

Can a Christian be a Freemason?

This is a very serious question that demands a straight answer!. This blog is dedicated to provide you with Biblical proof that the answer is a resounding NO !!!

CONVERSATIONS

WITH

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CHRISTIAN

FREEMASON

PREFACE

For the past 18 months I have been running a blog called; "Can a Christian be a Freemason?"

To the true Christian the answer will be and must be a resounding NO. Yet it is astounding to realise how many people there are who are completely confused, deluded and deceived about this very, very important issue.

I was dumbfounded when I discovered this blog on the net;

<http://achristianmason.blogspot.com/>

I wrote the author of the blog, asking him to please explain his point of view; how can one justify scripturally that it is justified for a Christian to be a Freemason, in the face of such a flood of evidence from the Word of God, that it is not. His answer is contained herein as well as the conversation with others of likeminded persuasion.

It can be found at:

<http://achristianmason.blogspot.com/2009/10/explain-to-us-in-detail-christian-can.html>

and is reproduced here.

I hope it will be of assistance to you the reader of this in finding the answer for yourself.

Our heavenly Father loves us with a love that escapes description with words. It is indescribable, as He is indescribable! He loved us to the extend of giving His most precious gift, His only begotten Son, to us for the atonement of our sin and the sin of mankind so that we could be reconciled with Him.

My dear fellow follower of Christ, do not make the same mistake of so many who continue to walk in darkness, blinded wilfully to the Light of Truth to follow the ways of darkness instead.

Stop being deceived! Open your eyes to the Truth!

Jesus said He is the Way the Truth and the Life, nobody goes to the Father except by Him!

Forget about old man's tales of Ancient Landmarks and Morality. These things are all dead without Jesus. Forget the compass and the square and its idol doctrine, Jesus is the way. Looking for the truth – Jesus is the Truth – He said so himself. He said once we have the Truth we will know it, and it shall set us free. Free of bondage to the darkness –that same darkness Masonry so desperately tries to keep us bound to.

Jesus is the Life – that is life eternal. He said in the book Revelation He is the water of Life. It is available to all whom are thirsty. We are invited to come and drink from it, for free.

Jesus is the Light of the world, not Freemasonry, as it likes to claim.

Come out of the darkness, dear Friend, open your eyes to the Light and the Truth, and may it set you free as well – as it did me. Thank you Lord Jesus,

God Bless You,

Anothermouse.



Wednesday, October 21, 2009

[Explain to us in detail a Christian can be a Freemason.](#)

I recently received a comment from our friend "Another Mouse" asking,

So, I would really like you to explain to us in detail how you reckon, on Scriptural grounds, a Christian can be a Freemason.

Honestly, it depends on one's brand of Christianity and how one follows Christ and interpret the scriptures. Am I to answer such a question from the views of Catholicism, Methodist, Baptist, Non-Denominational, etc.?

It's truly important to know as each have different doctrines and teach the scriptures as they interpret them, meaning something means something completely different and each believe the other is wrong...

To some evolution contradicts the Bible and to others evolution compliments the Bible and only strengthens their faith in God.

In other words, a person may believe what I do is wrong even though I firmly believe the opposite. The good that I do and some choices that I make I believe is well with the Lord. I pray on a daily basis, oftentimes more, and I believe that God has full authority and control over my life. I dare not think otherwise and am not foolish enough to think that God has no power or say over those choices that I make. And who is above God to say that He is not directing me accordingly?

I strongly believe that I am where I am today is by the Grace of God. And if I am in the Lodge, I believe I am there as it is the Will of God as I do not believe in doing anything in my life with out first asking for God's guidance. My faith dictates that I not do anything in my life if it is not God's Will as I am a strong believer that God is in control.

God created each and everyone of us. Despite our differences, I truly believe that God takes care of each and every individual on this earth.

It is each individual that must answer to God for his or her own actions - it is a personal matter. I'm unsure as to why there are those who feel the need to try to judge and dictate what another will or will not believe, do or say as if he or she is appointed that role by God. It is my humble opinion that such people should dwell more on his or her own salvation rather than being a busy body in other people's matters...

The concept of a Christian being a Freemason depends on the individual man's heart. If he should feel that those things are contradictory to his own belief then he should not be a Freemason. However, if he does those things within the lodge and in the community being a Freemason and feels the satisfactions of helping his fellow man, demonstrating his faith according to his good works and love toward his neighbor and the needy, and does so in following Christ then it is my belief that he is worshiping God according to what he feels in his heart. And only God knows the heart of man, not another man or stranger...

And to ask me such a question while sending links to sites owned by men who have been caught lying, stealing online identities, and pushing a historically known hoax to deceive others for a profit, and pocketing tax dollars, and using the Christian Faith to do such atrocities, only provides evidence to my theory that the one asking this particular question is doing so out of ignorance, intolerance, and with the lack of faith that God takes care of His children...

Posted by Fellow Traveler at [9:08 AM](#)  

40 comments:



[J.Luis Castañeda](#) said...

"[Slavery] was established by decree of Almighty God...it is sanctioned in the Bible, in both Testaments, from Genesis to Revelation...it has existed in all ages, has been found among the people of the highest civilization, and in nations of the highest proficiency in the arts."

-President Jefferson Davis of the Confederate States of America.

Any idea can be justified on spiritual grounds. I believe that God gave us critical thinking skills and a sense of right and wrong to allow us to make these decisions for ourselves.

Since there are as many differing opinions over the meaning of

scripture as there are denominations, when people use scripture to support an argument what they are really doing is using scripture as interpreted by their minister to support that argument. By default this means that they are following, and obeying are the rules of man, and not necessarily those of God. The main point of contention that certain religious sects have against Freemasonry is that we tolerate all religious beliefs, which to some is heresy. Officially this is the Catholic Church's stand on the issue.

[October 21, 2009 4:21 PM](#) 



[freddo](#) said...

I strongly agree with you on all your points, of course. The verse about "why do you mind the mote in your brother's eye when you have a beam in your own?" comes strongly to mind when you speak of these busy-body sorts who have to play spiritual police for other people.

BTW, I was recently Raised to the Third Degree on October 15th! It's awesome, knowing that with the preliminary steps over with, my journey in our Brotherhood is just beginning.

[October 21, 2009 6:00 PM](#) 

Anonymous said...

I am a Bible-believing Christian, a Freemason, and a Sir Knight whose Faith in Christ has deepened due to my experience in Freemasonry. My eternal destiny is sealed by my belief in the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ, and no anti-Mason can take that away.

[October 21, 2009 8:50 PM](#) 



[Fellow Traveler](#) said...

Bro. Freddo, congrats on being raised! May your journey be a blessed experience.

Brothers, from my experience, the anti-Mason crusade has been a profitable market as with a lot of other deceitful outlets used in the name of Christianity. That's what angers me most - the Flim-flams that deceive other followers for a buck or two...

[October 21, 2009 10:36 PM](#) 



[Justa Mason](#) said...

To me, the answer to the question is straight-forward. There's nothing in scripture which speaks to joining or not joining fraternal organisations. Just as it doesn't contains verses about belong to a stamp collectors club, or any other kind of club, playing tiddlywinks or marbles or owning a fridgerator or a toaster oven. Scripture concerns itself with other matters.

[Justa](#)

[October 22, 2009 1:15 AM](#) 

Anonymous said...

Unfortunately, the cold truth is that no matter what a Freemason says, no matter what evidence he presents, and no matter how honest and forthcoming he is, many anti-Masons will never trust or believe a word he says. And this is not simple speculation-- this comes from three specific debate experiences I've had on three anti-Mason forums. In all cases, it came down to the anti-Masons belief that everything I said is being deceptive and untruthful.

Somewhere, I read the 10-80-10 rule with freemasonry. 10% of the people will defend Freemasonry with blind ignorance never accepting other viewpoints. 10% will blindly oppose Freemasonry also out of ignorance. The remaining 80% just don't have a solid knowledge base either way. THOSE are the ones with whom Freemasons can educate and have solid debates.

[October 22, 2009 10:17 AM](#) 

Anonymous said...

To follow up, what is so disturbing to me is that on two of the three anti-Mason forums, several of my key posts presenting evidence and truthful personal experience that illustrated how Freemasonry can, in fact, be very pro-Christian, have since been deleted by the moderators leaving only a biased view that remains clearly anti-Masonic.

[October 26, 2009 8:47 AM](#) 

[Anothermouse](#) said...

Yes indeed, I did ask you to provide us with Scriptural evidence for your view that a Christian can be a Freemason – and I am still waiting. Your response involving the various different Christian denominations and the theory of Evolution does not even approximate a reasonable answer, and all that aside, what we believe to be right is irrelevant! The Bible spells out in great detail what is right and what is wrong according to the will of God. It also says that “There is a way that seems right for a man, but in the end it leads to destruction.”

Freemasonry claims to be a path to Salvation without Jesus,
Freemasonry denies the very Word of God,
Freemasonry openly blasphemes against God,
... the list goes on and on.

Anyone who claims to be a Bible-believing Christian has most obviously not read his Bible.

Wherever criticism of any kind is given, (especially to Masons, it seems) the most common retort is; "Stop judging me," with the oft used reference to Scripture – "Judge not lest thou not be judged also." This puny defense denies the fact that Scripture also exhorts us to rebuke, correct and instruct our brethren who have fallen from the path of righteousness. This rebuking and correction is done in a spirit of love and care for the consequences of ignorance is hellfire and eternal damnation. This is not a trifle matter!

What? The anti-Mason crusade ... a profitable market...? Please provide more information. I know of many charitable causes that could benefit from such income!

Oh and yes, deceit is everywhere – if only YOU can see it for yourselves, for your own sake.

Blessings,
A.

[November 3, 2009 12:50 AM](#) 



[Fellow Traveler](#) said...

So now you are calling written scripture "Puny?"
"Judge not lest thou not be judged also."

Freemasonry never made any such claims, only the anti-Masons...

And from your statement, what you think is right is probably wrong. So...who are you to tell us what is right and what is wrong being that, according to you, no one has any knowledge or authority of what is right or wrong?

[November 3, 2009 6:49 AM](#) 

[Anothermouse](#) said...

No, Scripture is not puny! Your attempt to twist my words are.

The Bible is the authority on what is right and what is wrong.

If your house is on fire and I consider it my duty to warn you of that fact, that is my business. If you choose to ignore that warning (for whatever reason), that is your business. If you choose to read an insult into that warning and to scold the one making the warning, that is also your business.

Read my lips.

YOUR HOUSE IS BURNING!

[November 3, 2009 5:33 PM](#) 



[Fellow Traveler](#) said...

I didn't twist your words, I just merely questioned the context in which you used...

It's not as black and white as you make it out to be. There's a whole gray area that consist of different interpretations of scripture. What you think is the right translation maybe different from what you think. And that is where the problem lies.

I say that although a man that is not baptized still has the same promise of Salvation as I do when we die. Others say that a man must be baptized before he can have that promise otherwise he is damned for all eternity. And there are those who believe that a TV evangelist can baptize that person, "Save", from just by praying with him, over the airwaves, and having that person "Let Jesus into his heart." And I believe differently that Jesus does not need man to let Him do anything, that Jesus will enter that heart if it be His will - Jesus does not man, man needs Jesus.

And if I feel that God is in control of my life and what I do is fine by the Lord, then who are you to say otherwise? If God is in control of my life, then why do you feel that it is your duty to interfere with God's work?

[November 4, 2009 8:39 AM](#) 



[Fellow Traveler](#) said...

Mr Mouse, if you had written your personal experience with Freemasonry and why you personally felt that it is wrong based on your experience, I would not be so skeptical of you and believe that there are hidden agendas much like those other anti-Masons who are out for profit. If only you done that rather than posting articles from those proven to be fakes, I'd not be so skeptical of you and believe you to be a former Mason; but since reading your BLOG, I am skeptical of that.

However, this debate is not out of anger or hate. I welcome your comments and your views as long as they are your views and not that of those who still hold onto the Taxil Hoax and purposely lie about Freemasonry to gain attention. Lets discuss it from our own views and opinions and speak from our own experiences and from what we study from our own Bibles based on our own understandings. That way it will not be a debate but a friendly discussion that's more prosperous.

Do not think that I'm your enemy and don't think that I'm not grateful for your efforts if those efforts are sincere. Although you are not a Mason, you are still a brother to me only if your heart is in the right place.

Thank you brother for your efforts even though we do not agree. A good Christian is one who looks out for others.

[November 4, 2009 9:18 AM](#) 

[Anothermouse](#) said...

Dear Fellow Traveler,

Thank you for the words and the sentiment. I wish to assure you of the sincerity of my efforts. I was indeed a Freemason. For 15 years did I labor in the Craft and reached high office (Assistant Provincial Grand Master) and very proud of it. Criticism against the Order is not new and I dealt with my share of it also. Naturally I also viewed all the so-called anti-Masonic critics as misinformed malcontents and also suspected a degree of malice in their motives.

In those days I really enjoyed my Masonry and saw nothing wrong with it myself at the time. The Ancient Old Landmarks, men striving to actually improve themselves, the laudable efforts of good men reaching out toward lofty morals and high standards, the incredible work done for charity and the joy of sharing in a brotherhood of likeminded men of integrity – all these things fostered a love for the Company and caused me to maintain a defensive posture toward it and to turn a blind eye to all those who spoke out against Freemasonry. Because of all the good it did, I was also confident that the Order must be in good standing with God and was convinced that it carried His approval. As I grew up in a Christian home, I even classified myself as a Christian and I looked forward to the day that this enmity between the Church and Freemasonry would end. It only called for some education and understanding, and a good measure of love and tolerance from both sides, and it would all work out fine, I felt at the time.

I could not have been more wrong!

Christ entered my life eighteen months ago and changed all those dearly held suppositions. I realized then that I knew dreadfully little about Freemasonry to start with. I also learned that I had known even less about God, Jesus and the Bible and the will of God. My new life with Christ would change all that and for the first time in my life I could actually SEE what I had blinded myself willfully to before. I saw Freemasonry as God would see it. I studied the Bible in earnest and no matter how I looked at it, there was clear evidence that it is completely impossible to reconcile Freemasonry with the God of the Bible.

I was in a predicament – I had to make a choice. It was not easy

to say farewell to all my friends. Every good friend I had at that time was a Mason. Yet (no pun intended) none could measure up to the Friend one has in the Lord once one get to know Him.

I speak to you as a friend, not as an adversary. Nobody can TELL you what to do. All I can hope for is to appeal to your reason and pray that you will investigate the issue prayerfully for yourself and that God will open your heart and your mind to the truth.

Jesus himself said that He is the way the truth and the life. Nobody comes to the Father except through Him. Yet Freemasonry openly advocates a plan of Salvation WITHOUT Jesus. Your very own Ritual states it clearly. Just this one fact alone proves the point that anyone who calls himself a genuine Christian MUST take cognizance of the above and do the right thing by the Lord; repent and get out of there. It is not too late! The Lord promises in His Word that He is faithful and just to forgive us our trespasses if we repent and confess our transgressions.

God speed and God Bless,

A.

[November 6, 2009 2:55 PM](#) 

Jeeper said...

Another mouse,

There is nothing in Masonry that offers salvation. I'm unsure where you get that from, especially since you say it's from our ritual.

You ask Fellow Traveler for scriptural evidence that shows that Masonry is compatible with Christianity, I ask for scriptural evidence that Masonry is NOT compatible with Christianity. Show me this and I will open my ears to your rantings. Until then, you are just another anti-Masonic troll to me.

[November 20, 2009 1:40 PM](#) 

[Anothermouse](#) said...

Hallo Jeeper,

You say "There is nothing in Masonry that offers salvation" – Really? Have you bothered to read your ritual Brother? It indeed makes such a claim!!!

I quote from your own Entered Apprentice ritual (that part in the "ENTERED APPRENTICE LECTURE") -;

"The covering of a Lodge is no less than the clouded canopy, or starry decked heaven, where all good Masons hope at last to arrive by the aid of that ladder which Jacob in his vision saw extended from earth to heaven, the principal rounds of which are denominated Faith, Hope and Charity, which admonish us to have Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity to all mankind. The greatest of these is Charity; for our Faith may be lost in sight, Hope ends in fruition, but Charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity."

<http://www.nireland.com/evangelicaltruth/enteredapprentice.html>

Can it be any clearer! Your very own ritual states that the mason hopes to attain access to Heaven "by Jacob's ladder" and mentions

"Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity to all mankind. The greatest of these is Charity."

What? Charity the greatest!? That is NOT what the Bible teaches! That goes directly against John 14:6 where our Lord Jesus said; "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Jesus further explained this fact in John 10:7 where He said "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." In verse 1 He said "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

So you as a mason finds it prudent to climb up some other way? So what then, are you a thief and a robber, trying to get into heaven by some other means than by Jesus himself?

Thieves shall not inherit the Kingdom of God! (1 Cor. 6:10).

I have sympathy and understanding for emotive responses toward so-called anti-masons, but what is a troll, by the way?

Blessings,
A.

[November 21, 2009 11:24 AM](#) 



[freddo](#) said...

I don't know about other Jurisdictions today, but nothing about Jacob's Ladder or Freemasonry being a Way of Salvation is mentioned in the Degree Rituals in Pennsylvania. I just recently took my three degrees.

Also, when I was given my Bible, I was told "...In the pages of this Book you will find the Way Leading to Eternal Life." Inside the pages of my Masonic Bible (King James Version) there is given in the reference sections an exposition of the Gospel, an explanation on how to succeed in the Christian Life, and Soul-Winning tips!

I was told when I took my Degrees that "there would be nothing that would conflict with my duties to God, my neighbor, my country, or myself..." In my State, at least, I am finding that to be the case. I've been taught nothing concerning a Works Salvation in my Lodge. In fact, in having accepted Christ as my Savior by Faith at 16, I have been encouraged to continue going to my church.

[November 22, 2009 4:24 PM](#) 

[Anothermouse](#) said...

Dear Freddo,

I hear what you say about the Pennsylvania Lodges not having such teaching in their ritual, but you have to admit, Pennsylvania is DIFFERENT. They even say so themselves and even prepare

masons who plan to visit their Lodge with a briefing on their websites, explaining some of their strange and unique procedures that are different from most other Lodges.

One has to bear in mind also that there are differences in the ritual of the various Grand Lodges around the world. A careful and prayerful study of each of these rituals against the Bible will clearly show up the problem areas in each – and they are indeed different. Yet seen holistically with the big picture in mind there are also many problems that are of a more universal nature, for example the issue of the deity the masons address in prayer, to wit, The Great Architect of the Universe. (And even his name is not consistent throughout masonry). God is very clear in the Bible when He said that He is the ONLY God – there is NO other! Yet Freemasonry accepts the gods of all religions! How will you justify to God one day your membership to an organization that allowed this?

[It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Heb 10:31)]

There are so many questions any clear-thinking man and should ask himself about masonry that ought to put anyone in his right mind on-guard straight away?

One question that begs a common sense answer is; if Freemasonry is then supposed to be such a well intentioned and steeped-in-morals organization, why all the fuss with so much secrecy? Why cloak your worthy efforts in dark oaths and secrets if it really is that good? What is there to hide and why and from whom? The Bible actually speaks about such secretive workings in the darkness and warns that all these secrets will be revealed in any case, shouted from the roof-tops, to be exact.

Your mention about the Masonic King James Version of the Bible is interesting. Remember, the only thing that makes it different from a standard KJV is the added Masonic literature, normally in the front of the book. Witnessing tips? That is very odd. One of the most universal rules of masonry is that it is forbidden to talk about (discuss) any issue of a religious or political nature. Are these witnessing tips meant to be practiced on your non-Christian Masonic friends? Very interesting!

You say that you've been told that; "...there would be nothing

that would conflict with my duties to God, my neighbour, my country, or myself..."

I say, have you checked that statement yourself against the Bible with what is actually being taught? If you do, you will discover the lie! Masonry contains LOADS of stuff that goes against what the Bible teaches. Is that not in conflict to what you and I owe God? Does the Bible teach us to work in secret and to lay down bloody oaths? No – it forbids it. You do not see ANY conflict here?

And having done you such profound spiritual damage as you may not even be able to comprehend, they do not even show you away from your church and you say, "wow, great, what a magnificent organization. They do NOT prevent me from going to church. Must be a good outfit!"

Our Lord Jesus Christ warned us most emphatically when he said; "Take heed that no man deceive you."

That warning is still valid for us today, maybe now more than ever!

Blessings,

A.

[November 25, 2009 8:37 AM](#) 

Jeeper said...

Anothermouse,

If you were a Mason, as you say you were (I still think you are a liar), you would know that freemasonry is steeped in tradition, among them is the so called "secrecy." The "secrets" are simply the modes of recognition, that are hold overs from the days of the stone masons guilds, before they had dues cards, if someone showed up claiming to be a mason and wanting to work, he would be asked to prove himself. You see, being a stone mason was a highly sought after skill and trade, only the best of the best could be trusted to build these huge cathedrals that would hold many people. This is the reason for the "secrecy." Make sense?

You talk about "bloody oaths." They are purely symbolic, meant to instill the importance of keeping your word and the "secrets." Another hold over from the stone masons guilds.

Your quote: "The Bible actually speaks about such secretive workings in the darkness and warns that all these secrets will be revealed in any case, shouted from the roof-tops, to be exact."

Really? Why do other organizations have secrets and private meetings? Go try to get into an Apple Inc. meeting. How about the Vatican? The Red Cross? Nope, all private. Secretive? Perhaps, but not sinister. Do you go out of your way to tell these people that they are not doing it "God's way?"

You ask: "Yet Freemasonry accepts the gods of all religions! How will you justify to God one day your membership to an organization that allowed this?"

I ask you, how will you justify to God, one day, your belonging to a country that advocates religious tolerance, accepting of all religions?

It's the same thing, on a smaller scale. The reason for this toleration is because freemasonry is about bringing men of all different aspects (religious, wealth, social status, political views, etc.) together to meet as equals. The reason for the rules against speaking of religion and politics is because these two subjects only cause a rift between people, which goes against what Freemasonry wants.

Also, nothing you posted earlier proves that freemasonry offers salvation. Know why? Because it doesn't. We want each other to help improve themselves and society while we are still on this Earth. Salvation is left up to each person's God and church.

Have a great day,
T.

[November 25, 2009 12:20 PM](#) 



[freddo](#) said...

Another Mouse:

Thanks for your concern. Many of your points have been addressed already by Jeeper, but I'll add a few of my own.

The "bloody oaths" are a holdover from the days before the Enlightenment when, in Britain, other organizations, such as the Bar (that is, the guild of lawyers), the Royal British Navy, and, I believe, the British Army had their constituents take similar bloody oaths with similar penalties to impress upon someone the seriousness of the obligation they were taking.

At any rate, in my Lodge, included in the Obligation lecture was a sentence indicating that the ancient penalties were symbolic only. In a literary sense, it all made sense at last when I took my Third Degree. Any Mason would know what I'm talking about, so I won't get into it here.

In a wider sense, one takes oaths today in society in many different spheres. I took oaths in the Boy Scouts, when I enlisted in the US Army, when I joined the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Fraternity when I was a community college student (that was very much like a Masonic Obligation, BTW), and I also took a oath in Court once when serving as a witness in a case, and I had to take an appointment oath to support and defend the US Constitution when I accepted my current position as a Federal employee with the US Department of Veterans' Affairs. Did I sin when I took those oaths? Also, I have a law degree but have not passed the Bar Exam yet. When I do pass it, I will have to take a public oath in open court with hundreds of other candidates and in front of many judges and officials to gain the right to practice law as a lawyer in my state. Is it a sin to be an attorney?

Also, in regards to "Yet Freemasonry accepts the gods of all religions! How will you justify to God one day your membership to an organization that allowed this?", I have had to join in non-sectarian prayers not specifically to Christ many times in my life. I did such as a Boy Scout, and in the military, our drill sergeant had us join in prayer at times in Boot Camp. I also prayed with the crowds at my high school, associates' degree, bachelors'

degree, and Juris Doctor (law degree) commencements, and also recently prayed similar prayers as a representative of my employer (the VA) at a veterans' memorial service where we presented a wreath to fallen Vietnam vets at a memorial. Oh. I've also prayed several times like that in Lodge.

I'm sure the Lord Jesus knows my heart and knows I was praying to Him and the Father even though they were not specifically mentioned.

We also discuss "secrets" as such at my job. Many of them involving veterans' files. Now, if your Uncle Ronald was a veteran with a case before us, I'm sure you would not want it "shouted from the rooftops" right now that he has PTSD, AIDS, or other such conditions. Yet we deal with veterans like him every day and keep their medical conditions and financial information secret. And for good reason.

As for what goes on in the Lodge, I've told my wife much of it already. I can't share with her the passwords, grips, modes of recognition or the like, but she understands that.

At any rate, you have your heart before the Lord, and I have mine. I'll keep you in prayer, and I ask you to do the same for me. If the Lord makes it clear to me that it is not His will for me to be in Freemasonry, I'll leave...as I told Him in prayer days before I took my first degree when I asked Him to guide me. Thank you.

God Bless you, brother, and have a good Thanksgiving.

Your Brother in Christ.

Freddo

[November 25, 2009 6:04 PM](#) 



[freddo](#) said...

By the way, Fellow Traveler...

We haven't heard from you in a while. Hope you are OK.

Freddo

[November 25, 2009 7:05 PM](#)

[Anothermouse](#) said...

This in reply to Brethren Jeeper and Freddo,

Hallo Brethren and thank you for taking the time to write.

Br. Jeeper, I know well the many traditions Freemasonry are steeped in and I know also how dearly they are held by the Brethren. The point is – does that make it right? What about what the Bible says about it? Surely if we are Christians we should rely more heavily on the word of our heavenly Father than on the traditions of man. The Bible says in Proverbs 14:12 – “There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”

Secrecy, you see, is not bad or evil by itself. We all have pin numbers for our credit cards that we do not wish to share publicly for very sound and reasonable reasons. Even the Lord has a secret – the date of His return. The REASON for secrecy is the thing that reveals what is behind it. The question is: if Masonry profess to strive toward high moral values and they do it by symbolism and allegory (for instance the symbolic meaning of the rough ashlar, the working tools, etc.) – why veil it also in secrecy. Are these high moral values only for the selected few? For those that make it in and pay their dues? Why keep it secret? What is the REASON and the REASONING behind it?

Oaths. I know they are symbolic in nature. Heavens! I am living proof of it. Had it been for real I would have had my throat slit (decapitated), my heart physically torn from my chest, my tongue torn from my mouth, my belly slit open and my bowels removed and burned to ashes. Well, none of these things

happened to me. After I surrendered myself to the Lord, I simply resigned from the Freemasonry and asked the Lord to forgive me. So what is the issue here? These oaths do not represent a physical danger, but rather a spiritual one. The physical mutilation it speaks of symbolically MUST be understood in the light of the spiritual mutilation it causes in REALITY !!! That is the danger!

So it begs the question; if they are only symbolic, why do they have to be so bloody, so gory, so ... evil? The Lord is clear about oaths and in Matthew 6. Don't do it. Nobody can force you to swear an oath – you have the right to refuse, did you know that?

Tolerance is not to be confused with Brotherly love. We are commanded to love one another. That does not mean we must tolerate his abominations before the Lord. No, we must approach him with the love of the Lord in our hearts and do our utmost to help him get back on the path of righteousness, on the ways of our Lord.

You ask; "how will you justify to God, one day, your belonging to a country that advocates religious tolerance, accepting of all religions?" Well, we are born as citizens of a country and God's word teaches us to obey the authorities He put over us. If they transgress God's will we can do our best to affect change by the means at our disposal, for example the ballot box. We may even vote with our feet – emigrate. In the end each will all be judged individually. When one joins an organization that wilfully disregards God's word, that is an act of choice and we will have to answer for that one day. Your own government abolished praying in schools in 1963 already! Does that mean all Christians should have emigrated already? Will God hold you personally accountable for it? I don't think so.

Is it a sin to be an attorney? No Comment :-)

I also hope it goes well with our friend Fellow Traveller.

Finally, Brethren, I wish to thank you all and commend you for your kind words and the amicable tone of your conversations. Bless your kind hearts and may our Lord Jesus Christ bless both of you with His tender mercy, love and peace and it is my fervent prayer that both of you may experience His unspeakable joy and that we may be joined together with Him one day soon when He comes to gather His own.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

A.

[November 30, 2009 1:17 AM](#) 



[Jim](#) said...

Anothermouse said:

"The question is: if Masonry profess to strife toward high moral values and they do it by symbolism and allegory (for instance the symbolic meaning of the rough ashlar, the working tools, etc.) – why veil it also in secrecy. Are these high moral values only for the selected few? For those that make it in and pay their dues? Why keep it secret? What is the REASON and the REASONING behind it?"

It's really not about secrecy--it's more about integrity. As you well know, you can go into just about any bookstore or library, or go online and find most of Freemasonry's secrets. In fact, the first Masonic "exposure" was written within just a few years of its inception--pretty fast considering the communication methods of the times. So the "secrets" of Freemasonry are really not secret. What's important here is that I, as a Freemason, made a promise in my obligation to the fraternity that I would not reveal those secrets, and so I will not.

Freemasonry is not about trying to hide things, it is about trying to get men to be better men. It instills virtues like honor, trust, fidelity, charity, etc.--something that many churches don't even touch on today.

Second, it's about context. What if I told you that Christianity deals with brutally beating a man, executing him in a most horrible manner, and then periodically performing symbolic cannibalism by "eating his flesh" and "drinking his blood" to commemorate that brutal death. And you know what? It does! But that's obviously taken WAY out of context. The same goes for Freemasonry. Picking and choosing parts of the Masonic writings and ritual without understanding or considering the context is really no different.

Having been a Freemason of 15 years, you should know full well that Freemasonry builds upon itself, and having gone through the York Rite myself, I can say that this methodology continues there as well. Examining specifics without context can completely distort the meaning.

[November 30, 2009 4:06 PM](#) 



[Jim](#) said...

Another mouse said:

"Oaths...So it begs the question; if they are only symbolic, why do they have to be so bloody, so gory, so ... evil?"

Because men are human. Because men are sinful. Because men so often need something "big" to get through their thick skulls in order for them to consider something important. The Bible says, to make your "yes" mean "yes" and your "no" mean "no". That is obviously wise Biblical wisdom.

If a fraternity said, "please keep your promise" and the candidate said, "Sure!" what assurance do they have that the candidate will keep that promise? The simple truth is that many, if not most, men are liars in one form or another, and they often need something of "substance" to get the point across.

The oaths are not trying to supersede Biblical teaching, but to reinforce it. It's a wake-up-call to the candidate to instill the fact that what they are undertaking is important, meaningful, and to be taken seriously.

[November 30, 2009 4:16 PM](#) 



[Jim](#) said...

Anothermouse,

Thank YOU for your comments and contributions to this article. We may not all be in agreement, but as men, Freemason, Christian, or whatever, we can agree that proper and cordial discourse can lead to interesting conclusions!

[November 30, 2009 4:18 PM](#) 

[Anothermouse](#) said...

Hallo Jim,

Thank you for your contribution.

You said "It's really not about secrecy--it's more about integrity." Well, that statement does nothing but avoiding my question. It is true that in reality all these "secrets" have indeed been leaked already. That makes all the "secrecy stuff" of masonry even more pointless. And how do you connect secrecy with "integrity" in that environment. Don't get me wrong. I fully understand where you come from. All I ask is; try to view it objectively as an outsider would. Because I tell you bluntly, they do not understand it. The question is; do the masons themselves truly understand it? I venture an opinion of, no they don't, (and yes I know, only to get their scorn in return). But this is really the issue, because if one truly understand the purpose of Masonic secrecy it opens up a world of insight to the genuine Christian.

Now I understand the severe hold masons have on their traditions that come down the ages and as a result the reluctance to entertain any viewpoint different to that which they come from and THAT is the trap, don't you see? I have empathy and understanding that it is your integrity that causes you to honor your obligations and that is great.

One should honor one's obligations. It is however the content of those obligations that should be troubling to the true Christian.

Any Christian mason brave enough to use his own moral integrity (no pun intended) and to enquire these things for himself will come to the inevitable conclusion that it is indeed so; A Christian can not be a Freemason!

Here is another one. Look out! It is deep! If you do it justice and REALLY think about it you will be astounded. So, with all honesty and integrity, and looking at the BIG picture, answer this question;

What is the premise of Freemasonry?

Good luck!

(to be continued...)

A.

[December 2, 2009 2:15 AM](#) 

[Anothermouse](#) said...

Hallo Jim,

(I continue...)

You said; "you should know full well that Freemasonry builds upon itself,"

We should build on the one true foundation and that is Christ. Remember His parable of the unwise man that built on sand and his house was destroyed in the first big storm. We must build on solid foundation, on Christ! And on Him alone. Then our house will stand. The Masonic temple is not built on Christ, is it? How can anyone possibly gainsay Him and still call himself a Christian. There is NO duality with the Lord. One is either for Him or against Him – you can't be both and HE said so!

You said: "Because men are sinful. Because men so often need something "big" to get through their thick skulls in order for them to consider something important."

Well, I think Jesus knows this also and look what he gave us to get through our thick skulls as a warning to wake up: Matthew 7:21-23

You also said "The oaths are not trying to supersede Biblical teaching, but to reinforce it." I am sorry my friend, but I must most vehemently disagree with you here. Masonic oaths does NOT reinforce Biblical teaching. One example -: In the Bible the Lord teaches that he is the only God – there is not other. You will find in Isaiah 44 – 47 alone about ten mentions of this by The Lord himself. Masonic obligations (oaths), in many of the constitutions around the world, including the one I was in, have the candidate bind himself to be obligated to the tolerance of all religions. Now, if you should think we are in fact all worshiping the same God, just calling him different names (like Allah, Hari Krishna, Buddha, Zoroaster) you are very sorely mistaken. I sincerely hope that is not the case! That is exactly the brunt of New Age theology that attempts to unite all the worlds religions into one! Let the words of Jesus always ring in our ears. He said; "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

Therefore we commit a sin against God when we accept the gods of other religions into our lodge. We commit a sin when we teach in our ritual we can get to heaven by a Jacobs ladder of charity and good works. There is ONE way into heaven, that is by Jesus. If we want to be good men we should emulate the example Jesus gave us. We should be like Him. Forget the compass and the squire and all the very fine, well sounding, well meaning symbolism and allegory, and old man's tales about ancient landmarks. There is one Ancient we should seek; The Ancient of Days that Daniel spoke of. There is but one STONE we must concern ourselves with – Jesus is that stone. Many will be disappointed one day soon when they stand before him claiming to have done many fine works, in His name even, but He will point them away to the lake of fire, saying, "I never knew you." Please don't end up there. Get to know Jesus now whilst there is still time. If you do HE WILL open your eyes and you will see all these things for yourself. Then you won't have to argue with these so-called Anti-Masons. Then you will SEE for yourself.

I want to really thank you for who you are. You sound so much like so many of my good and dear friends I left behind in Masonry, whom I still love and think of fondly and long to with all my heart.

There is a Friend that words can not describe, whose love goes beyond comprehension, whose companionship is sweeter than wine. I am with Him now. Oh, if they you can only know him also.

Do you know him, Brother?

Blessings,

A.

[December 2, 2009 2:24 AM](#) 



[freddo](#) said...

Another Mouse:

Setting Freemasonry aside for a moment, I'd like to ask a few questions about the Gospel, Salvation, and the Scriptures. Kindly answer from Scripture whenever possible.

1) I believe that we are agreed that men in their natural states are sinners; sinners by nature, sinners by deed, and under the wrath of God. I believe we are agreed that God the Son, the Second Person of the Godhead, became man in the person of Jesus Christ to save mankind by dying on the Cross for all men for their sins under the wrath of God, bearing their sins in His Body to redeem mankind. I believe we also agree that He Rose from the Dead in fulfillment of the Scriptures, partially to prove that when He said "It is finished" (or paid in full in another translation of the Greek word tetelestai) that He had paid for the sins of those who would trust in Him as Savior, and that they could come into a relationship with a Holy God through His Work.

With that agreed upon, how precisely does someone exercise faith in Christ and become born again?

2) Does Christ refuse anyone who comes to Him, or disappoint them or cast them out?

3) Must a newly saved believer take any action to remain saved, such as become baptized in water or join a church?

4) Once saved, does a Christian have to take any action on their own to remain saved?

5) If (4) is true, under which circumstance(s) would Christ deny one of His Children? Is it upon committing some sin? Failing to do something?

6) If someone who was a believer is then lost, is it possible for them to become saved again? or is this an impossibility?

Answers to these questions would be appreciated.

Freddo

[December 2, 2009 6:04 PM](#) 

[Anothermouse](#) said...

Dear Freddo,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to answer such important questions. Because of the serious nature of these questions I asked a brother in Christ to assist me. Thank you Professor Malan.

Below, the answer to your questions, (Prof. Malan verbatim – [my notes in square brackets]).

1. A biblical faith in God is not a natural human attribute. All people are born as sinners who are spiritually dead and alienated from God. However, on hearing or reading the Word of God, and more specifically the Gospel message, the Holy Spirit convicts

people of these truths, and also of their own sins. By the working of the Holy Spirit through the divinely inspired Word, such sinners are then enabled to receive the Lord Jesus as their Saviour by faith. Because they heard the Gospel message, they can truly believe (cf. Rom. 10:17). All sinners who have not yet been illuminated (or spiritually awakened) by God's Word, don't know Christ and still walk in darkness. They are described as unbelievers, although they may mentally "believe" in a lot of things. They don't have a saving faith. [Thus this saving faith, received from the Spirit, enables the believer to surrender his heart (life) to the Lord. The Holy Spirit then does the work of regenerating the spirit of the new believer. (John 3).]

2. Christ never refuses or casts out any repentant sinner who approaches His throne of grace (John 6:37). Neither would He refuse backsliders who return to Him after having indulged in grievous sin (Luke 15:11-32).

3. New converts are expected to testify of their faith. They should do so verbally (Rom. 10:9-10) and also by way of baptism. The latter should only be done after salvation and ideally be preceded by the person's testimony of salvation (cf. Acts 8:35-38). Young converts are admonished to have fellowship with other believers. But that does not necessarily have to occur within a particular church. It is often spiritually much more profitable to maintain relations with fellow-believers outside the confines of churches, particularly during this time of the great falling away in churches.

4. Believers certainly have to take definite actions to abide in Christ and remain dedicated to Him (John 15:4-6). Paul was always mindful of the possibility of apostatising through a lack of commitment to the Saviour and the Great Commission (1 Cor. 9:27). He also urged Timothy to hold fast to the faith lest he may be spiritually shipwrecked (1 Tim. 1:19; cf. Heb. 3:14). [One such action to abide in Christ is mentioned in Eph 5:18. We should seek to be filled with God's Spirit continually. Only then are we empowered for duty in His Kingdom. Being filled with His Spirit also enables us to bear the fruit of the Spirit. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. (John 15:8)"]

5. The way remains open to backsliders to return to Christ. The Lost Son of Luke 15 is one of many examples of spiritual restoration. Read David's prayer of repentance after his serious

backsliding (Ps. 51). However, there are extreme cases of apostatising which have permanent consequences, as described in Hebrews 6 and 10. These people have wilfully committed high treason against Christ and His kingdom, resulting in the permanent departure of the Holy Spirit from them. Such people can never come under a true conviction of sin again and will have no inclination to turn to Christ again.

[6. Question answered above.]

Brother Freddo, please also visit Prof. Malan's website;
www.bibleguidance.co.za

It contains a wealth of information, is all 100% based upon Scripture, and you won't even find the word "Freemason" mentioned anywhere (:-) Just solid Bible stuff !!

Prof Malan also sent you three articles that you can access from this link; "for_freddo." That will also help to answer your questions. (for_freddo = http://iamamason2.wordpress.com/files/2009/12/for_freddo.pdf)

May the Lord Bless you and keep you,

Greetings in Jesus,

A.

[December 4, 2009 4:47 PM](#) 



[freddo](#) said...

Brother Mouse:

Thanks for the response. I'm studying what you sent me now and praying over it. Thanks again.

FREDDO

[December 4, 2009 6:14 PM](#) 



[Jim](#) said...

Another mouse:

Thank you for your kind responses. After reviewing what has been written here, I see two specific underlying issues surfacing:

1. Causing a Christian to stumble

I have been taught that, Biblically, if what you are doing causes you or someone else to stumble in one's Christian walk, then you should cease what you are doing and turn prayerfully to the Lord. The thing is that I have encountered nothing--repeat, nothing--that has caused me to question or stumble as a Christian. On the contrary, my experience as a Freemason has been quite the opposite because Freemasonry has actually strengthened my Christian walk. This is the general sentiment and consensus of many, many Christian Freemasons with whom I have spoken.

2. Jurisdictional differences

Much of what you state appears to differ in many respects to what I have experienced in the regular lodges that I have attended. Freemasonry, though it does have its universal aspects, can and does vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. The lodges I participate in are almost exclusively comprised of Christian men who are first devoted to their walk with Jesus, next devoted to their families, and finally devoted to Freemasonry.

Please remember that I'm coming from the perspective of one who has gone through Blue Lodge AND the York Rite, and I see an amazingly strong connection with Freemasonry and Christianity, both in history and in practice.

[December 7, 2009 10:52 AM](#) 



[freddo](#) said...

Jim:

Thanks. That's also what my heart was telling me. Also, my Lodge is also full of devout believers. While the LORD takes first place and my family takes second and my job third, I feel there's a place in my life for the Lodge and its works to supplement (not substitute for) my Christian walk.

And, also, Another Mouse...I looked over the materials and Scriptures you sent me. Many are quite valuable, but some honestly don't square with the teaching of my church, which teaches that salvation is a gift of God's Grace that cannot be taken away or revoked, but that its presence is shown in a person by their walk with Christ. Our church basically teaches that if your life isn't the evidence that you are a believer, to examine yourself to see that you ARE in the Faith. But thank you for the Scriptures.

Freddo

[December 7, 2009 8:43 PM](#)

[Anothermouse](#) said...

Jim,

You say; "The thing is that I have encountered nothing--repeat, nothing--that has caused me to question or stumble as a Christian,"

Really?

Then you have heard nothing -- I repeat nothing that has been said here!

Are you willfully blind, deaf, and ignorant?

As a Christian, how can you sit in Lodge and pray to "The Great Architect of the Universe?"

Who is he?

To you it may be the same God we worship, the One who by His great love sent his Son to atone for our sins, and we learn about him from His inspired word, the Bible;

To the newly initiate Moslem it is Allah, who teaches in his "holy book" called the Koran to kill and war against, the "infidel", those that do not adhere to Islam;

to the Hindu it is Krishna – and his "holy book" is the Bhagavad Gita.

Are these ALL THE SAME? If that is what you honestly believe you are seriously deluded – DECEIVED!!! They most definitely are NOT.

So what then? In lodge, to accommodate everybody, you are made to (by your very own obligation), accept all these other gods as equal to and of no greater importance than the God we as Christians worship.

Don't you know that doing so is an abomination before God? He is THE ONLY GOD, there is no other! He said so in the Bible! By tolerating all these other gods you are making them equal with God!

Can't you see that?

God forbids that in His first Commandment!

"You shall have no other gods before Me." (Exodus 20:3)

And you call this "strengthening your walk with the Lord?"

"Consensus?" We should be concerned about what God thinks, not Freemasons, even "Christian Freemasons!"

Who is causing who to stumble here?

You said: "...amazingly strong connection with Freemasonry and Christianity, both in history and in practice." What a shocking statement! How can you possibly say that? History and practice! That is not only absurd but proves beyond a doubt you do not know the first thing about Christianity!

Freddo, you are right. Masonic lodges all over the planet is FULL is people that say they are Christians. WHY ELSE WOULD I BE WRITING AND YOU BE READING THIS?

"Supplement?" The only supplement we need is to be filled with the Holy Spirit. To abide in Christ is to make Him the Lord of our lives. We need no other supplements! Grasping for supplements is not scriptural!

You are right – Salvation is a gift from God that we receive by faith through His Grace. I also hold to the doctrine of Eternal Security, but that only applies to the truly saved. Many may THINK they are truly saved, but are they? Look at the folks in Mat. 7:22-23. They thought they were alright, yet the Lord said to them, go away, I never knew you!

What an awful time to find that out? The Bible says; "behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

NOW is the time to get right with God, don't delay.

Blessings,

A.

[December 12, 2009 5:25 AM](#) 



[Jim](#) said...

Anothermouse,

First, let's clarify one thing here: Did you read what I wrote about jurisdictional differences? The obligations that I took said absolutely nothing about accepting all other gods as being equal. It is very likely that this is one of those differences, so please do not assume that what you experienced is exactly the same as what I experienced.

Second, the connection that I draw between Freemasonry and Christianity, which really shouldn't be so shocking, is that the allegorical legends of Freemasonry (the basis for its ritual and

ceremonies) are based upon the teachings and stories of the Old Testament (and the Old and New Testaments in the York Rite.) This is simple well-known fact. Without the historical and religious foundations of Judaism and Christianity, Freemasonry would either not exist, or it would have a very, very different face today. If you still do not see the connection, I will be happy to elaborate.

Finally, both the difficulty the beauty of Freemasonry is that so much of its can be interpreted in so many ways. For some, it's simply a fraternity. For others, it is a source of deep spiritual awakening. And for the scores of Freemasons I have regionally encountered, it's about building Godly men of character and leaving the path of Salvation to the Church.

[December 15, 2009 1:51 PM](#) 

[Anothermouse](#) said...

Once upon a time there was a little guy called Johnny. Johnny lived on a very big and very successful pig farm with his family. He really enjoyed playing with the pigs in the mud. He enjoyed it so much, in fact, that he stayed in the mud permanently. No appeal could get him out of there, not even at mealtimes, He preferred to rather just stay there and eat with the pigs, playing with them in the mud was just too much fun for him. His father kept on calling him, saying, "Oh my son, you are missing out on so much I have prepared for you!" He just said, "It's okay Dad, I like it here, leave me alone." Johnny was very happy, convinced he was having the time of his life. Then one day little Peter came to visit. He was dressed in a splendid white suit and somehow got Johnny to come out of the mud. Johnny was bathed and dressed and together they were driven to the airport. The family jet whisked them off to a theme park bigger than Disneyworld. For the days that followed Johnny tried all the rides and ate like a king.

He never knew life could be so good.
The mud was fun, but this, WOW!
Upon his return his Dad asked him, "So are you going back to the mud?"
Johnny just blushed and looked at his feet.
His Dad hugged him with a loving embrace.
"Oh my son, I love you. I am so glad you decided to come out of the mud.
If you had stayed there you would have missed all I want to give you.
You would have lost that which was yours, all this, your inheritance.
Johnny looked up into the loving face of his Dad,
Thank you Dad, I love you too.

[December 19, 2009 12:49 AM](#) 

Jeeper said...

Johnny wouldn't have gotten the inheritance if he had stayed in the mud? I think one can both enjoy their mud and take care of the farm, especially since one is not allowed to live at the amusement park (unless you are Michael Jackson). It's my opinion that if Dad's everywhere were to withhold the inheritance if their children happened to enjoy to playing in the mud once in a while, we'd all be screwed.

[December 19, 2009 9:54 AM](#) 

Anonymous said...

Once upon a time, God created Man and gave him free will.
God gave Man a command with a consequence.
Man disobeyed that command and suffered the consequence.
Throughout history, God gave Man many chances to reconcile his sin.
Man often complied, but only for a short time.
God came to Earth in the form of a Man.
He gave Man a final chance at reconciliation.
God said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,

that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

One day, a Freemason said, "I believe in my heart and soul that Jesus died for my sins."

And God saved that sinner of his sins.

And that Christian Freemason continues in his lodge, loyally serving his fellow brothers and his community.

And that Christian Freemason continues to be a Godly Christian man.

And that Christian Freemason is still saved because of the gift of Salvation that God gave to him.

[December 22, 2009 8:35 AM](#) 

[Another mouse](#) said...

Jeeper,

You ask, "Johnny wouldn't have gotten the inheritance if he had stayed in the mud?"

My story is symbolic - thought that was obvious :-)

Will you (and I imply the average person) take your kid from the mud pool straight to the dining room table without washing him first? Will you put him dripping with mud in your private plane and jet him off to Disney World, just as he is? No, I guess you won't. So the kid will be loosing out, won't he?

My message is very straight forward - we have been given a choice, we can either do things our way or we can do it the way our Farther in heaven wants us to.

There is NO compromise with God! We can not do what we want AND what God want and think that we still please Him by our actions.

So yes, there are consequences for choosing against Gods will in favour of what WE WANT; it is called rebellion.

The Bible is very clear on this;

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Pro 14:12)

Jesus said that He is the way the truth and the life. Nobody comes to the Father but by Him.

I have empathy with you, don't get me wrong, but in the end, who do we bow down to?

That is all that is really at issue here. So be warned, and;

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Gal 6:7)

Blessings,

A.

[December 22, 2009 10:30 PM](#) 🗑️

Anonymous said...

Another mouse,

I think that that Freemasonry's use of "Great Architect of the Universe" is often misunderstood, especially by many Christians. I believe that Freemasonry is presenting God as that universal knowledge of or longing of God that every man has within him. There is a universal curiosity that we all have that eventually makes us say, "There's got to be something greater out there than me" or, "All of this could not have just happened, there must be some designer or creator behind everything." All men throughout history, regardless of their background, culture, or religion, have an inner "urging" or "drawing" toward something greater than himself. Some will dismiss it and look inward to try to elevate himself as a god, while most look outward to try to understand the God of the Universe. It is object of that basic, child-like longing that I believe Freemasonry is trying to illustrate as God through the allegorical use of The Great Architect of the Universe.

But that's only part of the story!

How a person specifically defines and understands God really is a personal journey between him and God. That journey can take many different paths, but from a Christian perspective, only one of those paths (through Jesus Christ) truly leads to Salvation.

So when it is said that Freemasonry's Great Architect of the Universe tries to meld together all gods, on a very basic level, yes it does. But knowing that God exists and understanding the correct path to Salvation are two very different things. The non-Christian Freemason may travel many paths, but the Christian Freemason will only travel that one true path through Christ.

[December 23, 2009 8:27 AM](#) 

[Anothermouse](#) said...

Anonymous, my dear Friend,

My heart really goes out to you, Brother. Believe me, I understand how hard it is to listen and to accept all these things from anybody, much less a stranger.

For that reason I commend you for your candour and the amicable way you take your stand in defending your view, how indefensible it may even be.

I dearly loved Freemasonry myself. To me it was a source of excellent friendships and genuine Brotherhood. The fraternal and social side of it was really great. I also enjoyed the ritual with all its moral teachings. The ancient traditions, the symbolism of stone and tools and labour, the striving toward the perfection of the perfect Ashlar, not even to mention all the excellent work that was done for charity; all these things had a certain beauty and attraction to them as well. So, I know perfectly well how difficult it is for any Mason worth his salt to listen to and to accept criticism against that which he love and hold dear.

But therein lies the trap and the danger, for looking at Masonry through the eyes of mankind one can hardly avoid to be awestruck with the wonder and the beauty thereof. Yet, it is not the opinion of mankind we must concern ourselves with. Rather, we must consider how God would look at it. Now, this is not easy and there are a host of traps to fall into here as well, the prime one being that of self deception. The answer is available though, to all of those who are willing to subject themselves to the will of God and to be directed by the very Word of God himself.

As Christians, we must be sensitive to the perspective that Jesus would have of Masonry. Now, any honest appraisal here will come up with a host of issues that does not gel and thus call for a compromise. This compromise is made in the name of tolerance in order to accommodate other, non-Christian religions! You as a true Christian should see a big problem here! If you don't, that problem has become your bond, your very own problem, a millstone around your neck, one that threatens your eternal security.

Can you not see why it is so extremely important you consider this issue with all diligence and with every last morsel of honesty and integrity that you possess? If you get it wrong – the consequences are eternal!

My dear Friend, you say, that the usage of the term, GAOTU is misunderstood, but then instead of clearing it up you continue to prove exactly MY point – that Masonry uses that term to “consolidate” all the gods into ONE - and then continue as if it is all right, God will understand! Believe me He does understand! Just look at what he says in his Word:

“Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.” (Isa 45:21)

Do you really want to persist in this? Are you going to continue gainsaying the very words of God from his own lips and still hope to be standing at the end of Judgment day?

What part of “there is no God else beside me” do YOU not understand?

As for the non-Christian Masons, we are obligated to share the Gospel with them. And that is exactly where another problem comes in. Masons are not permitted to do that! Most constitutions around the world expressly forbids it! So, once again – whose council are you going to follow, that of Jesus that said, go and spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth, or the Masonic traditions, that forbids it? Jesus is very clear on this one – you are either for Him or against Him – you can NOT be both! So what is it? Where do YOU stand?

May the Lord bless you with wisdom to comprehend, ears that hear, eyes that see and a heart full of compassion. May the Lord bestow His Grace upon you, may He lead you and keep you,

and all who read this and take it to heart,

God Bless,

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