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DEDICATION

I dedicate this booklet to my father, Ed Decker, Sr. He spent most of his long life as a Mason, but in the end, laid it down at the foot of the cross and chose the freedom in Christ over the bondage of the lodge. He had the courage to make that hard decision and he lived his last years in the great joy of the Lord.



REAL GRIP OF A MASTER MASON

INTRODUCTION

THE QUESTION OF THE CHRISTIAN STAND regarding Freemasonry seems to confront our ministry at every turn lately. Because I have seen the exact parallels of the Masonic legends and rituals carried throughout the "mysteries" of Mormonism, I have had to study deeply into Masonic origins, purposes and doctrine.

In doing so, I have had to come to grips with the sad fact that the esoteric doctrines of Freemasonry separate it, just as unequivocally as do those of Mormonism, from the Christian theology. This holds true for every branch of Masonry, from the Shriners to the Blue Lodge, the Eastern Star, the DeMolay, Job's Daughters and the Rainbow Girls! It holds true for the Scottish rite or York rite!

I know this will cause offense to many Mason, and for that I am truly sorry. But, I would rather that the Mason be offended at me and be restored to true fellowship with Jesus Christ than to remain silent any longer.

This word of warning is not to the Masonic fraternity at large, but to those Masons who claim to be both Masons and Christians!

A recent newspaper insert, called *"FREEMASONRY—A* WAY OF LIFE" appeared in many metropolitan areas. It pictured Freemasonry as a family-centered, fraternal, benevolent organization, "as American as apple pie!" (page 7)

Not only does the article demonstrate the strength of Freemasonry among our political leaders (both past and present), but makes much of its use of the Holy Bible and its foundational belief in God. Masonry has a very strong representation in the Christian denominations throughout the world. In many of the churches we visit, I find Masons involved as deacons, elders, board members and even pastors.

Their claim and the claim of every Mason to the outside world is that Masonry and Christianity are totally compatible. They tell me that religion is the experience of relating to God, and Masonry is the experience of relating to mankind. While separate, they can and do naturally coexist.

The article mentioned above explains its "religious" position in this way, "Masonry is NOT a religion in any sense of the word, yet it is religious. Church membership is not a requirement, yet membership in ANY church is no bar to admission. There is nothing in the requirements of Masonry to prevent a Catholic, a Mohammedan, a Jew, a Buddhist, a Protestant, a Mormon, or any member of any religion from becoming a member." (page 3)

On the surface, this might seem quite reasonable. I find no offense in being involved in social, civic and benevolent activities with people of other religions. In fact, it's really an integral part of the excitement of life. But, when it comes to my own personal worship of God, and His revelation to me or His Word, there are some very clear guidelines!

If Freemasonry is truly what it professes publicly, then

"Bravo!"; it is a welcome fellowship. If it is being deceptive, then it should be exposed. It is that simple.

Let's see what Masonry TRULY teaches within its closed doors, and through its own published documents. NO "anti-Masonic" publications will be cited in explaining their TRUE theological position.

The key document from which I quote is the most readily available and universally approved doctrinal book of Freemasonry, "Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry," by Albert Pike, Grand Commander, 1859-1891. Its title page states that it was prepared for the "Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree and Published by its Authority." Originally published in 1871, I have used the 1966 edition. Except where other sources are noted, I cite page numbers only when using this work. Emphases within quotes are my own.





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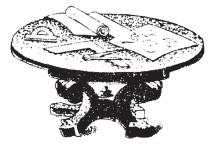
MASONRY DESCRIBED

CUSTODIAN OF TRUTH

[Masonry]... "The custodian and depository (since Enoch) of the great philosophical and religious truths, unknown to the world at large, and handed down from age to age by an unbroken current of tradition, embodied in symbols, emblems and allegories." (page 210)

A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION

"Masonry is, in every sense of the word, except one, and that its least philosophical, an eminently religious institution-that is indebted solely to the religious element which it contains for its origin and for its continued existence and that without this religious element it would scarcely be worth of cultivation by the wise and good."... "Freemasonry is NOT Christianity nor a substitute for it" ... "But the religion of Masonry is not sectarian. It admits men of every creed within its hospitable bosom, rejecting none and approving none for his particular faith" ... "Masonry, then, is, indeed, a religious institution; and on this ground mainly, if not alone, should the religious Mason defend it." (Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Albert G. Mackey, Revised Edition, 1921, pp.618-619)



THE FOUNDATION OF RELIGION

"It [Masonry] is the universal, eternal, immutable religion, such as God planted it in the heart of universal humanity. No creed has ever been long-lived that was not built on this foundation. It is the base, and they are the superstructure." (page 219)

TEMPLE OF RELIGION

"Every Masonic Temple is a Temple of Religion, and its teachings are instructions in religion." (page 213)

BUDDHA, THE FIRST LEGISLATOR

"The first Masonic legislator whose memory is preserved to us by history, was Buddha, who, about a thousand years before the Christian era, reformed the religion of the Manous." (page 277)



REVERENCES ALL REFORMERS

"It [Masonry] reverences all the great reformers. It sees in Moses, the lawgiver to the Jews, in Confucius and Zoroaster, in Jesus of Nazareth, and in the Arabian Iconoclast, great teachers of morality, and eminent reformers, if no more; and allows every brother of the order to assign to each such higher and even divine characteristics and his creed and truth require." (page 525)

NOT CREED-BOUND

"The true Mason is not creed-bound. He realizes with the divine illumination of his lodge that as a Mason his religion must be universal: Christ, Buddha, or Mohammed, the name means little, for he recognizes only the light and not the bearer. He worships at every shrine, bows before every altar, whether in temple, mosque or cathedral, realizing with his truer understanding the oneness of all spiritual truth." (*The Lost Keys of Freemasonry*, Manly P. Hall, 330, p.65, Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., Richmond, VA., 1976.)

THE BAALIM

"Masonry, around whose altars 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, must needs leave it to each of its initiates to look for the foundation of his faith and hope to the written scriptures of his own religion." (page 226)

The word "Baalim," is simply defined as "false god or idol." The Masonic author has included the God of the Christian in that category.

THE SOURCE OF ALL GOOD

"Everything good in nature comes from OSIRIS order, harmony, and the favorable temperature of the seasons and celestial periods." (page 476)

Osiris was the ancient Egyptian god whose annual death and resurrection personified the self-renewing vitality and fertility of nature. "The All Seeing Eye" is a Masonic representation of Osiris.

MASONRY CONCEALS ITS TRUTHS

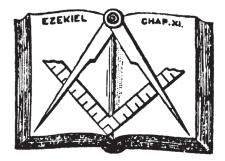
"Masonry, like all the religions, all the Mysteries, Hermeticism, and Alchemy, CONCEALS its secrets from all except the Adepts and Sages, or the Elect, and uses false explanations and misinterpretations of its symbols to mislead those who deserve only to be misled; to conceal the Truth, which it calls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

THE BLUE LODGE TO BE DECEIVED!

"The Blue Degrees are but the outer court or portico of the Temple. Part of the symbols are displayed there to the Initiate, but he is **intentionally misled by false interpretations**. It is not intended that he shall understand them, but it is intended that he shall imagine that he understands them." (page 819)

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, THE SOURCE OF LIGHT

"Worshipful Master: The Head and Chief of the Lodge, the Source of Light, of Knowledge and instruction in Masonry. He personifies the Sublime Art of Masonry and is the Spokesman thereof." A.E. Waite, *A New Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry*, 1970, page xxiv)



OBEDIENCE THE FIRST RULE

"The first duty of every Mason is to obey the Mandate of the Master...The order must at once be obeyed; its character and its consequences may be matters of subsequent inquiry. The Masonic rule of obedience is like the nautical imperative: 'Obey orders, even if you break owners'." (Albert Mackey, *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, page 525)

THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE BIBLE

"The teachers, even of Christianity, are, in general, the most ignorant of the true meaning of that which they teach. There is no book of which so little is known as the Bible. To most who read it, it is as incomprehensible as the Sohar." (page 105)

THE INCOMPLETE BIBLE

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

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

"The Bible, with all the allegories it contains, expresses in an incomplete and veiled manner only, the religious science of the Hebrews. The doctrine of Moses and the Prophets, identical at bottom with that of the ancient Egyptians, also had its outward meaning and its veils.

"The Hebrew books were written only to recall to memory the traditions; and they were written in symbols unintelligible to the profane...thus was a second Bible born, unknown to, or rather uncomprehended by, the Christians; a collection, they say, of monstrous absurdities.

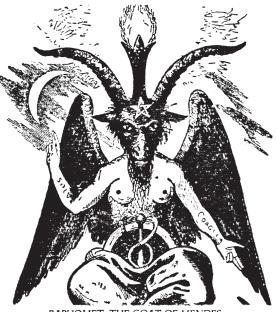
"One is filled with admiration, on penetrating into the Sanctuary of the Kabalah, at seeing a doctrine so logical, so simple and at the same time so absolute." (pages 744-45)

The "Kabalah" is a system of ancient Jewish mysticism and magic.

DEITIES OF MASONRY

THE ENERGIES OF LUCIFER

"When the Mason learns that the Key to the warrior on the block is the proper application of the dynamo of living power, he has learned the Mystery of his Craft. The seething energies of LUCIFER are in his hands, and before he may step onward and upward, he must prove his ability to properly apply [this] energy." (Manly P. Hall, *Lost Keys of Freemasonry*, page 48)



BAPHOMET, THE GOAT OF MENDES.

YES, LUCIFER IS GOD

(Arthur E. Waite, himself a Freemason and ceremonial magician, claims that the following quote is spurious. However, we offer it because it fits in quite well with the other writings

of Albert Pike which are known to be authentic; and because Waite's scholarship in other areas is highly suspect.—Ed)

"That which we must say to the crowd is—We worship a God, but it is the God that one adores without superstition.

"To you, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, we say this, that you may repeat it to the Brethren of the 32nd, 31st and 30th degrees—The Masonic Religion

should be, by all of us initiates of the high degrees, maintained in the purity of the Luciferian doctrine.

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

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

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

The Word of God, the Bible, clearly puts Lucifer in his proper place, and gives God's reasons:

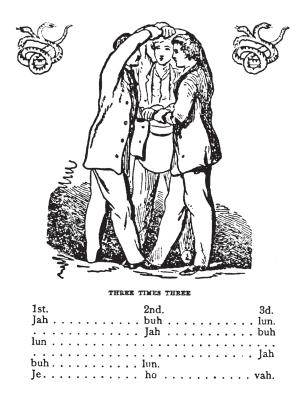
"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mouth of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down hell, to the sides of the pit." (Isaiah 14:12-15)

THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

Masonic ritual is concerned with the recovery of the "Lost Word," presumed to be the name of God—supposedly lost through the murder of the architect, Hiram Abiff, during the building of Solomon's Temple. This quest is attained during the ritual of the **ROYAL ARCH DEGREE**.



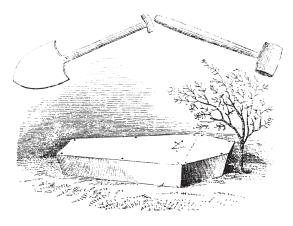
It is here that the SECRET NAME of the DEITY OF MASONRY is revealed. That name is "JAHBULON." "JAH" is the short form of the Hebrew name of God, "Yahweh," or "Jehovah." "BUL" is a rendering of the name, BAAL. "ON" is the term used in the Babylonian mysteries to call upon the deity, "OSIRIS"! The secret ritual book of the Craft prints the letters J.B.O. It states that: "We three do meet and agree—in peace, love and unity—the Sacred Word to



keep—and never to divulge the same—until we three, or three such as we—do meet and agree." Thus, no Royal Arch Mason can pronounce the whole sacred name by himself.

In European Masonry, which tends to be more openly occult than the US variety, this sacred "Omnific Word" is pronounced "JAOBULON." Now, this totally removes the Biblical God from consideration, because "JAO" is another spelling of "IAO," (there is no "J" in the Greek alphabet). IAO is a name for the god of the Gnostics, *Ialdabaoth*, or *Iao*; also used today in black magic invocations performed by Satanists like Aleister Crowley such as the "Ritual of the Rose Cross." (Israel Regardie, *The Golden Dawn*, vol.3, p.49, 1970 edition)

Therefore, what you see represented as the god of Freemasonry is a three-headed monster so remote from the Christian Trinity and so blasphemous as to damn the eternal soul of anyone who would dare to pronounce its name in a ritual of worship.



THE GOD OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

The candidates for this ritual kneel at the ALTAR OF OBLIGATION with arms bound, leaning upon the top, heads bowed. There they are required to "assume a most powerful and binding oath, inseparably uniting yourself with us, and once taken, it can never be retracted or departed from."

The oath itself is curse enough, being four pages in length. Its penalty included "having my eyeballs pierced to the center with a three-edged blade."

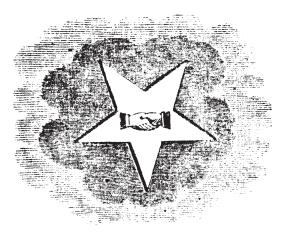
The revelation of truth is in the candidates' sealing of the oath, revealing the true nature of the Masonic god of the "Mystic Shrine":

> "...and may ALLAH, the god of Arab, Moslem and Mohammedan, the GOD OF OUR FATHERS, support me to the entire fulfillment of the same, Amen,

Amen, Amen." (The Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, pages 35-39, Allen Publishing Co. New York, NY)

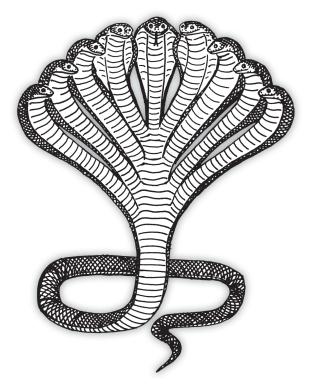
I AM THAT I AM

During the ceremonies of the ritual of the Royal Arch degree (Scottish rite), the candidate is asked, "Brother Inspector, what are you?" and he replies, "I AM THAT I AM." Can you imagine that? When Moses asked God to name Himself, God said, "I AM THAT I AM" and He said, "*Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*" (Exodus 3:14)



Tell me how a Christian can take to himself the Biblical name of the God of Israel? The God of the Christian faith said, "Ye are even my witnesses! Is there a God beside me? Yea, I know not any! They that make a graven image are ALL of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit, and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed." (Isaiah 44:8-9)

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THE MASTER MASON—A GOD IN THE MAKING

"Man is a god in the making, and as in the mystic myths of Egypt, on the potter's wheel he is being molded. When his light shines out to life and preserve all things, he receives the **triple crown of godhood** and joins that throng of Master Masons who, in their robes of blue and gold, are seeking to dispel the darkness of night with the triple light of the Masonic lodge."

"The glorious privileges of a Master Mason are in keeping with his greater knowledge and wisdom... For Him the Heavens have opened and the Great Light has bathed him in its radiance. The Prodigal Son, so long a wanderer in the regions of darkness has returned to his Father's house. The voice speaks from the Heavens, its power thrilling the Master until his own being seems filled with its divinity, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' He [the Master Mason] has in truth become the spokesman of the most High. He stands between the glowing fire light and the world. Through him passes **Hydra, the great snake**, and from its mouth there pours to man the light of God." (Manly P. Hall, *Lost Keys of Freemasonry*, page 92, 54-55)

Friend, there is only One for whom the Father uttered those words, and He wasn't a Master Mason...nor will it ever be so. Jesus Christ is God's only mediator for you and me. Do not let any MAN ever tell you that he is, or that you may become the spokesman for the Most High! Further, if you think that God speaks through HYDRA, the great snake, your god comes right out of the pit.

OTHER TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

USURPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS

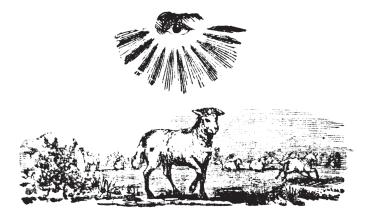
In the 19th degree of Scottish rite Freemasonry, the Initiate receives the degree of GRAND PONTIFF. It is during this ritual that the candidate swears an oath of secrecy and an oath of total obedience "to any Chapter of this degree to which I may belong; and the edicts, laws and mandates of the Grand Consistory of Sublime Princes and Commanders of the Royal Secret, as well as those of the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree..."

It is then that the "Thrice Puissant" anoints him with oil on the crown of his head and says: "Be thou a Priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." After receiving the password (Emmanuel) and the sacred word (Alleluia), he is dressed in a robe of white linen and given a cordon (a ribbon or sash of honor worn across the breast) of crimson color, with 12 stars representing "the 12 gates of the new city and the twelve signs of the Zodiac, the twelve fruits of the tree of life, the twelve tribes of Israel, and the twelve Apostles." (*Scottish Rite Masonry Illustrated, The Complete Ritual*, vol.2, pages 26-27, E. Cook Publications, 1974)

It must be pointed out that what has taken place here, is the Masonic priesthood taking upon itself the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ. That is a Priesthood that can be held by only one person and that one person is clearly defined in scripture as Jesus Christ!

Chapters 7 and 8 of the Book of Hebrews clearly explain that it was ANOTHER priest to be raised up, not a group of priests! This Priest would be our HIGH PRIEST and would be able to save from the Uttermost! He would have "endless life"! The holder of THIS Priesthood would be "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and made higher than the heavens." (7:26) This can only be Jesus, our Holy Lord and God!

This "ritual" takes Christ's Holy Priesthood from Him, and the Grand Pontiff boldly puts it upon his own breast! Even the use of "Biblical" words fails to cover up the adding in of the "signs of the Zodiac," a direct alliance with the powers of darkness and a demonstration of disobedience to God's Word. In Deuteronomy 18:10-12, it says that he who "*useth divination*" (consulting the signs of the Zodiac to tell the future) "or is an observer of times" (which is an ancient description for Augury or Astrology—again dealing with the Zodiac) "is an abomination unto the Lord"!



Again, we see a mirror image of Biblical truth. The Priesthood power of Jesus is given to the deceiver, Lucifer, the true god of Masonry, who hides behind its mystery, ritual and allegory to snare his prey.

WASHED IN THEIR OWN BLOOD

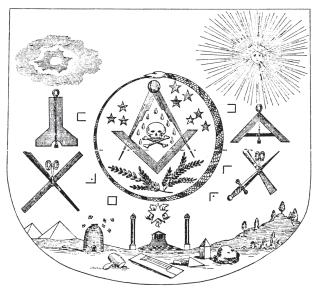
In the seventeenth degree, or Knights of the East and West, after the candidates have completed the initiation and after revealing the password (Jubulum) and the Sacred Word, (Abaddon), "the Senior Warden conducts the Candidate to the elevated canopy at the right of the All Puissant."

> "This is supposed to represent the end of the world when all good Masons receive their reward by being conducted to a throne at the right hand of the All Puissant, have been purified by **washing their robes in their own blood.**"

> "In the lecture which follows between the All Puissant and the Senior Warden, the Book of the Seven Seals—which none but one can open (Rev.5:5)—is twisted to represent "A Lodge or Council of Masons which the All Puissant alone has the right to convene or open.

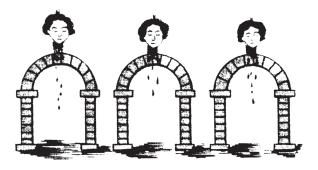
"The Fourth Seal is represented by a skull or "Death's Head" and Masons are told it "is the image of a brother who is excluded from a Lodge or Council." The Fifth Seal is represented by a "Cloth Stained with Blood." The All Puissant identifies this as a symbol "that we should not hesitate to spill ours for the good of Masonry." (*Scottish Rite Masonry Illustrated, The Complete Ritual*, vol.1, pages 453,456-7, E. Cook Publications, 1974)

What a gross misrepresentation of God's Holy Word! First and foremost, it is Christ and He alone who "hath prevailed to open the book and loose the seven seals thereof." To presume that honor and power is to deny Christ, or yet in deeper perversity, to replace His power and authority with that of the All Puissant, even in the representation of the power to save and to enthrone. This is the very spirit of the Anti-Christ!



From an early hand-painted Masonic apron. A MASONIC APRON WITH SYMBOLIC FIGURES.

Again, another clue to the true identity of the Masonic Deity is revealed in the "Sacred Word" of this ritual, "Abaddon." In Revelation 9:11, we learn that "*they* [the demons and workers from hell] *had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is* **ABADDON**!"



BLOOD OATHS NOT OF CHRIST!

Throughout the initiation rituals of the "BLUE LODGES" and through all 33 degrees of Freemasonry, the candidates are sworn to secrecy by bloody oaths. Such as is the oath sworn by the Entered Apprentice or first degree:

"...binding myself under no less penalty than that of having my throat cut across, my tongue torn out by its roots, and my body buried in the rough sands of the sea, at low water mark."

The Master Mason swears,

"...under no less penalty than that of having my body severed in two, my bowels taken from thence and burned to ashes, the ashes scatter before the four winds of heaven..." (*Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry, Third Edition*, pages 36, 39, David McKay Publishing Co., New York, NY)

RAISING THE DEAD

It is in this final "Blue Lodge" degree that the candidate is laid out "in death" and is raised from the dead by the "Worshipful Master" of the Lodge (representing King Solomon), using the "strong grip" (or "Lion's Paw") of the Master Mason.

Let no Mason deceive you! We again face this replacement of our Savior by the power and authority of Lucifer. Paul said that if anyone should preach any other gospel "than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Galatians1:8-9)

The simplicity of the Gospel is this, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received and wherein ye stand. By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I have preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:1-5)

The infinite power of Jesus was confirmed by Him when He said, "*ALL power is given unto ME in heaven and in earth.*" (*Matt.28:18*) This power is His alone! "For if by one man's offense death reigned by one, much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ!" (Romans 5:17)

Jesus was the one who rose from the dead. Jesus is the only one with the power to raise from the dead! Jesus is the only one who frees us from the sting of death!

How can a Mason who calls himself Christian allow himself to partake of a ritual resurrection by the power of a Worshipful Master? This is Satanic! He stands, having been born again and raised from the dead as a Master Mason, through the power of the Masonic god, whom the God of Israel cast into the pit!

MASONIC OATHS ABOVE THE LAW

ON THE "FIVE POINTS OF FELLOW," he and his "savior" pass the sacred word, Mah-Hah-Bone.

Also, while in this position, the new Master Mason solemnly vows "3d, Breast to Breast: that you will ever keep in your breast a brother's secrets, when communicated to you and received as such, murder and treason excepted." (*Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry, Revised and Complete*, pages 35, 96, David McKay Publishing Co., New York, NY, 1974)



It should further be noted that in the Royal Arch degree, the candidate swears to protect his "Companion Royal Arch Masons," "Murder and treason NOT excepted." This places the Masonic oath above that of our courts and our country. What hope would you have against a Mason in a civil or criminal court with a judge who is a 32nd or 33rd degree Mason? *None*, by the nature of their oaths!

PAGAN COMMUNION—EATING THE DEAD

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

The fraternal supper, of bread which "ANSWER: nourishes, and of wine which refreshes and exhilarates, symbolical of the time which is to come, when all mankind shall be one great harmonious brotherhood; and teaching us these great lessons: that as matter changes ever, but no single atom is annihilated, it is not rational to suppose that the far nobler soul does not continue to exist beyond the grace: that many thousands who have died might claim to be joint owners with ourselves of the particles that compose our physical bodies; for matter ever forms new combinations; and the bodies of the ancient dead, the patriarches before and since the flood, the kings and common people of all ages, resolved into their constituent elements, are carried upon the wind over all continents, and continually enter into and form part of the habitations of new souls, creating new bonds of sympathy and brotherhood between each man that lives and all his race. And thus, in the bread we eat, and in the wine we drink tonight may enter into and form of us part of us the identical particles of matter that once formed parts of the material bodies called Moses, Confucius, Plato, Socrates or Jesus of Nazareth. In the truest sense, we eat and drink the bodies of the dead; and cannot say that there is a single atom of our blood or body, the ownership of which some other soul might not dispute with us." (page 539)

SATAN'S DOOR TO AMERICA?

WHEN THE AVERAGE AMERICAN THINKS OF the Masonic Lodge, the thoughts are of Children's Burn Centers and Hospitals, the Shrine Circus, where handicapped children are often carried to the front row seats in the strong arms of weeping men who are wearing the Red Fezzes of their fraternity. Rarely do we see a parade without these same Shriners driving up and down the parade route in their little cars and motorcycles, wearing clothes out of the Arabian nights, bringing laughter to the little children lined up along the sidewalks.

On more serious occasions, such as the laying of public building cornerstones or at the funeral service of a Lodge member, these same men, dressed in somber attire, wearing their ornate sashes and brass-medallioned chains of office and ceremonial aprons, will perform with solemn dignity pagan rites handed down through centuries of ritual secrecy.

Yet, once you get past the good-old-boy fraternal act, the funny hats and slippers of the Shriners and the sheltered reputation of the local, Blue Lodge Masonic groups, there is something beyond the colorful mask, an aura of mystery, power and intrigue, complete with undertones of conspiracy and back room politics.

The Fez itself is an example of this double meaning behind most of Freemasonry's facade. Worn and even carried to the grave with pompous dignity, the history of the Fez is barbaric and anti-Christian. In the early 8th century, Muslim hordes overran the Moroccan city of Fez, shouting, *"There is no god but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet."* There, they butchered approximately 50,000 Christians. These men, women and children were slain because of their faith in Christ, all in the name of Allah, the same demon god to whom every Shriner must bow, with hands tied behind his back, in worship, proclaiming him the god of his fathers in the Shrine initiation.

Remember that the Allah of Islam is **not** just *another* name for God. Allah is the name of *another god*. In usual occult fashion, the initiate swears that he will be inseparably obligated to this "most powerful and binding oath", *in advance*, and that he may **NEVER** retract or depart from it.

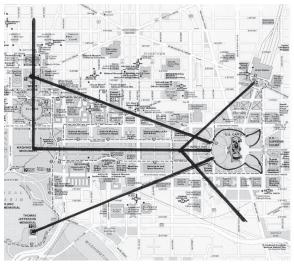
During the butchering of the people of Fez, the streets literally ran red with the blood of the martyred Christians. The Muslim zealots dipped their caps in the blood of their victims as a testimony to Allah. These blood stained caps eventually were called **Fezzes** and became a badge of honor for those who killed a Christian. The Shriners wear that same red Fez today. The greatest tragedy is that the Fez is often worn by men who profess to be Christians themselves. It must cause God to weep.

A MYSTERY IN THE STREETS

A CURIOUS PIECE OF THE MASONIC puzzle is the actual street layout for our Capital city, Washington, D.C. You see, the city was laid out in the form of the central Masonic Symbols, the Square, the Compass, the Rule and the Pentagram.

Take any good street map of downtown Washington, D.C. and find the Capitol Building. Facing the Capitol from

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A street map of Washington, DC

the Mall and using the Capitol building as the head or top of the Compass, the left leg is represented by Pennsylvania Ave. and the right leg, Maryland Ave. The Square is found in the usual Masonic position with the intersection of Canal St. and Louisiana Ave. The left leg of the Compass stands on the White House and the right leg stands on the Jefferson Memorial. The circle drive and short streets behind the building form the head and ears of what Satanists call the **Goat Of Mendes** or Goat's head!

Sitting on top of the White House is an inverted 5 pointed star, or Pentagram. It faces South, with the point down in true occult fashion. It sits within the intersections of Connecticut and Vermont Avenues north to Dupont and Logan Circles, with Rhode Island and Massachusetts going to Washington Circle to the West and Mt. Vernon Square on the East.

The center of the pentagram is 16th St. where, thirteen blocks due north of the very center of the White House, the

Masonic *House of The Temple* sits at the top of this occult iceberg.

The Washington Monument stands in perfect line to the intersecting point of the form of the Masonic square, stretching from the House of the Temple to the Capitol building. Within the hypotenuse of that right triangle sits many of the headquarters buildings for the most powerful departments of government, such as the Justice Dept., U.S. Senate and the Internal Revenue Service.

It would be great to know that our national Capital is bathed in continual prayer and to believe that its buildings and monuments have been dedicated in prayer. But, did you realize that every key Federal building from the White House to the Capitol Building had a cornerstone laid in a Masonic ritual and had specific Masonic paraphernalia placed in each one. Again, wonderful if we are talking about our one true God in all this, but such is not the case.

The cornerstones of all these buildings have been laid in Masonic ritual, dedicated to the demonic god of Masonry, JaoBulOn.

Freemasonry boasts Presidents, Federal Judges, Congressmen, members of the Judiciary Committee and Senators. One can only guess at the numbers involved within the many governmental departments. There is no doubt that Masonic conspirators plotted against this nation from its very inception to the present hour. We praise God that there have been that many real Christians praying for this country and its leaders to keep a righteous God from bringing deserved judgment against this nation.

Is there any wonder that the battle seems so difficult? How have such evils like greed and conspiracy within our national leadership been able to rock our nation? How has the Federal Judicial system become such a power cult that it is able to violate our human rights with total freedom? How have such Biblically opposed acts as abortion and homosexuality become acceptable and even welcomed practices? When did this people give up the right of freedom *OF* (and not from) Religion? When did we say it was OK for the open practice of Witchcraft and Satanism in our government and schools while Christianity is prohibited? When did humanism and the New Age philosophies replace Christianity as the Rock upon which this nation was built?

Well, it began when we allowed the soothsayers and worshippers of JaoBulOn to lay out our National Capital as a giant Satanic Talisman, an open door to the demonic world of darkness. It is time now for us to take back what Satan would take away.

Christian brothers and sisters, We have the authority and power of the believer. We have the Biblical promise and example of the power of prayer, the miracle of intercession! We have the need and the right to go to our knees in private and in our congregations to break the power and influence of these demonic things in our Nation, Church and families. Let's do battle in spiritual places (Ephesians 6). Let's close that no longer secret door of the enemy in our national capital!

To those readers who would make light of this urgent message, the Scriptures speak directly to this national sin. "Be Ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (2 Corinthians 6:14,15) Verse 17 says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

I EXHORT YOU! COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM

IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, AND HIS SHED BLOOD AT CALVARY, I EXHORT YOU WHO CLAIM TO BE A MASON AND A CHRISTIAN, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." (2 Corinthians 6:17)

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

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

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

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

> "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an

infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?" (2 Corinthians 6:14-15)

ONE OR THE OTHER

Even as Elijah called out on Mt. Carmel "Ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and thou has followed Baal!" I cry out "How long halt you between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow Him. But if Baal, then follow him." (1 Kings 18:18, 21)

I am sorry, but there is no other choice for you right now. If you are a Mason who professes to be a Christian, either renounce your Christian faith or renounce Masonry! One is from on high and the other is from the pit! You cannot cling to both!

Dare YOU risk laying your **good works** before the Lord on the last day only to be told, "*I never knew you, depart from me!*" (Matthew 7:21-23)

Every "Blue Lodge" member who reads this can no longer maintain his defense of ignorance. Today, it stands revealed! Today, you must make your choice. Every Mason, through the highest degree has had the mask of secrecy ripped away. You are without defense! Choose Jesus or choose Lucifer! Renounce Jesus if you must, but do not stand in the assembly of His saints and mock Him! Your unrepentant presence in the congregation of a Christian body of believers is a grieving of the Holy Spirit.

I pray that you will choose Jesus, repent and be set free from this wicked power unto whom you have submitted your very soul! If this is your desire, remember that we have this promise, "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" (1 John 1:9.)

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PRAY THIS PRAYER WITH ME RIGHT NOW:

"Father in Heaven, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I confess that I have sinned. I confess that I have allowed myself to fall under the power and authority of Lucifer, the god of Masonry. I confess it as sin, and ask that you forgive me. I reject it and cast it from me and will immediately remove my name from its rolls. Jesus, I call you Lord and Savior and ask that you come into my heart and fill me with your love and Holy Spirit. Let no unclean thing remain! I am yours and yours alone! I am set free, in Jesus' name, Amen!"

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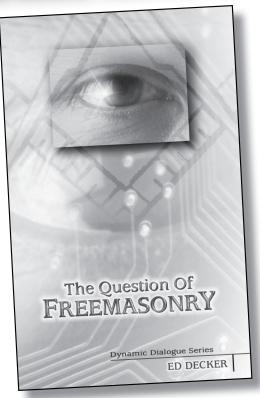
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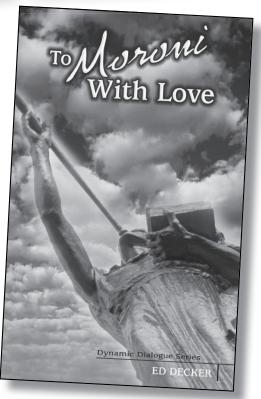
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