



## Informing the Community about:

# Freemasonry



*If something is true it can stand being questioned.*

*If it is not true then it needs to be questioned!*

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### What's it All About?

Freemasons do not want others looking into their organization. They claim they are not a "Secret Society" but a society with secrets. If Freemasonry is so good, why the secrets? If it is bad, no wonder the secrecy! Jesus said **"I spoke openly... I said nothing in secret."** (John 18:20) There are no secrets with the Christian Gospel.

The Liturgy of the Ancient & Accepted or Scottish Rite of Freemasonry states: *"The Blue degrees (the 1<sup>st</sup> three degrees) are but the outer court or portico of the temple. Part of the symbols are displayed there for the Initiate but he is intentionally misled by false interpretations. It is not intended he should understand them, but it is intended that he shall imagine he understands them."* ("The Lost Keys of Freemasonry," Manley P. Hall, 33o; quoting from Albert Pike 33 "Morals & Dogma" p. 819)

This is admitted deliberate deceit by the top leaders towards those in lower degrees.

Freemasons often pretend that joining a Masonic Lodge is acceptable for Christian men. But since they won't tell you the truth about what that entails, here is some useful information.

There are many levels or degrees to proceed through in the Masonic organization. Each degree has an "oath and an obligation". Because of the content, Christians call these "curses". For example, in the First or Entered Apprentice degree the curse is on the throat; in the Second or Fellow Craft degree the curse is on the heart; and the Third or Master Mason degree the curse is on the stomach area. These are probably why so many family members of Masons have curses, including health problems. Perhaps the following might help:

### Summary of Curses based on Deuteronomy 28

1. Mental and emotional disorders
2. Repeated or chronic sickness (often hereditary)
3. Barrenness, miscarriage and female reproductive problems
4. Breakdowns of marriage and family alienation
5. Continuing financial insufficiency (regardless of income level)
6. Being "accident-prone"
7. History of suicides and unnatural or untimely deaths

("Blessings or Curses - You Can Choose" by Dr. Derek Prince, p. 45)

(One is unfortunate, two is interesting, three is the pattern of a curse.)

Let's look at some quotations from Freemasonry's own authorities.

*"A considerable amount of excision was necessitated by the alteration of the clause in the (Masonic) Constitution which changed Masonry from a Christian to a non-Christian basis...Anything Christian was eliminated."* ("The Higher Degree Handbook," p. 25, by J.S.M. Ward, 33o Masonic Historian, writing about the changes made in 1813).

*"I, for one, can never understand how any (Christian)... can become a Freemason without suffering from spiritual schizophrenia."* ("Light Invisible" p. 24, by Vindex - famous British Freemason author)

*"We see that Christ is not a unique personage, but the first-fruit - the promise of man made perfect... to attain the Christ-state is salvation."* ("Ancient Mysteries & Modern Freemasonry," by C. H. Vail, 33o Masonic Authority). This is paganism.

*"It is far more important that men should strive to become Christs than that they should believe that Jesus was the Christ."* ("The Secret Doctrine," J. D. Buck, M.D., 33o Masonic Historian). So's this.

*"No responsible authority has held that a Freemason must believe the Bible or any part of it."* ("Masonic Encyclopaedia," p. 520, Henry W. Coil, 33o Masonic Authority).

*"For every Masonic writer who says that Freemasonry is not a religion, there are five Masonic writers who claim that it is a pagan religion. While they may disagree as to which pagan religion, they are all agreed that Christianity is wrong and its teachings must not be allowed in the Lodge."* ("The Origins & Teachings of Freemasonry," p. 115, by Dr. Robert Morey).

These are interesting quotes! There are many others we could provide. Most men were hoodwinked into joining, without fully understanding what Freemasonry is about. That also includes the women who joined the Women's Lodge or Eastern Star. Spiritual blindness commences

in the very first degree ritual, preventing them seeing the curses and iniquities they bring on their families, churches and communities.

As an example, consider this: In their rituals Freemasons claim to be searching for "light", and looking for the "lost name of God". How will a Freemason know which God he is looking for? How will they know when they find the right one? Could they be deceived into accepting the wrong one? But Jesus Christ stated that He is the Light of the World. Since Jesus Christ is God, what name has been lost?

The candidate is warned he is required to make a binding oath without knowledge of that obligation. In part, he promises to uphold the needs of all fellow members; including that he won't commit adultery or fornication with *"the wife, mother, daughter, sister or near relative"* of a fellow member. Why not all women?

Because of the promise to give preference to fellow Masons, those serving their community in elected office or business are obliged to give contracts to their fellow Masons, regardless of whether it is the best deal for goods, services, or not. This is called corruption.

*"You must conceal all the crimes of your brother Masons... and should you be summoned as a witness against a brother Mason be always sure to shield him.. It may be perjury to do this, it is true, but you are keeping your obligations."* Edmund Ronayne, Handbook of Masonry p. 183

A former New Zealand Knight's Templar, - one of the highest levels of masons - who is now a Christian, confirmed that Freemasonry's Blue Lodge Ritual requires a man to break five of the Ten Commandments (number's 1, 2, 3, 6, and 9); quite apart from any others broken elsewhere in one's life. That wouldn't be acceptable behaviour for a member in any Christian church, let alone its leaders. The vast majority of Christian leaders know that a Christian cannot be a Masonic Lodge member in all good conscience.

### Preparation for membership in the First Degree of Freemasonry

*Hoodwinked or blindfolded*

*6ft cabletow or noose around neck*

*dagger etc. pressed against naked left breast*

*Right arm uncovered. All metal removed including the wedding ring.*

*left leg made bare*

*right heel slipshod*



*The Candidate prepared for initiation in the 1st degree of Freemasonry. Would you want to see your husband, father or son like this?*

Here are a few quotes from Denominational Statements on Freemasonry of the many available.

**Anglican Synod of New South Wales**

"...Freemasonry & Christianity are fundamentally & irreconcilably incompatible; ... Freemasonry teaches & upholds a system of false religious & spiritual beliefs that are contrary to Biblical Christianity." (Anglican Church 46th Synod, Sydney, Australia 20 Oct., 2003)

**Church of England**

"There are a number of very fundamental reasons to question the compatibility of Freemasonry with Christianity." (Church of England General Synod, official publication "Freemasonry & Christianity: are they compatible?" page 40, July 1987). The Synod went on to identify ten heresies within Freemasonry

**Methodist Church of England**

"There is a great danger that the Christian who becomes a Freemason will find himself compromising his Christian beliefs or his allegiance to Christ, perhaps without realising what he is doing." (M.C.E. official statement, August 1985. They went on to forbid any Masonic meetings or services in any Methodist properties.)

**The Baptist Union of Scotland**

"The clear conclusion we have reached from our enquiry is that there is an inherent incompatibility between Freemasonry and the Christian faith." (B.U.S. report 1987, endorsed by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, and reprinted by the Baptist Union of N.Z.)

The Southern Baptist Church of America agreed that Masonry is "pagan, unscriptural and in conflict with basic Christian beliefs."

**Presbyterian Church of America**

"No one shall be received into membership into a PCA church who is a member of a Masonic organisation. Present members ... will be allowed to resign membership or become the subject of formal church discipline." (Adopted by the General Assembly of PCA, April 15-16, 1988).

**Lutheran Church**

"Masonry is guilty of idolatry. Its worship and prayers are idol worship. The Masons may not with their hands have made an idol out of gold, silver, wood or stone, but they created one with their own mind and reason out of purely human thoughts and ideas. The latter is an idol no less than the former." (Report of the Lutheran Church "The Northwestern Lutheran," p.281 1958)

**Christian Reformed Church of America**

"The lodge member who desires to become a member of the church must be kindly but firmly shown that membership in the lodge and in the church of Jesus Christ involves a double commitment which our Lord himself does not tolerate. Those in the church who affiliate with the Lodge must be shown the error of their way, and if they refuse to repent must be placed under the censure of the Church." (Acts of the

*If Freemasonry were a Christian organisation, why are there so many pagan/occult symbols on their Master Masons' certificates? These include the date shown both as AD (Anno Domini - the year of the Lord) & AL, (Anno Lucis - the year of Lucifer)*

Synod, C.R.C.A., 1974)

**Russian Orthodox Church**

"The Church does not worship the god that is worshipped in Masonic temples." ("Masonry or Christ" an official publication of the Russian Orthodox Church.)



Many other Christian Denominations could be listed here too - their statements may be found on our web-site. In every case where a Christian denomination has seriously studied Freemasonry, the result has been universal rejection of the Masonic Lodge.

Christians don't despise Freemasons; we are concerned for their spiritual welfare. When they alienate themselves from God, and, according to the Bible, bring His curses onto themselves and their families, we have a responsibility to explain to them the consequences of their unfortunate choices.

**CONCLUSION:** The evidence is overwhelming that Freemasonry is a pagan/occult religious organization. People deserve to have complete and accurate information before making decisions that will determine their eternal destiny! These men and their families and communities need setting free from the spiritual and other bondages of Freemasonry.

God's instruction to His people is simple: **"Have nothing to do with the things of darkness, but rather expose them."** (Ephesians 5:11)

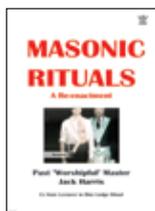


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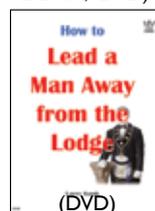
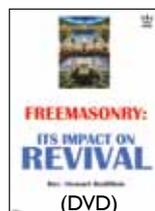
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