yes, they did."

"What did you tell them?" I asked, and he replied, "I told them 'Hell no, and I never intend to be!'"

Then he said a strange thing to me, "They said I'm going higher," and he left through a different door, looking pleased.

BECOMING A SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL

The second day was the day of the actual initiation, held in the theater-like meeting room. Those of us who were receiving the degree were seated and the ceremony was "exemplified" (acted out in full

costume) before us, in the same way that we had performed the lesser degrees of the Scottish Rite all those years. The parts in the exemplification were played by men of the 33rd Degree.

The representative candidate was dressed in black trousers, barefooted, bareheaded and draped in a long, black robe that reminded me of a very long, black raincoat. He had a black cable tow around his neck but was not hoodwinked. During the initiation he was led around the stage, conducted by two men with swords, as the degree was performed for us.

Instructions and signs were given. Upon the altar were four "holy books" (the Bible, the Koran, the Book of the Law and the Hindu Scriptures). At one point the "candidate" was told to kiss the book "of your religion" and, representing us all, he leaned forward and did so. I remembered the First Degree initiation, when I was told to kiss the Bible, and at that moment something came full cycle. It was the final such kiss to be a part of my life.

WINE IN A HUMAN SKULL

When it was time for the final obligation we all stood and repeated the oath with the representative candidate, administered by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General. We then swore true allegiance to the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, above all other allegiances, and swore never to recognize any other brother as being a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry unless he also recognizes the Supreme authority of "this Supreme Council".

One of the Conductors then handed the "candidate" a human skull, upside down, with wine in it. "May this wine I now drink become a deadly poison to me, as the Hemlock juice drunk by Socrates, should I ever knowingly or willfully violate the same" (the oath).

He then drank the wine. A skeleton (one of the brothers dressed like one – he looked very convincing) then stepped out of the shadows and threw his arms around the "candidate." Then he (and we) continued the sealing of the obligation by saying, "And may these cold arms forever encircle me should I ever knowingly or willfully violate the same."

The Sovereign Grand Commander closed the meeting of the Supreme Council "with the Mystic Number," striking with his sword five, three, one and then two times. After the closing prayer, we all said "amen, amen, amen," and it was over.

PROMINENT MEN TOOK PART

There were some extremely prominent men there that day, including a Scandinavian King, two former presidents of the United States, an internationally prominent evangelist, two other internationally prominent clergymen, and a very high official of the federal government, the one who actually presented me with the certificate of the 33rd Degree. Some made only brief appearances; others stayed much longer. However, they didn't do much mixing or socializing with us, except for those whom they already knew. Even though these celebrities weren't extremely "brotherly," it was still quite an experience for me just to be associated with them. It was easily the largest gathering of such prominent and influential men of which I have ever been a part.

The third day there was a banquet to celebrate our becoming "Grand Inspectors General. 33rd Degree." The banquet was a little anticlimactic, at least for me, and I was anxious to get it over with so I could return home. It was good to be a 33rd at last. But it wasn't as exciting or fulfilling as I had thought it would be during all those years in the Craft. I guess this was because of the profound changes going on down deep within me.

I returned home as soon as the 33rd Degree award and related social functions were finished, for it was time for my next appointment with the doctor. After he had examined my eyes he said they were healing fine, that he felt good about the way they were looking, and as usual he spoke with me about the Lord. I told him that I planned to come to his church the next Sunday and that I had been reading the Bible.

Obviously pleased, he said, "Good. Keep studying, and your sight will soon be much better." By this time I knew what he meant – he was speaking of my spiritual sight.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

In the Scottish Rite the Thursday before Easter, "Maundy Thursday," is an important day. On this day we always performed a special service of Communion in the local Scottish Rite Temple. At this time I was Wise Master in the Chapter of Rose Croix and it was my job to preside over the exemplification (dramatization) of the ceremony. I had done this many times and was known for my knowledge of the service and for "doing a good job" of putting it on.

THE WORDS HAD MEANING NOW

On Thursday evening we gathered at our home Temple and dressed for the ceremony. It was always a most solemn occasion and seemed a little awesome, even to those of us who had done it many times.

Dressed in long, black, hooded robes, we marched in, single file, with only our faces partly showing, and took our seats.

There was something very tomb-like about the setting. The silence was broken only by the organ, playing mournfully in the background, and there was no light except for the little that came through the windows. After the opening prayer (from which the name of Jesus Christ was conspicuously excluded), I stood and opened the service.

As I had done so many times before, I said, "We meet this day to commemorate the death of our 'Most Wise and Perfect Master,' not as inspired or divine, for this is not for us to decide, but as at least the greatest of the apostles of mankind."

As I spoke these words that I had spoken so many times before, I had a strange and powerful experience. It was as if I were standing apart, listening to myself as I spoke, and the words echoed deep within me, shouting their significance. They were the same words I had spoken so many times before, but had meaning for me now. They made me sick, literally ill, and I stopped.

The realization of what I had just said grew within me like the rising of a crescendo. I had just called Jesus an "apostle of mankind" who was neither inspired nor divine! There was a silent pause that seemed to last a very long time as I struggled with a sick smothering within.

When I was finally able, I continued with the service and we gathered around a large table across the room in marching order. The table was long, shaped like a cross, and covered with a red cloth which was decorated down the center with roses.

A BLACK COMMUNION

Once we were assembled at the table, I elevated (lifted high) the plate of bread, took a piece, put my hand on the shoulder of the man in front of me, gave him the plate and said, "Take, eat, and give to the hungry."

This continued until all had partaken of the bread. Then I lifted up the goblet of wine, took a sip, and said, "Take, drink, and give to the thirsty."

Again, this continued until all had partaken of the wine.

Then I took the bread, walked over to the first row of spectators and served it to the man previously chosen for the honor of representing the rest of the Lodge

As I handed it to him I again said, "Take, eat, and give to the hungry."

In like manner I served the wine to him saying, "Take, drink, and give to the thirsty," and he sat down.

After this we took our places at the table shaped like a cross and sat down. The setting was dark, our long, sweeping robes were solid black, our faces nearly concealed in the hoods, and the mood was one of heavy gloom. The Christ-less prayers and the hymns we sang fit right in. The one word that would describe the entire event would be "black." It was, indeed, a Black Communion – a strange Black Mass.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE

There was a large Menorah (candlestick with seven candle holders) in the center of the room, with seven candles now burning.

Standing again, I said, "This is indeed a sad day, for we have lost our Master. We may never see him again. He is dead! Mourn, weep and cry, for he is gone."

Then I asked the officers to extinguish the candles in the large Menorah. One by one they rose, walked to the center of the room, extinguished a selected candle and left the room.

Finally, with only the center candle still burning, I arose, walked sadly to the Menorah and extinguished the last candle – the candle representing the life of Jesus, our "Most Wise and Perfect Master." We had dramatized and commemorated the snuffing out of the life of Jesus, without once mentioning his name, and the scene ended with the room in deep silent darkness. I walked out of the room, leaving only the darkness and the stillness of death.

Once again, the single word best to describe it would be "black."

All through the service I was shaking and sick. I have never felt so sad. I had stumbled over the words but, somehow, I made it to the completion of the ceremony and went back to the dressing room. I still

didn't know much about praying but felt that I had been sustained by the Lord through it all.

THE FINAL PARTING

Back in the dressing room we hung up our black, hooded robes, put our street clothes back on and prepared to leave. Less than two hours had passed since I arrived. But what had happened in that period of time had changed my life forever.

Still sick in my heart, I changed clothes without a word to anyone. The others asked me what was wrong. But I couldn't reply.

They reminded me that I had acted as Wise Master so many times before, that I was known for my smooth performance of it, and they asked what had gone wrong.

I was choking on the awful reality of what we had said and done, the way we had blasphemed the Lord, and the evil, black mockery we had made of His pure and selfless death. With weeping welling up within me. I could only shake my head in silence and walk out.

Mike was waiting for me at the door, expecting to get a ride home, and he asked, "What's the matter, Jim? Are you sick?"

Finally able to speak, I quietly replied, "No, Mike, I'm just sick of all this."

"IT ISN'T RIGHT"

I started down the wide steps in front of the large Scottish Rite Temple, realization and conviction growing within me, reached the bottom step and stopped. Turning around, I looked back at the huge, granite building and slowly studied the words, carved in the stone across the top of the entrance: "ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY."

Something came clearly into focus in my understanding and I made a decision. This crisis point in my life, one which had required so many years for me to reach, passed in seconds. The truth was revealed and the choice was made – a choice that would be the difference between darkness and light, death and life, one that would last for eternity. Looking up at those words I had walked under so many times, words of which I had been so proud, I spoke to myself out loud. It was as if I were the only man in the world as I heard myself say, slowly and

deliberately, "It isn't ancient, it isn't Scottish, it isn't free, and it isn't right!"

INTO THE LIGHT

I turned away and walked into the parking lot, knowing that I would never return. As I walked into the deepening darkness of that springtime night, I was walking into the growing light of the living God. As the natural darkness closed around me, the supernatural light welled up within me. With every step I took, as the Temple receded behind me, I was more free.

"I will never return," I thought with each step. "I will never return, I will never return...."

The decision was made, the die was cast. From that night onward I would serve the true and living God, not the Great Architect of the Universe. I would exalt and learn of Him, not Osiris, Krishna or Demeter. I would seek and follow Jesus, not the will-the-wisp of "hidden wisdom."

I was walking, after such a long time, out of the darkness and into the light.

Footnote

¹ This statement is an interesting contradiction with the Temple it adorns, as well as with the thousands of other such Masonic temples built around the World at a total cost of many billions of dollars.

A PERSONAL WORD FROM JIM

As this true story is closed, I would be greatly remiss if I did not make it clear that in my pre-Christian life I truly loved Freemasonry. I loved the men with whom I was associated in the Lodge and the men with whom I worked so hard in the degrees and bodies of the Scottish Rite. Most of all, I was so very sure that I was doing what was right and pleasing in the sight of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Never in all my years of dedicated service to Masonry did anyone in the Lodge witness to me about the love and saving grace of Jesus. The Lodge attended a church once each year as a group. Each time the pastor (who was himself a Mason) would introduce us to the congregation and then exalt the Craft, telling them about all our wonderful works. We usually left the church thinking of how wonderful

we were and feeling sorry for all those in the church who were not Masons, participating in all our good deeds.

After having been witnessed to by my ophthalmologist for some time I read those simple, wonderful words of Jesus, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." These words, so short and so sweet, went right through my heart. I looked in the Bible for more and I found blessed assurance everywhere I looked. Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, really loved me as a real Brother! He will do the same for you.

- Jim Shaw

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6 Responses to "A Freemason's 33rd Degree Initiation"

1.  [Andrew Strange](#) Says:
[May 26, 2008 at 11:31 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

As a Mason and proud to be so I have never read such drivel. The writer has made it clear that he is a Mason from America. Sorry but its about time that the world found out that it does not revolve around America. Take the movie National Treasure with Nicolas Cage. Made for Americans. If there was such a treasure left by the Knights Templar, why on Gods good earth would we have left it with the Americans, and how would it ever have been transported to America is those days in secret. Discovery channel make good money out of people that beleive the nonsense written about how bad the Masons are. normally written by people that have never been masons or who have been and not progressed as they would have wished because they think they are too important. I am a Rose Croix Mason and this is specifically a Christian order only open to Christians. I have taken The Lord into my heart many years ago and find nothing contrary to its aims and tennants that make me want to leave. Why are so many people so obsessed about something they know so little about. We are NOT a secret society, but a society with secrets. Because we chose not to give out those secrets to all and sundry makes us bad. I think not. I am an English Mason under the Grand Lodge Of England and proud of it. I make no secret of it, and I do not profit from it. I have also been in a scout uniform for 41 years and i find the aims of Scouting as compatible with Masonary as any other group. If you really want to know about masons why not just be open and ask.

Reason because there is no story, no hidden agenda, and because of that no story to bring us down with. instead you make up stories and suposition based on rumour and hot air. Masonary is NOT a religion. If i had any dealing with such an organisatio I would be the first to climb to the highest hill and shout it down that Masonary is bad, but I can't. Oh and as a point of interest one of the first things given to me as an initiate was my masonic bible. No satanic script just a plain King James bible. So I have to question Jim's 'Pre-Christian' life where he enjoyed masonry. I am a post christian and enjoy my masonic life. i see no contadiction in it. I also have no doubt you will not publish this as it does not support your beliefs system, or conform to the message you are trying to send. God bless you all anyway. Jesus taugh me to love everyone regardless of who or what he is. You hurt me by what you say about masons but I just turn the other cheek. Andrew.

2.  *corrie* Says:
[May 28, 2008 at 10:13 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

sorry andrew, as a mason you also overlook everything,im an ex MM, RA and Knights Templar and Knights of Malta mason, fact is they say you must be a christian to do those degrees but it is just an eye blinder, fact is why in each of those degrees you have to take an oath and swear with your hand on the Bible and seal the obligation by touching the Bible with your lips while the Bible teach us in Matthew 5: 33 that GOD said no one is to swear or take an oath ? youre yes or no should be enough ? also if you are a true christian how can you accept TGAOTU as your GOD, dont you know that is a global word for a GOD to all religions ? read 2 corinthiers 6:14

3.  *Aaron Johanon* Says:
[May 31, 2008 at 4:01 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

This site is just non-sense. If you folks are not bashing Masons, it is Mormons, or Hindus, or whatever other group. You should concern yourself with becomming a Christian before bashing other people's beliefs. Because, from the tone of this site you are not anywhere near being a Christian.

Your tone and arguments are arrogant and hatefull.

This is typical of people who feel the need to feel superior to others by claiming to be more pious, virtuous, holy, etc., while in fact being insecure and doubtful in their faith.

You have not found Christ. You have found the emptiness of your own soul.

4.  [corrie](#) Says:
[June 2, 2008 at 6:16 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

I will pray for you Aaron for you dont know what you saying.and im not arrogant or hatefull .as a matter of fact GOD teaches me to love everyone even my enemies, but you cant look past the truth,masonry is not for the true christians and yes on the contrary i have found JESUS CHRIST and can proudly say im his friend and since ive become a reborn christian my life is filled with love and happiness every day, try it you might get a huge surprise ! ! then you might understand what this site is about, not to preach hate , but to warn people in a nice way about masonry, nobody on this blog shouted anything accept you yourself. GOD is there for you too ,just reach out and he will be there.

5.  [Andrew Strange](#) Says:
[June 8, 2008 at 10:15 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Aaron, you have no need to defend me but i thank you anyway. Your comments are quite correct and this group is a self gratifying place. I joined it to see what it was all about and did, like you, find it to be a "Mason Bashing Site" even though it refutes this alligation. I came back to see if there were any responses to my posting and guess what, of course there were. And guess what, because like you they did not like what we posted they get upset and have to quote from here and there. They use terms like kissing the bible and swearing and oath. You do do this to make oty a solom and binding obligation. And Guess what, I see my prist kiss the bible every time he uses it in church. does kissing the bible make it something wrong? Anyway Aaron if you ever read this god bless you as I have no intentions of returning here again and feeding this site which feed on anti-masonic rhetoric.

6.  *corrie* Says:
[June 9, 2008 at 9:00 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

So why did you come back in the first place andrew ? and it may be so your priest kiss the bible, nothing wrong with that , i was refering to taking an oath on the bible and seal the oath with the touch of your lips,read Matthew 5 verse 33 what the word of GOD say about taking an oath, its not us that says so, it comes from the bible,the diff is a true Christian read the Bible to understand what GOD teaches us.

Is Freemasonry a Religion?

By anothermouse

LOUdelf says;

As freemasonry does not itself preach religion, but instead allows others to operate within it's body, how is it a false religion? As a matter of fact, one of the things specifically forbidden from conversation in the body of a lodge is religion. They do this to prevent friction between members of different faiths and beliefs. Again, not false religion... not religion at all.

Anothermouse replies thus;

Freemasonry profess to be religious in nature but stresses hard that it is not a religion per se. Well, if one make a close study of the evidence, i.e. the Masonic rituals, one has to conclude that the above statement is not beyond reprove. Had the organization simply been a secular kind of social-come-charity club with no reference to God, the creation and the Bible, etc., it would have been true to state the above. However, the reality is quite different and speaks for itself. What is remarkable, to me at least, is the vehement denial by most masons that their order is NOT a religion. Why this strong denial, when anyone will discover quickly and by the simplest comparison to the definition of what a religion actually is, that it is INDEED a religion. Any reference to God, or the Most High, or the Creator, or The Great Architect of the Universe, as the masons refer to their Supreme being, certainly alludes to a religion of some kind. Now couple this reference to ANY statement beyond that mere reference, i.e. a statement referring to Him as the Creator, for example, or what one hopes for in the afterlife, and what one should do to realize the same; all those kind of statements abode solidly in RELIGION, as indeed it does here.

So, by simple reasoning one has to admit (if you possess a trifle of integrity) that Freemasonry IS INDEED a religion, whether you like it or not.

Now, whether it is a FALSE religion or not is another debate altogether, but lets not go there right now.

Yes, and masons are strictly forbidden to talk about religion; correct. Had that not been the case, I am certain that many unsuspecting individuals would see the grave spiritual danger they are in and

LEAVE !!!! (get the HECK out of there !!!!)

Alas, that is not the case, hence the confusion. They are blindfolded in more ways than one. Physically at first, with their initiation into the order, then spiritually by all the misinformation they are fed. No sane and discerning individual can argue this. I know it comes as a shock to many, hence the fierce denial, but one can not fight against the obvious and remain of sound moral and intellectual constitution. To obstinately go against clear reason is ludicrous! Yet, so many do – remarkable.

I remind you and other readers yet again that this blog is intended to OPEN your eyes, to remove the BLINDFOLD and to allow you to see the truth for yourself.

There is just one Saviour, JESUS CHRIST.

Freemasonry denies Christ on the one hand and on the other they cloud the issue with misinformation, blatant lies and horrendous blasphemy against the one true God.

I pray that every reader of this blog may find the truth in Jesus Christ, for only He can save.

He is the Way the Truth and the Light.

Jesus said; ...**I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** (John 14:6)

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32)

Love and God Bless,
Anothermouse.

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6 Responses to “Is Freemasonry a Religion?”

1.  Aaron Says:
[July 18, 2009 at 12:55 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

It is nice to your see lies and slander all over the internet. I guess Christ taught you to spread lies, hatred, and distortions about your fellow man. If you are a typical Christian then people would be well advised to stay far away from that religion. Its history is written in blood and hatred and the acceptance of Christ seems to lead to an ignorant shallowness of thought.

It has espoused extreme practices which produce religious neurotics such as your self. The main doctrines of the Christianity you endorse are the products of irrationality.

Unless you repent, study your Bible, and accept Christ in your heart you will rot painfully in Hell. Which at this point in your slanderous existence you deserve.

2.  *anothermouse* Says:
[July 23, 2009 at 6:42 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Hi Aaron,

Nice to hear from you again – all over the internet? I am glad!
Lies and slander? Not so fast – but why do you say so?
What you read on this blog obviously disturbs you. Have you taken the trouble to ponder why? Dare I venture to say it might be your own conscience! You KNOW deep down that what I publish here IS NOT LIES but the TRUTH.
And one day we will all have to answer to the one true God.
The real thing of importance is –
Are you a Christian Aaron?
Do you have Jesus in your life?
It is not too late – if Jesus can save me from the DARKNESS of Freemasonry into the LIGHT of Christ, He can do the same for you.
It is the will of our heavenly Father that all come to repentance – that none be lost.

You remain in my prayers,
God Bless,
A.

3.  *Aaron* Says:
[July 24, 2009 at 1:23 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

It disturbs me that not only do you not know Jesus, and that upon your death you will find nothing but empty blackness and cold isolation. God does not look with favor upon the ignorant such as yourself, who promulgate lie after lie, slander after slander, and attack upon peaceful people after attack upon peaceful people.

Your posts prove your lack of intellect, curiosity, knowledge of your religion, discernment, and cast doubt upon your humanity. They also perpetuate the image of Christians as narrow minded, deceived, ignorant bigots, with intellectually stunted minds and hateful hearts.

No one who reads your blog should consider becoming a Christian, nor associating with them. Those like you are destructive to society, other human beings, and so to is your "Christ" and the perverted doctrines you claim he taught.

You are in darkness and deceived.

May God have mercy upon what little soul you have.

Unfortunately, you and your comrades like Osama Bin Laden, Kim Jung- Il, Iranian Mullah Rafsanjani, Hitler (who murdered hundreds of thousand of Masons using the same lies you perpetuate), Stalin (who purged Masons again perpetuating the same lies), and countless other like minded butchers and bigots as these your brothers, deserve no mercy.

One day you will have to answer for your attacks on good, kind compassionate human beings, most of whom already confess their faith in Christ, attend his Churches, Minister to his Congregations, serve their communities, aid the elderly as well as young children, and who strive to be honorable in their lives.

No one is perfect including "Christians" as is manifest by your blog and the blogs of your fellow liars and hatemongers. Likewise no Mason is perfect, but is taught to seek constant improvement in himself and his life through faith in his God.

Too bad you can not claim the same.

4.  another mouse Says:
[July 25, 2009 at 7:52 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Dear Aaron,

Who is slandering who here. I have confidence in the intelligence of the readers of this blog to distinguish that fact for themselves. The same goes for your other accusations. I am convinced that your venomous rhetoric will impress none of those that are seriously looking for real answers.

Do you call anybody with a different conviction than yourself a hatemonger?

Read yourself and see who is hateful, who is judgmental... Oh yes, and then there is the argument for the intellect. Hmmm, enough said. You answer that one for us by yourself, and for all of us that read this.

So do I hate you now? No, of course not. It would be nice if you could make a bit better sense though.

For your convenience, I restate the intention of this blog;

1. It addresses masons.
2. It addresses Christians. (are you either?)
3. It states emphatically that a Christian can not be a Freemason.
4. It provides verifiable evidence to prove this statement.
5. This verifiable evidence comes from accepted Masonic literature to prove the Masonic position or viewpoint.
6. The Bible (King James Version) provides the Scriptural position or viewpoint.
7. This blog attempts to factually (using the above evidence) prove the statement – A CHRISTIAN CAN NOT BE A FREEMASON.
8. To accomplish this requires a reasonable amount of an ability to reason logically with a fair amount of integrity and honesty.
9. A good look at the evidence makes it abundantly clear – THE STATEMENT IS TRUE.
10. What one does with that information is obvious – it requires a personal choice – one nobody can make for you but you yourself.

If you see slander and hatemongering in the above you have an imagination worth marveling at. Don't shun it. It may be one of your better assets.

And yes, you are right. None of us are perfect – but God is. And He so loved you and me that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us on a cross of wood, yet he made the hill on which it stood.

One question. Who is your God?

God Bless,

A.

5.  *A Master Mason 32 degree Says:*
[September 25, 2009 at 4:27 pm](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

You are very misinformed about Albert Pike he was a radical heretic. whom we disavowed do to his spreading the misguided esoteric dogma that is in that book you people and many others like you love to quote from...he was not a member of any Masonic Blue lodge he was a member of a radical sect of the Scottish Rite. Which was not part of any main stream group of masons. nor the appentant body of the sScottish Rite.

But you like so many people neglect to inform your readers of this. If you, your self were even aware of it which I doubt. he all so wrote papers concerning the mystism within the catholic and many other religions, even the Pentecostal churches and how their beliefs did not coincide with the bible.

Do you hate them as well? How about the "Lutherans" martin Luther? His teaching opened the door for all the Protestant churches we have today He said that the POPE was the AntiChrist do you believe this as well? At best you could say that we are open to all men of all faiths and our only goal is to make GOOD Men better. We promote family values and teach our members civic pride and tolerance. Our good works are done in private "lest the right hand know what the left is doing" to put it in Biblical terms. We are taught to respect all view points we are not allowed to speak of religions in the lodge nor of politics not because we are against them but it disrupts our unity and purpose. The brother next to you may be Baptist and you a Methodist or even a Pentecostal. and a religous duscusion could cause a conflict. just in passing many of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans come directly from the masonic beliefs I would dare say the most important document in the history of our country was sined drafted and approved of by 51 men 50 of whom were masons it is a shame that you disregard our brotherhood because the right for you to speak out against us was given to you by the very people you detest...

I would point out that the Masonic brotherhood is NOT a religion. But a group of people united to improving the lives and values of the members

We are passive and tolerant when we are slandered because we choose to allow people like your selves to Wallow in your ignorance. We know the truth about what we do and we couldn't be less concerned about the fanatics that are afraid of us. I would ask you a simple question though?

Who created the universe? And wouldn't you say that God "Father Son and Holy ghost" designed the universe. Perhaps you might even say he was the grand architect of the universe. And if we are so anti Christian perhaps you can tell me why there are thousands of good Christian men joining the brotherhood each year. masonry Does not detract from their churches it betters them by helping our members become better men better fathers better husbands and leaders in their communities. We don't have sexual scandals within our lodges nor do we hound our members for money yet we manage to run several high profile hospitals the Shriner's Hospitals where NO one treated in them has ever paid 1 cent for their treatment. Not since 1927 when the first hospital was founded! At last count there were over a 120,000 children treated that never had to pay a dime. How many churchs or religious organizations can say that? our other good works are done quietly perhaps a family in your community has their house burn and a truck load of clothing toys and appliances shows up without any Idea of where it came from. That's just one example of what we are all about community family and a common goal of improving the lives of the people around us. Within our churches and our communities and our own families. We just follow a simple little phrase and I might add where in the bible does that verse come from? I am sure this won't sway your agenda in the least but if you are open minded as al Christians should be then perhaps you could just think about what I have said. Normally we ignore this kind of attack but since you saw fit to put our Logo on your site which by the way is a very good one. Have you looked at it? That big G stands for GOD the one God the one we all worship the God of the old and the New Testament. And my being a 32 degree master Mason delineates the argument that I am just not high enough to know the truth because there is no truth about masonry that I do not know. There is no conflict between Christian belief and Masonry. Just as you would welcome a Jew in to your church or even a Catholic... We welcome all men into our brotherhood. On one condition that they believe in the one true GOD whether it be the God of the Old Testament or the New. We are open to all faiths

as long as they meet that one condition and be of good character and we do screen our prospective inductee's very very closely

Our members include police, Judges, doctors, "pastors" and a vast number of other professions all must pass extreme scrutiny as to moral character and ability to commit to our brotherhood. And GOD bless you too as well.

6.  anothermouse Says:
[September 26, 2009 at 12:52 am](#) | [Reply](#) [edit](#)

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your comment.

I was a mason for 15 years, so I think I know what I talk about. I wish to draw your attention to one fact – my efforts here has YOUR eternal best interests at heart! I know, It is an unfortunate human trait that we all share to consider any negative external comment about one's conduct or choices to be necessarily a condemnation and the source for raging emotions. I can understand that – I've ben there myself.

This blog asks a simple question : CAN A CHRISTIAN BE A FREEMASON?

It does not address the rights or wrongs of any other issue and I'm sure we can each make an inexhaustible list of wrong things to talk about. It simply asks that one question.

To do this question justice one has to know exactly what a Christian is and what a Freemason is (by accurate elaborate definition). Then, have a good look at those definitions, and at the question, and if you are completely honest, answer yes or no.

I say NO and have provided many sound arguments from Scripture to prove my point.

If you say YES, just prove your point. Mentioning all the sterling work the masons do for charity and the fact that so many ex-presidents have been Masons does not prove that a Christian can be a Freemason.

Look at it this way. Can a murderer be a Christian and go to heaven?

Absolutely!

Provided he repents, confesses his sins to the Lord, asks for forgiveness, accepts the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and allow Him into his heart, (in other words, become a borne-again Christian), no problem, the Lord will accept him into His Kingdom. But, if he continues in his old murdering ways, it means he never really repented and became a Christian. You see, one can not be a murderer whilst you are a Christian! No. Then you are just a murderer, plain and simple. Get the logic.

Same logic applies to the first question!

So, if you can provide Biblical support for your answer, great!. I'd like to hear it. If you can't, consider where you are and what the eternal consequences may be to yourself if you stay there!

God Bless,

A.