

## **FREEMASONRY: THE FRATERNITY OF ANTICHRIST**

Christians who've gone through the rituals of the Masonic Lodge are armed with a repertoire of excuses deceiving them into believing such things are "okay" and even "godly". But excuses notwithstanding, the Lodge claims no exclusivity to the Bible or Christianity. For Christians, this should be a red flag. The truth is, the SECRET RITUALS OF FREEMASONRY are aimed at building its initiates into a spiritual temple fit for the indwelling of God, hence the motif of "masonry". Freemasonry admits to embracing all gods, while at the same time rejecting any specific one by name. Masonry requires that members believe in a "god", BUT IT NEVER SPECIFIES WHICH GOD. For the initiate, ANY GOD IS FAIR GAME, so long as the candidate believes that such A "god" is the "Creator" -- be he Jehovah, the Lord Jesus Christ, Allah, Zeus, Satan, buttered toast or SpongeBob Squarepants. Masonry is not Christian, but pantheistic and deistic -- it views all gods as coequals.

Within the fraternity, the god of each mason falls under the grand umbrella of "The Great Architect of the Universe" or G.A.O.T.U. Masonry's dream is TO UNITE ALL THE VARIOUS GODS OF ITS BROTHERHOOD UNDER ONE RELIGIOSITY. This is why we often hear its motto: "The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God." This phrase has a nice, fuzzy-sounding ring to it, but it's unbiblical and satanic. It pretends that man can claim God as his father simply by right of creation. But, according to scripture, there is no such thing as a "brotherhood of man" or a "fatherhood of God." Such a belief denies the fact that the Devil is identified as a spiritual father, as well (Jn. 8:44, 1 Jn. 3:10, etc.). To ignore this is to ignore a profound truth, and to herd mankind into a spiritual unity only suitable to the Antichrist. Masonry is a far cry from anything to which a discerning Christian should associate (2 Cor. 6:14-16).

For the Bible-believing Christian, to say that such spiritual idiocy would have no ramifications on a nation of mostly-professing-Christian men which participated in such things is to be willingly ignorant. The truth is, the God of the Bible never turns a blind eye towards men who attempt to mix Him or equate Him, with other gods.

What follows is a short excursion into this wide-spread spiritual nonsense that has existed in America (and around the world) for over two centuries.

## **SECRET RITUALS**

According to *The Scottish Rite Journal* ( published by the Supreme Council, 33 A. & A.S.R. of the Southern Jurisdiction; June 1998 issue; page 46 ):

“Freemasonry is the oldest, largest fraternity in the world. Its members have included kings, presidents, prime ministers, statesmen, generals, admirals, supreme court chief justices, corporate CEO’s, opera stars, movie stars, and probably your next-door neighbor.”

Masonry supports hundreds of hospitals providing therapy for children with learning disorders, speech impairments and hearing problems. Additional burn centers for children are run by the Masonic affiliation called ; the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, better known as the “Shriners”. While Freemasonry performs it’s “good works” for all the world to see, what goes on behind the closed doors of the average lodge is an entirely different matter. Should a Bible-believing Christian belong to this organization? In this section we will give the reader a glimpse into the occult rituals taught by every Masonic Lodge and measure these secrets by the infallible standard of the King James Bible.

The foundational degrees of Freemasonry are known as the “Blue Lodge”. The Blue Lodge consists of three degrees or levels of initiation: (1) the Entered Apprentice (first degree); (2) the Fellowcraft (second degree); and (3) the Master Mason (third degree). The Grand Lodge of Kentucky comments:

“No institution was ever raised upon a better principle or more solid foundation ...” (see pg. 53, *Kentucky Monitor Kentucky Monitor*)

What is the “solid foundation” upon which the initiation degrees of Freemasonry are built? Is Freemasonry built upon the Rock of Jesus Christ? In response to this question, The Kentucky Monitor gives us the following answers:

“The ... great source from which Masonry derived its symbolism was the ancient Mysteries. The relationship they bear to our order will be unfolded to you as you advance in the degrees. It is only necessary to tell you here that in every ancient nation that attained any degree of civilization were **SECRET ORGANIZATIONS** known as the Mysteries, having ceremonies of initiation. These organizations were composed of the wisest men of those nations, and all the higher knowledge of religion, art and science was taught in them alone. Men waited and labored for years to become prepared or worthy to be initiated into the Mysteries. You see in all these ceremonies **THE BEGINNINGS OF SOME OF OUR MASONIC CUSTOMS...** It [Masonry] makes no profession of Christianity ...”. (see pages 21, 22&95)

In other words, Freemasonry openly professes to be tied to the “Ancient Mysteries” of the past. What do the scriptures have to say about this? The Bible says, “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:11). Since the Lodge is not built upon the

Lord Jesus Christ, it CANNOT be defined as a “Christian” organization. A lodge member may very well claim to be both a “Christian” and a “Mason” (and many men do), but Freemasonry IS NOT an extension of Christianity. God does not recognize any of the good works done in the name of the Lodge, because this fraternity does not seek to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, but to glorify itself. The Kentucky Monitor explains:

“If, in the circle of your acquaintance, you find a person desirous of being initiated into Masonry, be particularly attentive not to recommend him unless you are convinced that he will conform to OUR rules, that the honor, GLORY, and rREPUTATION OF THE INSTITUTION may be firmly established and the world at large convinced of IT’S GOOD DEEDS.” (pg.55)

After redirecting the glory away from God and to itself, the Craft then reveals the true source of it’s teachings:

“...as the ANCIENT SUN-WORSHIPPERS bowed to the rising sun, SO MASONS give the highest place to the east, as THE TRUE SOURCE OF MASONIC LIGHT... Masonic Light is THE OBJECT OF EVERY MASONS SEARCH. If he shall realize that MASONIC LIGHT IS THE SYMBOL OF TRUTH; if he shall see beyond the symbol and to THE TRUTH ITSELF... then THE FULL GLORY OF MASONIC LIGHT will shine in his heart and he will go forth to bear the light aloft and let it shine among men.” (KM, pgs. 30, 31 & 32)

Freemasonry advocates it’s membership to bear the same “light” as that of the ancient sun-worshipers. Speaking of these ancient worshipers, Moses wrote:

“If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight

of the Lord thy God, in transgressing his covenant, and hath gone and served other gods, and WORSHIPED them, either the SUN, or the moon, or any of the hosts of heaven, which I have not commanded; Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which HAVE COMMITTED THAT WICKED THING, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die. So thou shalt PUT THE EVIL AWAY from among you.” (Deut. 17:2-3, 5&7)

Here we see God’s view of the ancient sun-worshippers, their rituals were associated with “evil” and “wickedness” and were considered an ABOMINATION by the Creator of the Universe. Why would the Lord see the Masonic Lodge as being any different when the Craft openly yokes itself together with the enemies of God? The scriptures warn us:

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in HIM dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” (Col. 2:8-9)

It is the purpose and goal of Freemasonry to “spoil” it’s membership through the philosophical, occult teachings of the “Ancient Mysteries” while at the same time denying the Lord Jesus Christ. Born-again Christians have absolutely no business in joining such things.

## **DULY & TRULY PREPARED**

“Before initiation, Masonry demands that a candidate be duly and truly prepared, this preparation should be mental and moral as well as physical.” (KM pgs. 22&23)

Being “duly and truly prepared” is the masonic jargon for taking off your clothes and putting on the masonic initiation clown costume.

Duncans Ritual of Freemasonry states; “Every initiated person ... is bound ... to pass through this emblematical feature of his profession, as an unmistakable pledge of fidelity. He may not like it. He may object to it. He may think it degrading. He has no option. He cannot avoid it. If he seriously intends to be a mason, he MUST endure it with patience, as an indispensable condition of his tenure.” (pg. 28)

## **THE INITIATION**

All those who have ever graced the interior of a Masonic Lodge have willingly submitted themselves to the initiation rituals of the Craft. (If your PASTOR is a Mason this includes him!) Before a man can become an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, or Master Mason, he must be initiated into the degree “...for initiation is, as it were, a death to the world and resurrection to a new life.” “Before a man can trust in God, whom he cannot see, he must learn to trust in his fellowman ... As you placed yourself in the hands of this lodge and followed your conductors through the ceremonies of initiation, you exemplified your trust in your fellowman.” (KM, pgs.26,27&29) Once again Masonry has subtly taken the UNBIBLICAL position through its use of “good words and fair speeches” (Rom. 16:17-18), for it is written; “...cursed be the man that trusteth IN MAN, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.” (Jer. 17:5)

During initiations, the candidate is lead around the room by the Senior Deacon, whereupon the initiate is asked a series of questions. After the blindfolded candidate has circled the altar he finds himself ending in the EAST ; the station of the so-called “Worshipful Master”. The “Master” asks the candidate; “Why leave you the west & travel toward the EAST?” Answering for the candidate, the Senior Deacon replies; “In search of light.” *The Kentucky Monitor* comments; “...this spiritual light

which, after his new birth, is the first demand of the new candidate, is but another name for DIVINE TRUTH - which constitutes the chief design of all Masonic teaching.” Quite plainly, the initiate is said to be searching for DIVINE TRUTH. The Worshipful Master then says to the Senior Deacon; “Since light is the object of your search ... teach this candidate to approach the EAST, THE PLACE of LIGHT ...” (Remember our study on the ancient sun-worshippers? see Ezk. 8:16&17) Having properly approached the seat of the Worshipful Master located in the EAST with his specific masonic stance and steps the candidate is then told; “Before you can be permitted to advance any further in Masonry, it becomes my duty to inform you that you MUST take upon your self a solemn oath ...” The hoodwinked masonic applicant is then instructed to kneel at the masonic altar “in due form” with his hands upon the Masonry’s “square and compasses” and the Bible.

## **THE BLOOD OATHS**

Every degree of Masonry has an obligation or oath. Having ritualistically circled the lodge once, twice or three times (depending upon the degree), the “poor, blind candidate” is then advised on how to masonically kneel at the altar and prepare himself to swear his binding oath. All Blue Lodge degrees begin their oaths in the following manner:

“I, [candidates name], of my own free will and accord, in the presence of Almighty God ...”

Please note that all masonic initiates profess to be “in the presence of Almighty God” while repeating the oaths of their “own free will”. The book of Numbers states; “If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.” (Num. 30:2) Many

Masons claim that their oaths are “just symbolic” and not to be taken seriously, yet when asked about the Lodge they reply; “I can’t tell you because it’s a secret.” Speaking of this type of mind-set it is written; “A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.” (Jas. 1:8) If the Masons take their oaths so lightly, what’s all the secrecy about?

All the oaths of Masonry promise to conceal the secrets of the Craft. These secrets not only include the grips, dueguards, passwords and rituals but also the true purpose and teachings of the Lodge. All Masonic oaths also contain a penalty to which the candidate must obligate himself. The penalties of the Blue Lodge degrees are as follows:

**1.) ENTERED APPRENTICE:** “...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, where the tide ebbs & flows twice in twenty four hours, should I ever knowingly violate this my Entered Apprentice obligation. SO HELP ME GOD and keep me steadfast in the due performance of the same.”

**2.) FELLOWCRAFT:** “... binding myself under no less penalty than penalty than that of having my breast torn open, my heart plucked out, and placed on the highest pinnacle of the temple, there to be devoured by the vultures of the air, should I ever knowingly violate the Fellow Craft obligation. SO HELP ME GOD, and keep me steadfast in the due performance of the same.”

**3.) MASTER MASON:** “... 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.”

After having sworn one of these horrible oaths, the new mason then KISSES THE BIBLE as a token of his sincerity and to seal his oath. The position of the King James Bible is totally clear on this subject. “But I [Jesus] say unto you, swear not at all ... but let your communication be, yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is MORE than these cometh of evil.” (Matt. 5:34&37) James writes; “But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by earth, neither by ANY OTHER OATH: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.” (Jas. 5:12) Those Masons who choose to take the scriptures as lightly as they take their masonic oaths need to remember this:

“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” (Ex. 20:7)

“... EVERY IDLE WORD that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.” (Matt. 12:36)

### **BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CHARITIES?**

This study has briefly touched on the rituals of the Masonic Lodge, the importance of these rituals in relation to the Craft cannot be overstated. *The Kentucky Monitor* states:

“Freemasonry is truly a system of morality veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols, and the most apparently trivial incident, both in your preparation and initiation, has its deep and HIDDEN MEANING. Masonry is not a mere matter of secret ceremonies, it is something far higher and HOLIER than these. The rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry

are essential to its existence -- they form the outworks whereby its treasures are, as they ought to be, guarded from the unworthy, and therefore cannot under any circumstances be dispensed with ..." (KM, pgs. 56 & 57)

The most important element in Masonry are IT'S RITUALS, without the existence of these occult ceremonies Freemasonry ceases to be Freemasonry. Those who try to separate Masonry from it's rituals by pointing to it's GOOD WORKS (charities) have been deceived into believing that the sole purpose of the Craft is to be a charitable, good-old-boys club. Unfortunately, this has never been the case. Christians who read and study their Bibles know that it's the Devil's business to hide behind an appearance of righteousness while denying the Lord Jesus Christ, the absolute authority of the scriptures, while propagating a false system of salvation. (see Rom. 16:17-18 & 2 Cor. 11:14-15). Sadly, the Lodge fits squarely into this mold.

## **THE HOODWINKING OF AMERICA**

(The following is an excerpt from the book *What Dwells Beyond*)

Between 1720 and 1835, a major work of the Holy Spirit swept through early America. Consisting of two "Great Awakenings", these revivals produced hundreds of thousands of born-again Christians who were the fruits of King James Bible-believers like John Wesley, George Whitfield, Jonathan Edwards, Charles Finney, Peter Cartwright and others. Satan was right there however and immediately began to sew tares among the wheat (Matt. 13:19, Mk. 4:15). One strategy used to usurp the gospel was in the guise of a seemingly benevolent fraternity know as "Freemasonry". Christians not rooted in good ground became easy targets for the Devil's seed-snatching ravens (Matt. 13:19-23, et. al.).

Freemasonry first began to grow in America in the early 1730s. It utilized a series of secret handshakes, tokens and rituals to teach secret doctrine. Curiosity of these secrets, and the possibility of economic or political success and advancement, drew many to join its ranks. However, because the Craft often used the King James Bible in its rituals, many wrongly assumed it was compatible with Christian doctrine. It wasn't. The truth was, the only reason American Freemasonry "used" the King James Bible is not because it revered or exalted the words of the Living God, but because it was the professed Book of the majority of American masons. Had these men been of a different persuasion, the book on the altar would've been different as well. The religious belief of the candidate dictated the "holy book" placed on the altar. Freemasonry's "secret doctrine" was the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. A belief that revered the gods and teachings of ALL FAITHS, and sought to UNITE THEM ALL under the fraternal umbrella of Masonry. The following quotation is from the official teaching monitor of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. It reveals the true spiritual motives behind Lodge secrets:

"[Masonry] makes no profession of Christianity, and wars not against sectarian creeds or doctrines, but LOOKS FORWARD TO THE TIME when ... there shall be but ONE ALTAR and but ONE WORSHIP; one common altar of Masonry, on which the Veda, Shastras, Sade, Zend-Avesta, Koran, and Holy Bible shall lie untouched by sacrilegious hands, and at whose shrine the Hindoo [sic], the Persian, the Assyrian, the Caldean, the Egyptian, the Chinese, the Mohammedan, the Jew, and the Christian MAY KNEEL and WITH ONE UNITED VOICE celebrate the praises of the Supreme Architect of the Universe."

(Pirtle, Henry. *The Kentucky Monitor: Complete Monitorial Ceremonies of the Blue Lodge*. Masonic Home, KY: Grand Lodge of Kentucky Free And Accepted Masons, 1990. p 95)

The ignorance of this fact resulted in whole generations of Christian men and women becoming desensitized to the occult. This is because, even though all Blue Lodge masons had first-hand experience in occult practice and ritual, they were evidently unaware of what they were witnessing, promoting and participating in. Ignorance may have been bliss, but it was no excuse. Regardless, such a ridiculous and profound lack of spiritual understanding showed that Bibles were not being believed or read, or that sermons were not being preached or listened-to. This resulted in Scriptural warnings going unheeded. The Bible reveals that a people can be “destroyed for lack of knowledge”, and this is exactly what happened (Hos. 4:6). This spiritual dropping-of-the-ball by pastors and/or professing Christians allowed occult philosophy to make inroads into society and the political founding of America. Masonry, although by no means solely responsible, contributed much towards the destruction of Christian discernment. This was one of its MAJOR FRUITS (NOTE: Wherever secret societies and rituals exist, they will ALWAYS be used by Satan to advance his goals, regardless of the professions of the societies themselves). It not only helped introduce (and marry) many professing Christian men to the occult, but also helped lay the groundwork for New Age thought in America. Freemasonry was a powerful destructive weapon in the Devil’s arsenal of spiritual wrecking balls.

(Mardis, Jeffrey. *What Dwells Beyond: The Bible Believer’s Handbook to Understanding Life in the Universe*. Defender Publishing, Crane, Missouri, 2015. p 69-72)