

A Sacred Assembly of Men

On October 4, 1997, the Promise Keepers Organization hosted a Sacred Assembly on Independence Mall in Washington, D.C. Promise Keepers invited men of all faiths, including Roman Catholics, Mormons and even Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam to attend this ecumenical worship service. It is estimated that 500,000 to one million men were in attendance for prayer, worship, repentance and reconciliation in the great mall which surrounds the Washington Monument. The cherished monument, before which the multitude often knelt, is a 555-ft/169-m obelisk acclaimed as "one of the world's tallest masonry structures and Washington's foremost landmark." Few of the Christian men attending the Sacred Assembly would understand the religious significance of the obelisk, which historically was an object of heathen worship.

The history of the Washington Monument, according to the Smithsonian magazine, reveals that the project was from its inception the focus of intense controversy. Although the monument was authorized by Congress in 1833, the cornerstone was not laid until 1848 and the obelisk was not completed until 1884. During this period of fifty years, the project was disrupted by the Civil War and delayed by congressional debates and public protest. The *Smithsonian* states that the undertaking was eventually financed by a private society rather than the federal government. (1)

The National Park Service conducts the National Historic Landmarks Program which provides on the Internet a history of the Washington Monument. On the sidebar of the Home Page, the category "Masonic Stones" yields an interesting page detailing the involvement of the Masonic Order in raising funds for the monument, laying the cornerstone and performing official Masonic ceremonies for the laying of the cornerstone and final dedication of the monument.

There appears to be an active interest in obelisks on the part of the Masonic Order. A book published by the Freemasons titled *Obelisks* provides detailed information on the Babylonian origins of Masonry and many ancient obelisks around the world. Two of these were removed from Egypt a few years prior to the completion of the Washington Monument -- one was placed in London in 1878 and the other in New York in 1880. (2)

The *Smithsonian* article alludes to the fact that "monument building runs against America's democratic and puritanical grain" and vilifies the Know-Nothing Party which intensely sought to contravene the building of the Washington Monument. It may be that this opposition was generated by Christian "extremists" who understood the symbolism of the obelisk and the occult character of the secret society which financed its construction. There also seems to have been considerable opposition to a block of marble donated by the Pope. A Catholic predilection for obelisks is documented in Ralph Woodrow's *Babylon Mystery Religion, Ancient and Modern*, which explains the origin and also the significance of obelisks as follows:

Babylon Mystery Religion

"Among the ancient nations, not only were statues of the gods and goddesses in human form made, other objects with a hidden or mystery meaning such as obelisks, were a part of heathen worship.

"Diodorus spoke of an obelisk 130 feet high that was erected by queen Semiramis in Babylon. The Bible mentions an obelisk-type image approximately nine feet in breadth and ninety feet high: 'The people...fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up' in Babylon (Dan. 3:1-7) But it was in Egypt (an early stronghold of the mystery religion) that the use of the obelisk was best known. Many of these obelisks are still in Egypt, but some have been removed to other nations -- one is in Central Park in New York, another in London, while others were transported to Rome...

"Placing an obelisk at the entrance of a heathen temple was, apparently, not an uncommon practice at the time. One stood at the entrance of the temple of Tum and another in front of the temple of Hathor, the 'abode of Horus' (Tammuz).

"Interestingly enough, there is also an obelisk at the entrance of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome... It is not a mere copy of an Egyptian obelisk, it is the very same obelisk that stood in Egypt in ancient times! When the mystery religion came to Rome in pagan days, not only were obelisks made and erected at Rome, but obelisks of Egypt -- at great expense -- were hauled there and erected by the emperors. Caligula, in 37-41 A.D., had the obelisk now at the Vatican brought from Heliopolis, Egypt, to the circus on the Vatican Hill, where now stands St. Peter's. Heliopolis is but the Greek name of Bethshemesh, which was the center of Egyptian sun worship in olden days. In the Old Testament, these obelisks that stood there are mentioned as the 'images of Bethshemesh' (Jer. 43:13)!

"The very same obelisk that once stood at the ancient temple which was the center of Egyptian paganism, now stands before the mother church of Romanism! This seems like more than a mere coincidence." (3)

SYMBOLISM OF OBELISKS

In *Babylon Mystery Religion*, we are given to understand also the true meaning of the obelisk:

"Originally, the obelisk was associated with sun worship. The ancients, having rejected the knowledge of the true creator, seeing that the sun gave life to plants and to man, looked upon the sun as a god, the great life giver. To them upright objects such as the obelisk also had a sexual significance. Realizing that through sexual union life was produced, the phallus was considered (along with the sun) a symbol of life. These were beliefs represented by the obelisks.

"The word 'images' in the Bible is translated from several different Hebrew words. One of these words, 'atzebah,' means 'standing images' or obelisks (I Kings 14:23; 2 Kings 18:4; 23:14; Jer. 43:13; Micah 5:13). Another word is 'hammanim' which means 'sun images,' images dedicated to the sun or obelisks (Isaiah 17:8; 27:9).

"In order for the obelisks to carry out their intended symbolism, they were placed upright -- erect. Thus they pointed up -- toward the sun. As a symbol of the phallus, the erect position also had an obvious significance. Bearing this in mind, it is interesting to

notice that when divine judgment was pronounced against this false worship, it was said that these images (obelisks) 'shall not stand up,' but would be cast down (Isaiah 27:9)... " (4)

Books of Freemasonry, Theosophy and other mystery religions state that it is not intended that the "uninitiated" or lower orders understand occult symbols, but it is important that they ignorantly venerate and even worship them. It is further believed by esotericists that the obelisks and other monoliths hold the sacred mysteries which were known to the ancient religions. Throughout the ages, these mysteries or secret doctrines have been entrusted only to the adepts -- the sages or "elect" -- nevertheless, they will be revealed to the world at the end of the age.

How is it possible that the customs of the ancient heathen nations will be revived in the Christian nations of Western Civilization? In 1859, Charles Darwin published *The Origin of Species*, which evolutionary thesis shattered the Christian faith of many. Bereft of assurances of immortality after so great an assault on Biblical revelation were masses of hopeless people "begging for a revelation which was scientifically demonstrable." Ensuing was a widespread *flight from reason* and a revival of the occult Traditions that had been discredited during the Enlightenment. James Webb describes the 19th century *Occult Revival* as "...a wild return to archaic forms of belief and among the intelligentsia a sinister concentration on superstitions which had been thought buried..." (5)

During this crisis of faith, the esoteric writings of Madame Helena Petrova Blavatsky and especially her two primary channeled works, *The Secret Doctrine* and *Isis Unveiled*, revived interest in the ancient Babylonian Mysteries and laid the foundation for the New Age belief system. According to Mme. Blavatsky, all Babylonian mystery religions derived from one source, that is Egypt. Isis is the Egyptian fertility goddess, the Virgin-Mother, nature personified, the female reflection of Osiris and, in Jewish Kabbalistic doctrine, the woman clothed with the sun and with twelve stars. The unveiling of Isis will be the revelation of her mysteries at the end of the age. The Introduction to *Isis Unveiled* explains Madame Blavatsky's quest for God and the purpose of her book:

"When years ago, we first travelled over the East, exploring the penetralia of its deserted sanctuaries, two saddening and ever-recurring questions oppressed our thoughts: Where, WHO, WHAT is GOD? Who ever saw the IMMORTAL SPIRIT of man, so as to be able to assure himself of man's immortality? It was while most anxious to solve these perplexing problems that we came into contact with certain men, endowed with such mysterious powers and such profound knowledge that we may truly designate them as the sages of the Orient... For the first time we received the assurance that the Oriental philosophy has room for no other faith than an absolute and immovable faith in the omnipotence of man's own immortal self. *We were taught that this omnipotence comes from the kinship of man's spirit with the Universal Soul -- God! . . .* Our work then, is a plea for the recognition of the Hermetic philosophy, the anciently universal Wisdom-Religion." (6)

A Christian can almost hear the serpent's hiss in the garden of Eden when reading this testimony of a woman deceived by Satan. The BIG LIE has not changed: "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:4,5)

The Hermetic books to which Madame Blavatsky alludes are the pantheistic writings of Hermes Trismegistus, the "thrice great Hermes," who is the greatest and most mysterious of the Egyptian gods called Thoth. In his representation as a serpent, Hermes Thoth is the divine creative Wisdom. (7) The following excerpts from *Isis Unveiled* explain the important function of the obelisks as repositories of the ancient mysteries:

"The keys to the biblical miracles of old, and to the phenomena of modern days; the problems of psychology, physiology, and the many 'missing links' which have so perplexed scientists of late, *are all in the hands of secret fraternities*. This mystery must be unveiled some day... The answers are there. *They may be found on the time worn granite pages of cave-temples, on sphinxes, propylons, and obelisks*. They have stood there for untold ages, and neither the rude assault of time, nor the still ruder assault of Christian hands, have succeeded in obliterating their records... *And so stand these monuments like mute forgotten sentinels on the threshold of that unseen world, whose gates are thrown open but to a few elect...* they will disclose their riddles to none but the legates of those by whom they were entrusted with the MYSTERY. The cold, stony lips of the once vocal Memnon, and of these hardy sphinxes, keep their secrets well. Who will unseal them? Who of our modern, materialistic dwarfs and unbelieving Sadducees will dare to lift the VEIL of Isis?" (8)

Those who have dared to lift the veil of Isis have found the sun god at whose pillar they worship to be the "thrice great" serpent, Hermes Trismegistus:

"There was a time when Asia, Europe, Africa, and America were covered with the temples sacred to the sun and the dragons. The priests assumed the names of their deities, and thus the tradition of these spread like a network all over the globe... And where is this source? *Kircher places the origin of the Ophite and the heliolatrous worship, the shape of conical monuments and the obelisks, with the Egyptian Hermes Trismegistus ...*'But it is known ... that this prince... received... the homages of his subjects under the shape of a serpent.'" (9)

The *Encyclopedia Of Religion* directly identifies the Greek god, Hermes, who was derived from the Egyptian god Hermes Trismegistus, with phallic worship and the obelisk. We also discover in this comprehensive work that Hermes was worshipped in the image of a quadrangular stone pillar:

"The phallic symbolism of ancient Greek religion is most extensive. The representation of Hermes offers a prime example... at Cyllene Hermes was worshipped by the name Phales-- derived from Phallos - and in the image of a phallic stone. More usually, however, his phallic image was a herm. Originally a stone heap-- perhaps topped by a large upright stone--serving as a landmark in the countryside without roads, the herm

developed into a quadrangular stone pillar topped by the head of Hermes and featuring at its front an erect phallus." (10)

MASONIC SYMBOLISM

According to Madame Blavatsky, the deeper mysteries of sun-worship are not known to the uninitiated, but only to the adepts and *initiates* of the secret societies...

"In times of antiquity, those who had been initiated into the arcane knowledge taught by the hierophants (highest adepts) of the Mysteries; and in our modern days those who have been initiated by the adepts of mystic lore into the mysterious knowledge, which, notwithstanding the lapse of ages, has yet a few real votaries on earth." (11)

Madame Blavatsky laments the debased condition of Freemasonry in her day (c. 1875) whose "perjured members" were guilty of exposing the secrets of the order, which have subsequently been "hawked about the world." (12) One perjured member, James Shaw was among the more recent highest ranking adepts to renounce the Masonic Order, having been initiated into the 33rd degree.

Rev. Shaw wrote pamphlets and books for the purpose of exposing Freemasonry and to appeal to Masons with the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In *The Deadly Deception*, Rev. Jim Shaw explained the foundation of all Masonic symbolism as phallic worship and exposed the utter deception of the lower orders of Masons who have no idea that they are involved in ritual phallic worship:

"Masonry is, according to its own philosophers, a system of pure religion expressed in symbols, one which cannot be understood without a knowledge of the true meaning of them. This makes a proper understanding of those symbols terribly important. For the Christian Mason, accepting and guarding those symbols and their 'secrets' with his physical life at stake, he must understand them to know that he is doing right.

"For the many zealous Masons, trusting their obedience to their obligations to gain them entrance into that 'Celestial Lodge Above,' those for whom 'the Lodge is a good enough religion,' the correct understanding of these symbols is the key (they believe) to their eternal destiny. They are trusting in the teachings of the Lodge concerning these symbols with their eternal redemption, or damnation, at stake.

"Herein lies the most terrible manifestation of Masonic morality, that philosophy of the elite, which makes whatever they do 'right' because it is they (the elite) who do it. Having established and taught the sincere but deceived masses of Masons (the Blue Lodge Masons) that everything depends upon their proper understanding of the symbols of Masonry, they have then deliberately deceived them as to the true meaning of those symbols. Hear the arrogant words of Albert Pike, Supreme Pontiff of Universal Freemasonry, that preeminent Masonic authority:

"The Blue Degrees are but the court or portico (porch) of the Temple. Part of the symbols are displayed there to the initiate, but he is intentionally misled by false interpretations. It is not intended that he shall understand them; but it is intended that he shall imagine that he understands them... their true explication (explanation and understanding) is reserved for the Adepts, the Princes of Masonry (those of the 32nd and 33rd Degrees)." (*Morals and Dogma*, page 819). (13)

In one accord with Ralph Woodrow and H.P. Blavatsky, Jim Shaw locates the origin of phallic symbolism in the ancient Egyptian worship of the sun.

"Since the true meaning of Masonic symbols (and thus, the true meaning of Masonry itself) is to be known only by the Prince Adepts of Masonry, we must hear what they say concerning them. They (Albert Pike, Albert Mackey, J. D. Buck, Daniel Sickles and others) teach that Masonry is a revival of the Ancient Mysteries (the mystery religions of Babylon, Egypt, Persia, Rome and Greece).

"These Ancient religions had two meanings, or interpretations. One was the apparent (exoteric) meaning, known to the uninitiated, ignorant masses; the other (esoteric) meaning was the true meaning, entirely different, known only to a small, elite group, initiated into their secrets and secret rituals of worship. These mystery religions were forms of nature-worship, more specifically and most commonly the worship of the Sun as source and giver of life to the Earth. Since Ancient times, this worship of the Sun (and of the Moon, stars and of nature in general) has been sexual in its out-workings and rituals. Since the Sun's rays, penetrating the Earth and bringing about new life, have been central to such worship, the phallus, the male 'generative principle,' has been worshipped and the rituals climaxed with sexual union in the mystery religions of Isis and Osiris, Tammuz, Baal, etc. In summary, then, since the Ancient Mysteries (especially those of Egypt) are in fact the Old Religion of which Freemasonry is a revival, the symbols of Masonry should be expected to be phallic in true meaning. This, in very fact, is the case. A thorough treatment of this unpleasant reality is beyond the scope of this brief summary; however, some examples, with references to the Masonic authorities, will suffice to illustrate this astonishing fact." (14) (See Masonic Symbolism)

A primary source of Masonic doctrine is the Kabbalah: "a medieval book of the occult, a highly mystical and magical interpretation of the Bible, and important sourcebook for sorcerers and magicians." (15) In her Theosophical writings, H.P. Blavatsky repeatedly refers to the Jewish Kabbala as an important aid to understanding the Hebrew Bible, especially the Pentateuch. According to the Kabbalistic interpretation of Genesis, the word *Adam* does not refer to one specific man but to four Adams who emanate from the first perfect Adam and represent four consecutive races. This concept of creation was the foundation of Blavatsky's Aryan Root Race Theory --

"The Kabalists teach the existence of four distinct Adams, or the transformation of four consecutive Adams, the emanations from the Dyōqnā (divine phantom) of the Heavenly Man... That they represent our Five Races is certain, as everyone can see by their description in the Kabala; the first being the 'perfect, Holy Adam'... the second is called the protoplasmic androgyne Adam of the

future terrestrial and separated Adam; the third Adam is the man made of 'dust' (the first, innocent Adam); and the fourth is the supposed forefather of our own race-the Fallen Adam... "The fourth Adam... was clothed with skin, flesh and nerves, etc.... and this is the human Root Race." (16)

In other words, man emanated from the Divine Being in an androgynous form (male and female in one) but became male and female as a result of the fall; however, the fourth human *root race* is evolving through various stages and will eventually return to its former metaphysical, androgynous state. H.P. Blavatsky was believed to have been a lesbian and, in the passage which follows this, she critiques modern Kabbalists whose writings she regrets have been arrested in the phallic stage.

"It is just at this point that the modern Kabbalists -- led into error by the long generations of Christian mystics who have tampered with the Kabbalistic records, wherever they could -- diverge from the Occultists in their original interpretations, and take the later thought for the earlier idea. The original Kabala was entirely metaphysical, and had no concern with animal, or terrestrial sexes; the alter Kabala has suffocated the divine ideal under the heavy phallic element." (17)

The Masculine Journey

Although Mme. Blavatsky's theory of creation is a highly irrational and unacceptable interpretation of Scripture, the point worth noting is that she identifies modern Kabbalists with Christian mystics who are familiar with Kabbalistic writings and have a proclivity toward phallicism. We do, in fact, find these same Theosophical/ Kabbalistic lines of thinking permeating the Promise Keeper's publication *The Masculine Journey* by Robert Hicks. Robert Hicks seems to derive his theory of man from the Kabbalistic theory of creation as a seven step process of human evolution in which successive 'races' evolve from a lower to a higher form of life.

Under Mme. Blavatsky, Theosophy adapted the Kabbalist Root Race theory to Darwin's evolutionary model to form the New Age theory of the individual's evolution through successive stages on the path to the divine state. Hicks draws from this Gnostic pool of ignorance and attempts to demonstrate that the "masculine journey" progresses through six life cycles. These stages he identifies using the same Kabbalistic terminology found in Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine*: 1. *adam* (male/female) 2. *zakar* (phallic) 3. *gibbor* (warrior) 4. *enosh* (wounded) 5. *ish* (ruler) 6. *zaken* (sage).

The Masculine Journey appeals to many other questionable sources of inspiration. For example, Hicks quoted Charles Darwin to begin Chapter 2 titled *Adam: The Noble Savage*: "Man with all his noble qualities still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin." Throughout the book, Hicks derives his theories of manhood, not from Scripture, but from a variety of New Age authors, such as Daniel Levinson, Sam Keen, Robert Bly, Patrick Arnold, Robert Moore, Eugene Monick and occultists Carl Jung and Margaret Mead. Often denigrating the Church, Hicks justifies his frequent references to New Age authors with the statement: "I am often amazed at how God sometimes uses secular sources to communicate His truth better than Christian ones." Having expressed this low opinion of Scripture, Hicks then proceeds to devalue Western Civilization:

"When Margaret Mead first started studying the primitive peoples of Polynesia and Micronesia, what she encountered was not the expected savagery that was often portrayed by Western writers and missionaries. Instead, she found family systems where parents cared for their young and societies that were organized with systems of justice and fairness, though these differed from Western conceptions. Impressed by the noble aspirations of these 'savages,' she consequently coined the term 'noble savage.' She was impressed by the unexpected and unexplained nobility found among the most primitive of peoples. Today, there is a striking similarity going on in reverse. Amid all the emphasis on high aspirations in 'civilized' countries, the real question is how to explain the surprising amount and extent of violence, greed, and human degradation. When we begin to look underneath the veneer of this noble culture, what we find is not the expected beauty and purity of individual benevolence, but a sheer confrontation with evil." (18)

Chapter 3 of *The Masculine Journey* borrows for its title the same term for "male" found in Kabbalism and Theosophy: "The Phallic Male -- *Zakar*: The Mysterious Taskmaster." Opening this chapter are two proverbs of arcane wisdom from occult sources: "The passions should be held in reverence." (*The Raven* by Edgar Allen Poe) and "The loins are the place of judgment." (*Fire in the Belly* by New Age author, Sam Keen) The remainder of the chapter is basically a modern treatise on phallicism and phallic worship with disclaimers that Robert Hicks really is not endorsing pagan worship. Hicks's rejection of the orthodox meaning of Scripture is evident everywhere. A brief mention of the covenant meaning of circumcision is followed by a discussion of the *doctrine* of the phallus which is Kabbalistic. Other aberrant interpretations of Scripture appear, such as the "mass murder" of the heathen nations by the Israelites and blasphemous concepts of Jesus Christ as "phallic" and lustful.

Since the Mystery religions are careful to conceal from the rank and file of their membership the esoteric meaning of their pagan symbols, it is interesting that Robert Hicks demonstrates more than a superficial understanding of phallic worship. Hicks even gives a measure of approval to this unclean worship suggesting that the Christian Church could learn from the pagan mixture of the holy with the profane.

Promise Keepers distributed 5,000 copies of MASCULINE JOURNEY at its Boulder conference but stopped distributing the book upon the exposure of its contents and strong objections from numerous discernment-oriented ministries. However, the organization has not withdrawn its endorsement of the controversial book, but defends its theology as being Biblically sound. The [Promise Keepers Web Site](#) provides this statement:

"Several passages in *The Masculine Journey* by Robert Hicks (1993, NavPress) could be understood in more than one way. Some of the content of the book has unfortunately lent itself to a wide range of interpretations and responses involving theological issues which Promise Keepers does not feel called to resolve. These are controversies which neither Promise Keepers nor the author could have foreseen, and which have proven to be a distraction from the focus of our ministry. Therefore, Promise Keepers has

discontinued marketing and distributing *The Masculine Journey*. At the same time, we believe Mr. Hicks' core theology is consistent with orthodox evangelical Christianity, and that *The Masculine Journey* was a forthright attempt on his part to deal with male issues from a biblical context."

Rev. Sun Myung Moon

Despite their Christian profession, modern Kabbalists are essentially a new breed of cult leaders who are introducing profane forms of worship to the Church. In July/August of 1996, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon hosted a convention in Washington, D.C., which was also attended by several prominent evangelical leaders. Dave Hunt reported on this conference in *The Berean Call*: "Sun Myung Moon's front organizations (Family Federation for World Peace, Women's Federation for World Peace, Summit Council for World Peace, etc.) promote 'morals and family values.' It is amazing to see who will join this self-professed 'Messiah' in working for these 'religiously correct' goals. Moon just hosted (7/31-8/2/96) another convention in Washington, D.C. The highly paid speakers (reportedly \$80-150,000 each) included former presidents Ford and Bush, Robert Schuller, Ralph Reed, Gary Bauer (president of Family Research Council, 'the lobbying/research arm of Focus on the Family') and Beverly LaHaye. Entertainment was by Pat Boone and family.

"Moon says that mankind fell from grace because Eve had sex with Satan, Christ failed in His mission and Moon is the true Messiah. While evangelical speakers were careful not to offend their high-paying host with the true gospel, Moon and his wife, Hak Ja Han, boldly proclaimed their gospel. What a denial of Christ for Pat Boone to entertain, and evangelical leaders to speak, on the same platform where the host declared that he is perfecting the work 'left uncompleted by Jesus!'" (19)

The full text of Rev. Moon's speech of August 1, 1996, titled "In Search of the Origin of the Universe," is available on the [Unification Home Page](#). The following excerpts from this speech are representative of the blasphemous language replete with phallic references which, like *The Masculine Journey*, somehow passes today for Christian teaching.

"God wants a love partner. Thus, centering on the place where husband and wife become one through their sexual organs, God wants to appear and meet us . . . I wish that you would center on the absolute sexual organ, unique sexual organ, unchanging sexual organ and eternal sexual organ, and use this as your foundation to pursue God. You should realize that this foundation should become the foundation of love, life, lineage and conscience. We also have to realize that the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven will begin on this foundation." (20)

Rev. Moon, a false Christ, has achieved alarming acceptance among the apostate leadership of the Evangelical Church. More shocking than his presentation of the Christian God as perverted is the marvel that this blasphemy aroused neither a word of protest nor a warning to the Church from the Evangelical contingent in attendance at this conference.

THE RELIGION OF THE FUTURE

The world and also the church are subtly being prepared for a return to ancient forms of heathen worship, in particular the phallicism which has been preserved within the secret societies. In a history of phallic rites, *Phallism And Ancient Worship*, Robert Bouton predicts that "phallic worship is...the real religion of the future." (21) Although Mme. Blavatsky would not degrade so sublime a mystery with such materialistic terminology, her forecast is essentially the same. *The Secret Doctrine* maintains that phallicism, despite its modern perversion by the Christian mystics, will be revealed in its pristine character as the ancient mysteries are unveiled and man progresses in his evolution toward a completely metaphysical state:

"Every old religion is but a chapter or two of the entire volume of archaic primeval mysteries -- Eastern Occultism alone being able to boast that it is in possession of the full secret, with its seven keys... A few years longer and this system will kill the dead letter of the Bible, as it will that of all the other exoteric faiths, by showing the dogmas in their real, naked meaning.

"The element of Phallicism, found in every God-name and narrative in the Old (and to some degree in the New) Testament, may also in time considerably change modern materialistic views in Biology and Physiology...The so-called phallic symbols have become offensive only because of the element of materiality and animality in them. As they originated with the archaic races...such symbols were but natural. If later races have degraded them, especially the 'chosen people,' this does not affect the origin of those symbols." (22)

With Robert Bouton, Mme. Blavatsky maintains that Eastern Occultism will in the end replace worship of the Christian God. These astonishing statements, if they are to be taken seriously, require an investigation to determine whether there is Scriptural support for their claims. Revelation 18 does describe the religion of the Tribulation period as MYSTERY BABYLON, that is, a revival of the mystery religion of ancient Babylon. We have learned from Theosophy and Kabbalism that an integral element of the Babylonian mystery religions was phallic worship. However, does Scriptural support exist for Robert Bouton's outrageous prediction that "Phallic worship...is *the* real religion of the future"?

The Abomination of Desolation

A significant verse of Scripture pertaining to the form of worship which will be instituted by the Antichrist is found in Matthew 24:15:

"When ye therefore shall see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand;) then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains..."

Jesus is referring here to Daniel's prophecy in Dan. 12:11:

"And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days."

Concerning these twin prophecies, Dr. J. Vernon McGee wrote in his commentary on Daniel:

"The importance of (Daniel 12:11) cannot be overemphasized as the Lord Jesus referred to it in Matthew 24:15... This is the signal to the remnant that the Great Tribulation has begun. For 1290 days the idol of the Beast remains in the temple." (23)

The Old Testament frequently characterizes heathen idols as abominations. (Deut. 7:25,26) Daniel 11:31 foretold the abomination of desolation that would be placed in the Temple in 170 B.C. According to Dr. McGee, this event foreshadowed the Abomination of Desolation which Antichrist would place in the Temple:

"Antiochus came against Jerusalem in 170 B.C., at which time over one hundred thousand Jews were slain! He took away the daily sacrifice from the temple, offered blood and broth of swine upon the altar, and set up an image of Jupiter to be worshipped in the holy place of the temple of God. This was an 'abomination that maketh desolate,' but it was not the abomination to which our Lord Jesus refers which was future when He was on earth and is still future in our day." (24)

In the ancient Temple at Jerusalem, the Holy Place was situated before the Holy of Holies, where the Ark of the Covenant rested. Interestingly, six hundred years before Christ, Ezekiel described a scene in which the elders of Jerusalem were worshipping an "image of jealousy" which was placed at the entry of the inner gate of the temple. (Ezekiel 8:3,5) The proper position of worship at the temple was toward the west where the Ark resided in the Holy of Holies. However, verse 16 of Ezekiel 8 portrays the apostate elders (like the Masons): "with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east." Our understanding of this obscure passage is greatly improved in ***Babylon Mystery Religion***:

"When the Israelites mixed heathen worship into their religion in the days of Ezekiel, they erected an 'image of jealousy in the entry' of the temple (Ezekiel 8:5). This image was probably an obelisk, the symbol of the phallus, for (as Scofield says) they were 'given over to phallic cults.' Placing an obelisk at the entrance of a heathen temple was apparently not an uncommon practice at the time." (25)

Recalling the aforementioned quadrangular stone pillar with the head of Hermes, the ***Encyclopedia Britannica*** also records that the Emperor Caligula, who moved the Egyptian obelisk from Hierapolis to Rome, placed a similar object in the Temple at Jerusalem:

"The express command of Caligula (37-41 A.D.) ...addressed to the Jews, to erect his image in the temple at Jerusalem in the form of the Olympian Zeus...must have recalled to the Jews familiar with their Scriptures the similar conduct of Antiochus." (26)

Today there are thirteen obelisks in Rome, several of which are located within the Vatican, including the obelisk in front of St. Peter's Basilica. The ***Encyclopedia Britannica*** reveals that an obelisk may even stand inside St. Peter's: "In St. Peter's at Rome is kept in secret a large stone emblem of the creative power of a very peculiar shape on which are the words, 'Zeus Soter' (or Jove the Savior)." (27)

To arrive at an understanding of the occult reason for placing a phallic symbol at the entrance of a temple, let us now turn to H.P. Blavatsky for possible enlightenment as to the mystical explication of the Holy of Holies and of the Ark which rested therein.

"The *Sanctum Sanctorum* of the Ancients, i.e., that recess on the Western side of the Temple which was enclosed on three sides by blank walls and had its only aperture or door hung over with a curtain -- also called the *Adytum* -- was common to all ancient nations.

"Nevertheless, a great difference is found between the secret meanings of this symbolical place, in the esotericism of the Pagans and that of later Jews, though the symbology of it was originally identical throughout the ancient Races and Nations. The Gentiles, by placing in the Adytum a sarcophagus, or a tome,... and the *solar god* to whom the temple was consecrated, held it, as Pantheists, in the greatest veneration. They regarded it - in its esoteric meaning -- as the *symbol of resurrection, cosmic, solar (or diurnal), and human*. It embraced the wide range of periodical and (in time) punctual, Manvantaras, or the *reawakenings of kosmos, earth, and man to new existences*; the sun being the most poetical and also the most grandiose symbol of the same in heaven, and man -- in his reincarnations -- on Earth. (28)

"The Ark, in which are preserved *the germs of all living things* necessary to repeople the earth, represents the survival of life, and the supremacy of spirit over matter, through the conflict of the opposing powers of nature...the Ark corresponds with the navel... The umbilicus is connected with the *receptacle in which are fructified the germs of the race*. The Ark is the sacred Argha of the Hindus...an oblong vessel used by the high priests as a *sacrificial chalice* in the worship of Isis, Astarte, and Venus-, Aphrodite, all of whom were goddesses of the *generative powers of nature*, or of matter -- hence, representing symbolically the Ark containing the germs of all living things." (29)

In Theosophy, therefore, the Holy of Holies represents the womb of nature, the female generative principle found in the mystery religions of Egypt, Babylon, India, Kabbalism, Masonry, etc. A tomb and the *solar god* were placed in the doorway to the Holy of Holies. The esoteric meaning of this arrangement typified cosmic, planetary and human resurrection or regeneration. Mme. Blavatsky notes that the symbolism of the pagan *Sanctum Sanctorum* corresponds to the Kabbalist/Masonic interpretation of the Holy of Holies in the Temple of Jerusalem:

"...and the Jewish Ark of the Covenant had precisely the same significance; with the supplementary addition that, instead of a beautiful and chaste sarcophagus (the symbol of the matrix of Nature and resurrection) as in the *Sanctum Sanctorum* of the pagans, they had the ark made still more realistic in its construction by the two cherubs set up on the coffer or Ark of the Covenant, facing each other, with their wings spread in such a manner as to form a perfect yoni (as now seen in India)." (30)

Such an interpretation of the Ark of the Covenant constitutes the highest blasphemy, and yet is precisely the perverted view which Antichrist will hold toward the Ark of the restored Jewish Covenant. As Antiochus had "indignation against the holy covenant"

and took away the daily sacrifice in 170 B.C., thus will the Antichrist proscribe the Jewish system of blood sacrifices and set in the Holy Place a pagan idol which incurs God's judgment. With Scripture in view and having established through many sources that the solar god, Hermes, was worshipped in the image of a phallic stone or quadrangular stone pillar, we venture to state that the obelisk may be the idol or abomination that will be "set up" in the Holy Place.

The Permutation Of Scripture

Madame Blavatsky freely imposes a Kabbalistic interpretation on the plain meaning of Scripture and unabashedly defends the Theosophists/Kabbalists' privilege of *permutation* -- to thoroughly alter the Scriptures, based on esoteric or private revelation. Taking such liberty is also the custom of the modern Gnostics who produce new translations of the Bible. In particular, there are passages of Scripture related to our study in which serious permutation occurs. Dr. McGee mentioned that Daniel 12:11 and Matthew 24:15 were correlating verses. Mark 13:14 is nearly identical to Matthew 24:15, with the exception that, in modern translations of Mark 13:14, the words "*spoken of by Daniel the prophet*" have been removed: "*When you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' standing where it does not belong (let the reader understand) then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*" (NIV)

This omission destroys the cross reference to the Abomination of Desolation given in Daniel's prophecy, which "lets the reader understand" that the original Abomination of Desolation was a pagan idol. Compounding the effect of this revision is the fact that Gnostics have traditionally considered Mark to be the only reliable gospel -- after they have truncated it and added a *Secret Gospel of Mark*, an apocryphal book which purports to set the record straight on the other gospel accounts. Modern Gnostics of the Jesus Seminar also pontificate that Matthew and Luke are heretical gospels and New Agers are fast publishing books to authenticate this spurious gospel in the public mind.

In Scripture, the writer of Hebrews described the tabernacle with its furniture as a type of Christ and His substitutionary atonement for sin -- types which looked forward to their time of fulfillment on Calvary. Hebrews 9:8-12 explain the way which God has provided for believers to enter the Holy of Holies, a privilege that was obtained for them at the first coming of Jesus Christ. The italicized letters in this passage as it is translated in the *King James Version* identify important phrases which have subsequently been altered in modern translations.

"The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: *which was a figure for the time then present*, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the *time of reformation*. But Christ being come an high priest of *good things to come*, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*." (KJV)

Please note the changes in the *New International Version*:

"The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing. *This is an illustration for the present time*, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices were not able to clear the conscience of the worshipper. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings -- external regulations applying until the time of *the new order*. When Christ came as high priest of the *good things that are already here*, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption." (NIV)

The *Authorized King James Version* declares that the believer received access into the Holy of Holies immediately after the blood of Jesus Christ was shed at Calvary. At that time Christ functioned as the high priest of the redemption which will be finally realized at his Second Coming and which redemption is limited to those who receive it by faith -- "eternal redemption *for us*" (KJV). By removing the words *for us*, however, the NIV allows for the concept of universal salvation of mankind.

This passage as it is worded in the NIV could be applied to a future time when the Jerusalem temple is restored and the daily sacrifice is reinstated. Rather than a tabernacle "*which was a figure for the time then present*", the NIV states that the tabernacle "*IS an illustration for the present time.*" Having moved this critical reference from the past to present tense, one can hardly fail to notice the next change. The Jewish sacrificial system will be done away with at the time of *the new order*.

The Christ in this passage does not come to establish His kingdom, but as a high priest of *good things that are already here!* Thus translated in the NIV, a Kabbalistic interpretation may be derived from this passage of Scripture which also supports the Kingdom Now/ Restoration Theology of the Latter Rain Movement. Theosophists will also take advantage of this translation to support their teaching that, after the earth has been purified through a planetary initiation, all will have been made ready for union with "Christ."

Rites Of Initiation

In esoteric doctrine, the regeneration of man is not accomplished through any sacrificial offering for sin, but by achieving union with God through a process of initiation. *The Secret Doctrine* describes the comparative rites of initiation as they were practiced in the pyramids of ancient Egypt and also in other pagan cultures, where custom required different symbols:

"The 'King's Chamber' in the Cheops' Pyramid is thus an Egyptian 'Holy of Holies.' On the days of the Mysteries of Initiation, the *candidate, representing the solar god*, had to descend into the Sarcophagus, and represent the energizing ray, entering into the fecund womb of Nature. Emerging from it on the following morning, he typified the resurrection of life after the change called Death. In the great Mysteries, his figurative death lasted two days, when with the Sun he arose on the third morning, after a last

night of the most cruel trials. While the postulant represented the Sun -- the all-vivifying Orb that 'resurrects' every morning but to impart life to all -- *the Sarcophagus was symbolic of the female principle.*

"This, in Egypt; its form and shape changed with every country, provided it remained a vessel, a symbolic navis or boat-shaped vehicle, and a container, symbolically, of germs or the germ of life ... In India, it is the 'golden' Cow through which the candidate for the Brahmanism has to pass if he desires to be a Brahman, and to become DVIJA ('*reborn a second time*'). ... For (the ancient nations) passage entrance and the sarcophagus in the King's chamber meant *regeneration* - not generation. It was the most solemn symbol, a Holy of Holies, indeed *wherein were created immortal hierophants and 'sons of god'...*" (31)

To wit, the initiation rites which took place within the various Holies of Holies of pagan religions, were performed with the promise of transforming lowly mortals into "Immortal Sons of God." This very terminology is found within the Church today among the prophets of the Latter Rain Movement, who promise their disciples that they will soon be transformed into immortal Manifest Sons of God! Mme. Blavatsky further expounds upon the process of regeneration as it is expected to occur in a planetary transformation. "The inferior Mother" (Earth) as the female Bride will be purified and then united with the Heavenly Man or Spiritual Logos -- who is the First Cause, the chief of the seven Mystery-Gods, Hermes or *Christos*, who is one with Satan. (32) A Chaldean source confirms that this union is a consummation or becoming one, even in essence:

"When Matronithah, the Mother, is separated, and brought face to face with the King, in the excellence of the Sabbath, all things become one body.' 'Becomes one body' means that all is reabsorbed once more into the one element, the spirits of men becoming Nirvānīs, and the elements of everything else becoming again what they were before -- undifferentiated substance. 'Sabbath' means rest or Nirvānā... Paul, an Initiate, knew it well when referring to the eternal rest and felicity in heaven, as Sabbath; 'and their happiness will be eternal, for they will ever be [one] with the Lord and will enjoy an eternal Sabbath.' [Heb. iv,3 et seq.]" (33)

Masonic Initiation

Men who join the Masonic orders undergo several initiations -- as many as thirty-three -- of which the third is most commonly attained. Initiates of this degree undergo a mock death and resurrection that simulates the death and resurrection of a legendary character, Hiram Abiff.

"The heart of Freemasonry is the Blue Lodge with its three degrees. The climactic degree (and the final one for most Masons) in the Blue Lodge is the Third, or Master Mason Degree. The heart of the Master Mason Degree, the thing that gives it both meaning and substance, is without any doubt the reenactment of the Legend of Hiram Abiff. It is this central figure in the legend, this Hiram the 'Widow's Son,' the 'Tyrian Architect,' this 'First Grand Master' who is impersonated by every man who is initiated as a Master Mason. It is Hiram who is at the very heart of the foundation of all of Masonry..." (34)

According to the Masonic legend, Hiram Abiff was the chief architect of the Temple built by King Solomon. Hiram was the only one on Earth who knew the secrets of a Master Mason, including the Grand Masonic Word, the name of God (the 'ineffable name'). Knowing the secrets of a Master Mason would enable the masons working on the Temple to become Master Masons and to earn higher wages. Hiram had promised to reveal the secrets of a Master Mason upon completion of the Temple.

One day Hiram went into the unfinished *Holy of Holies* to worship and to draw up plans for the workmen to follow the next day. As Hiram was leaving the Temple he was accosted by three fellow Masons in succession, who demanded that they be given the secrets before the Temple was completed. These three "ruffians" threatened and finally murdered Hiram Abiff. King Solomon sent a search team which found the body of Hiram, but was unable to raise him from the dead. Solomon himself raised and restored Hiram to life with the grip of a Master Mason. The first word which Hiram spoke was the replacement for the Grand Masonic Word, which is traditionally given to a Master Mason during his initiation. As for the legend of Hiram Abiff, Shaw explains: "It is generally believed, in spite of the fact that the Masonic authorities and writers of doctrine agree that it is not only a myth, unsupported by facts, but acknowledge that it is but a retelling of Isis and Osiris..."

"Osiris, both King of the Egyptians and their god, went on a long journey to bless neighboring nations with his knowledge of arts and sciences. His jealous brother, Typhon (god of Winter) conspired to murder him, steal his kingdom and did so. Isis, sister and wife of Osiris and his queen (as well as Egypt's Moon-goddess) set out on a search for the body, making inquiries of all she met.

"After certain adventures, she found the body with an Acacia tree at the head of the coffin. Returning home, she secretly buried the body, intending to give it proper burial as soon as arrangements were made. Typhon, by treachery, stole the body, cut it up into 14 pieces and hid them in as many places. Isis then made a second search and located all the pieces but one; the one missing and lost part was the phallus. She made a substitute phallus, consecrated it, and it became a sacred substitute, and object of worship." (35)

The Egyptian origin of this legend is demonstrable through many common elements in both stories and also the statements of Masonic authorities in Masonic source-writings. Among several parallels in these legends, there is in each "...a loss of something precious: in Hiram's death the secret word is lost; in Osiris' death, the phallus is lost; (and) a substitution for the precious thing that has been lost; concerning Hiram it is the substitute for the secret word; concerning Osiris it is the substitute phallus." (36)

According to the Supreme Council of Masonry, the exoteric meaning of the three "ruffians" is the tyranny, ignorance and intolerance of religious and civil powers. (37) However, since Masonic manuals also state that Hiram is a type of Osiris, the esoteric meaning of these ruffians is rather the Triune God who destroyed the religious system of Egypt, which system has been revived through the secret societies. And since the initiate experiences by faith the death and resurrection of Hiram, this rite corresponds to baptism, howbeit the Mason is baptized into Osiris:

"Thus, it seems clear, the Hiram Abiff of Free-masonry is not an historical character and certainly not a biblical one. Rather, he actually represents Osiris, the Egyptian Sun-god, and the reenactment of the Legend

of Hiram Abiff is actually the reenactment of the legend of Isis and Osiris... *Thus, each sincere man who is initiated into the Third (Master Mason) Degree of Masonry impersonates Osiris, the Sun-god of Egypt, and enters into his life of good deeds, his death, his burial and is 'raised' in his resurrection from the dead.* With this understood, it is then easy to understand the statement in the Kentucky Monitor (handbook for all Blue Lodge Masonry in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky) that, while the Christian's Messiah is called Jesus, the Mason's Messiah is called Hiram (*Kentucky Monitor*, "the Spirit of Masonry," xv)." (38)

Promise Keepers Initiation

The Masonic book titled *Obelisks* provides much information on the ancient Mystery religions from which Masonic rites of initiation are derived. One example, the second degree of a Hindu initiation rite, involved preparation through fasting and the first stage of initiation proceeded as follows: "After an invocation to the sun, an oath was demanded of the aspirant of implicit obedience to superiors, purity of body, and inviolable secrecy." (39) The author notes concerning the Brahman initiation a "striking similarity to the Masonic system." Each Masonic initiation is also accompanied by oaths or covenants which are obligatory and the men are required at each stage of initiation to take an oath of loyalty to the Masonic brothers of that degree. As most Masons do not know Scripture, it is doubtful that any of the men realize the spiritually binding nature of their oaths or understand the inability of the carnal nature to honor oaths or promises.

On the Promise Keepers web site is displayed a covenant which participants in the Sacred Assembly promised to perform. The Promise Keepers Covenant includes, among other commitments, obligations of obedience to spiritual leaders, moral purity, religious unity and loyalty to brothers in Christ. (40) Like the Masons, Promise Keepers are placing themselves under the Law with its attendant curses for disobedience. (Deut. 28:15-68) However, Christian men, unlike Freemasons, should understand the spiritual ramifications of oath-taking, having the warning of Jesus in Scripture:

"Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all, neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (Matt. 5:34-37)

The Promise Keepers have also taken a leadership role in the *Fasting & Prayer 97*, one of many public fasting events promoted by the ecumenical A.D. 2000 Movement. Although Scripture does not discourage fasting and even encourages believers to pray and fast, Jesus advised against public fasting: "...That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret..."

Likewise, the Promise Keepers' Assembly disregarded the command of Jesus regarding public prayer:

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door pray to thy Father which is in secret." Matthew 6:5,6

At Bill McCartney's invitation, all religions were included in this assembly -- a mixed multitude with whom II Cor. 6:14-17 declares believers may have no agreement:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? *and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?* for ye are the temple of the living God... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

Christians should be able to discern whether the Holy Spirit would lead the Christian church in a great revival to kneel in prayer before a pagan idol. Does a Christian worship ceremony before a pagan obelisk honor God (or Satan), especially when conducted by a mixed multitude many of whom DO understand the significance of the obelisk? Nor does ignorance absolve the Christian community of the sin of bowing down before an idol -- "And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the Lord; though he wist it not, yet he is guilty, and shall bear his iniquity." (Lev. 5:17) We have been informed in II Corinthians 11:4 that there is "another Jesus" and there are other gods which might be invoked by those who move outside the parameters of God's Word.

This unhappy prospect leads us to question the invocation by several native American Indians who opened the Sacred Assembly with an Indian chant. Only another American Indian would know the interpretation of this chant and which "god" may have been invoked. An ancient Indian invocation would have addressed the sun god commonly worshipped by primitive American tribes. If Promise Keepers disobey God's commands, "do not pray...standing on the corners of the streets" and "be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers" and "swear not at all," what assurance do the men have that God will hear their prayers, even if they use Jesus' name? Having performed this catalogue of forbidden practices, it is expedient to inquire whether the Promise Keepers are already passing through stages of initiation comparable to the mystery religions. The ancient custom of initiation is, in fact, highly recommended by Robert Hicks as a catalyst to making transitions through the various stages of manhood. Once again deriding Western culture, Hicks celebrates the glories of pagan initiation rites:

"As discussed in so many men's books today, we men have lost all of our formal initiation rites...Men have to prove something. So, let's at least begin thinking about which appropriate initiation rites might fit each of these stages...I'm not sure how we could do it. But I know we need to do it...In some cultures there is far more phallic initiation than in ours..."

"Traditionally, the initiation of the warrior has been the first kill--whether fighter pilot, deer hunter or headhunter...If ever we needed to initiate the wounded in our midst it is now. We need to recognize a man's divorce, or job firing, or major health problem,

or culpability in some legal or sexual indiscretion, as a wound to which we show deference as a part of the male journey... They can be initiation rites to lead men to a higher and richer level of masculine spiritual life." (41)

Hicks model for manhood is Robert Bly, founder of the secular men's movement, who writes in his bestseller, *Iron John*: "The boys in our culture have a continuing need for initiation into male spirit, but old men in general don't offer it... The ancient societies believed that a boy becomes a man only through ritual and effort -- only through the 'active intervention of the older men.' ... The active intervention of the older men means that older men welcome the younger men into the ancient, mythologized, instinctive male world." (42)

Hicks concludes that the Christian Church is not doing its proper work of initiating men as phallic males:

"I believe until the church sees men for what they are, phallic males with all their inherent spiritual tensions, it will not begin to reach men where they are living. Without proper teaching on the phallus, men will carry around in their psyches a spiritual god-hunger so mysterious and powerful that when driven underground, it will seek spiritual fulfillment only in the secrecy motel rooms, adult videos, and in the bragging and joking about sexual exploits in athletic locker rooms..."

It is worth noting that the Boulder Valley Vineyard, the church pastored by James Ryle and attended by Bill McCartney and PK Board President, Randy Phillips, sponsors *Rites of Passage: The Defining Moment of Manhood* in which men progress from one "order" of manhood to another. (43) Ascending "orders" attained through initiations may be integral to secret societies like the Freemasons, but are found nowhere in Scripture.

The Temple Prostitute

The exoteric (stated) purpose of phallic initiation rites is the union of the physical and spiritual. In occult doctrine, however, it is the esoteric (unstated) purpose which is accomplished -- the union of the man with the "god." In Biblical terms, this is demon possession. Follow Robert Hicks as he subtly leads his readers from uncritical acceptance of an exoteric principle to the radical esoteric concept of "sacred" prostitution:

"In modern culture the phallus has been separated from spiritual categories. In some of the religious circles I have traveled in, men and women view the phallus as a spiritual liability. Women sort of tolerate or joke about the phallus functions in men, and in the church it is a rare cleric who gives any clarification to men on how the phallus should be understood and used. The silence says as much as the overt messages. The phallus is not a spiritual subject to be discussed alongside God, the Church and more 'spiritual' doctrines.

"This division of sexuality and spirituality is rather recent in the history of religious experience. In most pagan societies, sexuality is seen as an important aspect of uniting the spiritual with the physical and with the worship of gods and goddesses. In many cities, sacred prostitutes 'served' at the temples in order to be the mediatrix between the gods and humans. One writer notes,

"'The 'heiros gamos,' the sacred prostitute was the votary chosen to embody the goddess. She was the goddess' fertile womb, her passion and her erotic nature. In the *union with the god*, embodied by the reigning monarch, she assured the fertility and well-being of the land and the people. . . she did not make love in order to obtain admiration or devotion from the man who came to her, for often she remained veiled and anonymous; her *raison d'être* was to worship the goddess in lovemaking, thereby bringing the goddess love into the human sphere. In this union -- the union of masculine and feminine, spiritual and physical -- the personal was transcended and the divine entered in. As the embodiment of the goddess in the mystical union of the sacred marriage, the sacred prostitute aroused the male and was the receptacle for his passion... The sacred prostitute was the holy vessel wherein chthonic and spiritual forces united.'" (44)

The reference for this last quotation, which Hicks was careful to conceal in his endnotes, is a New Age book entitled *The Sacred Prostitute*. This source provides much of the material for another book, *The Feminine Journey*, which Hicks co-authored with his wife Cynthia. According to Webster's dictionary, "chthonian" is a Greek word meaning "in or under the earth... Designating, or relating to gods or spirits of the underworld, esp. gods of the Greeks." The *Theosophical Glossary* defines Chthonia as "Chaotic earth in the Hellenic cosmogony." In *The Feminine Journey*, the Hicks present to readers a glamorized description of the initiation of young women as temple prostitutes. This initiation is, in fact, a consummation with a demon, as the following description reveals:

"The first stage of initiation... begins with the preliminaries of prayer, the ritual meal and purification. The second stage is *entrance into the underworld, showing half-human, half beast satyrs* and Silenus, a fat old drunken man. With the loosening of consciousness, the initiate entered the world of instincts and wisdom far from rational safety. The painting depicts fear in the initiate's face, and her position suggests that she wishes to escape; yet she drinks of the Dionysian wine held by Silenus.

"In each successive stage the initiate is less clothed, as if she were divesting herself of old roles in order to receive a new image of herself. In the final stage a winnowing basket containing the ritual phallus is unveiled to her; she is now able to look upon the fertilizing power of the god, a primal regenerative force... The final scene shows the initiate beautifully dressed and adorned. She grooms herself in the mirror of Eros, which reflects her feminine nature of relatedness. She has entered into and experienced, and now embodies, the sacred marriage of Ariadne and Dionysus. She is the woman transformed, ready to move into the outer world in full awareness of her deep inner strength. (45)

Plainly stated, the temple prostitutes of heathen religions were united with demons through rites of initiation. In this pagan ritual, the moral restraint of a young girl, who was compelled to serve as a temple prostitute, was gradually eroded as she entered into union with a god. Lest we suppose our modern Christian churches to be emancipated from such debauchery, let us review the testimony of Teresa Seputis, a Toronto Blessing devotee, which presents a scenario that is remarkably similar to the initiation process of the temple prostitute. Well did Jeremiah prophesy, "For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness." (Jer. 23:11)

"I had just been prayed for at a renewal meeting and was laying on the floor. Suddenly I was in a vision... I was standing up and the Lord was standing before me..."

"Now is the time, Teresa. I want to wash you and cleanse you.

"OK, Lord.

"I don't want you to be uncomfortable while I'm doing this. That is why I have enveloped you in a shield of My love. There is no need for you to be embarrassed. Just keep looking into My eyes and this will be very easy for you."

"I imagine that what happened next happened in the spirit. But from my perspective, it seemed like it was physically happening to me. I kept my eyes glued on Jesus' eyes... not because I was afraid or nervous, but because I was so over-whelmed by His love and His caring for me. Jesus reached over and began to remove my clothes from me. Soon I was standing before Him totally naked..."

"Remember how I told you that I wanted to wash you and make you clean?"

"I nodded.

"Now is the time. Let me wash you.' Then He did wash me.. every part of me. He washed my face, behind my neck, down my arms, over my whole body. When He got to my feet, He tickled the bottom of one of them. That was the last thing I was expecting Him to do. I laughed and pulled my foot away.

"Remember,' His eyes sparkled, 'I told you I was coming to you as your 'playful fiancé.' He laughed and I was lost in that laughter. I felt more alive and cleaner than in a very very long time. Then He washed my other foot, tickling it as well.

"Now that you are washed and clean, it is time to clothe you in a robe of My righteousness.' He held a white garment, sort of wadded up so that I could not really see it well." (46)

In the Masonic Lodges, the levels of initiation are progressive with the purpose of bringing individuals into total enslavement to Lucifer through gradual stages of spiritual bondage. Is there also a well-planned occult strategy to the Toronto Blessing/Pensacola Outpouring, even the prospect that adherents of the revival are being mystically prepared for ritual union with demonic beings? Describing the time of His coming in Matt. 24:37, Jesus said, "For as the days of Noe were..." This period is found in Genesis 6, which mentions in verse 2 such unholy unions preceding the great flood. With this consideration in view, the unthinkable becomes plausible, and we must ask whether participants in this occult revival, as in the Promise Keepers, are already passing through initiations which are preliminary to the great Luciferic Initiation.

Part II - The Luciferic Initiation

A Sacred Assembly

Part II

THE LUCIFERIC INITIATION

Although the Masonic rites of initiation bring men into spiritual bondage to Satan, the grand matron of Theosophy, Mme.

Blavatsky complains that they fall short of the ultimate rites of passage which were practiced in ancient times.

"There exists at present but one kind of initiation known to the public, namely that into the Masonic rites. Masonry, however, has no more secrets to give out or conceal. In the palmy days of old, the Mysteries, according to the greatest Greek and Roman philosophers, were the most sacred of all solemnities as well as the most beneficent, and greatly promoted virtue. The Mysteries represented the passage from mortal life into finite death, and the experiences of the disembodied Spirit and Soul in the world of subjectivity."

In other words, it is not enough that men have been bound by oaths and baptized into the sun-god, Osiris, but they must also undergo a near-death, out-of-body experience. In 1891, Madame Blavatsky was succeeded as head of the Theosophical Society by Annie Besant, whose influence, according to the author of *The Occult Underground* would commence the fulfillment of Blavatsky's dream. James Webb explains:

"Under the direction of Mrs. Besant and (Charles Leadbeater), the character of the Society began slowly to change. At first this change was gradual, and consisted in an amplification of the teachings of Madame Blavatsky... An aspirant after spiritual glory could apply to one of the Masters to be accepted as a pupil. In theory it was then a matter of his own efforts to rise through a series of 'initiations,' each initiation being the gateway to a higher, or more extensive state of consciousness. *As the Masters were visited in the astral body while the physical body of the chela lay asleep*, it in fact depended on a clairvoyant authority to intimate that progress had been made." (47)

The Initiation of Hitler

The writings of Blavatsky, Besant and Leadbeater were translated and published in German, giving inspiration for the formation of other Theosophy-based groups in Germany and Austria. Several of these societies would provide the philosophical framework for

Nazism. One of these was the Thule Society, formed in 1912, whose prominent leaders included Rudolph Hess and Dietrich Eckart. A famous member of the Thule Society, Adolf Hitler, underwent a Luciferic initiation assisted by his spiritual mentor,

Dietrich Eckart. In *Hitler And The New Age*, author Bob Rosio recorded the words of Meister Eckart:

"I shall have influenced history more than any other German. Follow Hitler! I have initiated him into the secret doctrine, opened his centers to vision and given him the means to communicate with the powers." (48)

Rosio explains this as a Luciferic initiation:

"He established communication with Lucifer, from whom he openly coveted possession...entering into the service of Satan through a Luciferic initiation." (49)

Rosio briefly reviewed the tragic holocaust of human lives, not only of Jewry but of Hitler's own Aryan race. Beyond these well-known facts, however, Rosio interpreted for the reader Hitler's true motive according to the "secret doctrine" of Satan.

"Robert Cecil said, 'The Blood of Christ was replaced by the blood of the German war dead.' Their true value to Hitler was as a sacrifice to the blood-thirsty god he served. 'From the Mayas to the Nazis, the shedding of blood to attract the attention of indifferent powers was the magic significance of human sacrifice.' 'He would have sacrificed the happiness of the whole human race if ordered to do so by the mysterious Force whose commands he obeyed.' This mentality caused Hitler to say, '*Our losses never seem to be high enough.*' He had realized that Satan's thirst for sacrificial death was unquenchable. It also explains why Hitler's own bloodlust increased to a frenzy as the end was in sight.

"Hitler's war in Russia illustrated his total confidence in the occult powers which owned him and his willingness to sacrifice human lives. Hitler believed that his covenant with the occult powers enabled him to control the weather. He felt that the Russian winter would melt away before him as his forces invaded Russia. This belief was based on the occult theory of fire and ice. Hitler would be fire. Russia would be ice. He boldly sent his armies into Russia with no winter clothes and against the advice of his general staff. When the German offensive began to falter and young Germans began to die by the thousands, his generals begged him to order a retreat. Instead Hitler said 'Attack! As to the cold, I will see to that.' When the German offensive was halted within sight of Moscow, Hitler saw it only as a test, requiring *more human sacrifice*. He saw Stalingrad, however, as the true test, recognizing Stalingrad as the sacred city of the ancient Aryans. He felt that *no amount of human suffering or death was too high a price to pay* for its conquest, that if he were faithful to Satan at Stalingrad, he would be given final victory..." (50)

We should not fail to relate Hitler's metaphoric view of himself as "fire" to the present Charismatic "Revival of Fire" and also to the pagan worship of the solar god. The *Theosophical Glossary* defines *Fire* thus:

"(Living). A figure of speech to denote deity, the 'One' life. A theurgic term, used later by the Rosicrucians. The symbol of the living fire is the sun, certain of whose rays develop the fire of life in a diseased body, impart the knowledge of the future to the sluggish mind, and stimulate to active function certain psychic and generally dormant faculty in man. The meaning is very occult." Exoterically, the nation of Germany was led to believe that the gods were purifying the human race; esoterically understood, however, they were beginning the process of annihilating mankind.

"...the word 'holocaust,' comes from a third century Greek word 'Holokaustos,' referring to 'the burnt sacrificial offering of the Jews dedicated exclusively to God.' The Holocaust was Hitler's fiery offering of human sacrifice to Satan, just as in the days of the heathen Amorite god, Moloch. The bloodlust of the coming Anti-christ will continue in the tradition set by Hitler making Hitler's incredible hate seem moderate in comparison." (51)

The ritual phallic cults throughout history have also engaged in human sacrifice. The ancient ruins of Stonehenge in England, revered in occult lore, are eerie monuments to the Druidic custom of human sacrifice. The *noble savages*, glorified by Robert Hicks, are clearly identified with this barbaric Druidic custom. In *The Trojan Horse: How The New Age Movement Infiltrates The Church*, Brenda Scott and Samantha Smith present a very different view of the *noble savage* than does Margaret Mead.

"Stuart Piggott, a respected archaeologist and recognized authority on Celtic history, agrees: 'It is hardly realistic to exculpate the Druids from participation, probably active, in both the beliefs and practices involved in human sacrifice... The Druids were the wise men of barbarian Celtic society, and Celtic religion was their religion, with all its crudities. It is sheer romanticism and a capitulation to the myth of the *noble savage* to imagine that they stood by the sacrifices duty bound, but with disapproval on their faces and elevated thoughts in their minds.'" (52)

Scott and Smith also associate the Order of Freemasons and the British Royal Family with the Druid tradition:

"Druid traditions were also preserved with Freemasonry, which is thought to have evolved from the Druids or at least alongside of them. This connection is addressed in Gould's *History of Freemasonry*. (James Bonwick, *Irish Druids and Old Irish Religions*, Salem N.H.: Ayer Co., 1984, p. 71) The three part structure of the masons is identical to the three offices of druidic priesthood: Ovates, Bards, and Druids. Also, 'the secret teachings embodied therein are practically the same as the mysteries concealed under the allegories of Blue Lodge masonry.' (Manly P. Hall, *An Encyclopedic Outline of Masonic, Hermetic, Qabbalist and Rosicrucian Symbolic Philosophy*, Los Angeles: The Philosophical Research Soc., 1977, XXIII).

"Political and religious suppression forced the Druids to go underground. Many thought that the religion had disappeared, but it survived, handed down within families and villages to resurface again in the early eighteenth century. There are three main druidic colleges. . .In fact, druidism has become so accepted socially that Queen Elizabeth II and the Prince of Wales both accepted posts as honorary Druids in the Wales Gorsedd. (Sophie Moore, *The Gnosis Interview*). . .By 1988, there were estimated to be over one million adepts (spiritual masters) and the movement is growing." (53)

Global Initiation

We have seen the ark in the Kabbalist's sanctuary, not as a type of Jesus Christ, but as the womb of the earth. Should an obelisk (image of Hermes Trismegistus) be set up in the Holy Place, in metaphysical wisdom, this would signal the process of initiating mankind into the deep mysteries of Satan and thereby bring God's judgment on planet Earth. Of course, the candidates of this global initiation would be told that a "death experience" precedes resurrection to the state of Nirvāṇa or the Sabbath rest. (cf., Heaven's Gate)

New Age mystics past and present have written books proclaiming that the world is being prepared for a large scale initiation rite or union with "the Christ." Wendy B. Howard of Endtime Ministries recently attended the First Religion and Cultural Diversity Conference in Melbourne, Australia. She reported the attendance of many religious dignitaries of global reputation who have succumbed to the Gnostic influence of Matthew Fox.

"At Parliament House in Melbourne, I spoke with two high level priests of the Anglican church, Archbishop Peter Hollingworth, who is a committee member of the New World Order's Commission for the Future, and the Assist. Bishop of Perth, David Murray - both are avid followers of the New Age ex-Dominican Matthew Fox. Fox who teaches that there was no Fall, no Redemption, and celebrates earth worship, adores 'Mother Nature', embraces occultism and believes in mass murder by the "shrinking" of the population of the earth! Fox who is a friend of the Luciferian David Spangler who advocates that all people on earth should undergo the *Luciferian initiation!*" (54)

And what is the gospel according to David Spangler?

"Lucifer works within each of us to bring us to wholeness, and as we move into a New Age...each of us in some way is brought to that point which I term the Luciferic Initiation, the particular doorway through which the individual must pass if he is to come fully into the presence of his light and wholeness. Lucifer prepares man in all ways for the experience of Christhood... The light that reveals to us the presence of the Christ...comes from Lucifer. He is the light-giver, he is aptly named the *Morning Star* because it is his light that heralds for man the dawn of a great consciousness ...He stands...as the Great Initiator, the one who hands the soul over to the Christ." (55)

In evangelical circles, Lucifer is acquiring a new image. Modern bibles now designate Lucifer "the morning star," replacing his true identity as "son of the morning" in Isaiah 14:12. The NIV and NASB also dispense with "day star" in II Peter 1:19, encouraging readers to wait "...until the day dawn and the *morning star* arise in your hearts."

Jay Gary is a dynamic leader in ministries such as Campus Crusade for Christ, Billy Graham's Lausanne Committee for Worldwide Evangelization, GCOWE, March For Jesus, and YWAM. Addressing an Adopt-A-People Consultation in 1994, Gary recommended books of David Spangler-referring to this Luciferian as "one of the best." (56)

One speaker at the recent Melbourne conference actually identified the Masonic orders as the hidden hand guiding mankind into the church of Lucifer: "One of the long-standing goals of the Masonic New World Order seems finally within grasp: its one-world church, in the making for over 150 years, is about to become institutionalized as the United Religions Organization - the UR."

In *The Reappearance of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom*, Benjamin Crème stated, "Through the Masonic initiation and certain esoteric groups will come the process of initiation. In this coming age millions of people will take the first and second initiation through these transformed and purified institutions." (57)

Bob Rosio emphasized that the Holocaust was a mere dress rehearsal for the Final Solution which will well-nigh succeed under the rule of Antichrist. The opening performance is scheduled to begin after Lucifer has been properly summoned to play the leading role:

"Those who form the core of occultism in the New Age movement also stress that the New Age they are promoting will come about through an *ongoing invocation of Lucifer*. The stress that all those who enter this New Age will enter it through a Luciferic initiation, just as Hitler did." (58)

Presently, as we hear of Christian convocation after convocation calling down "The Fire," we recall Madame Blavatsky's definition of the very occult meaning of "fire" as "...a figure of speech to denote deity, the 'One' life. A theurgic term, used later by the Rosicrucians." Promotional materials for the "Crown Him" Convocation scheduled in November 1997 boasted of celebrity endorsements such as Israeli leader Moshen Demian, who, as a "Father" at the Canadian Whistler Gathering, blew the Shofar trumpet to "consecrate the meeting," the "new moon," "the seasons," "the Sabbath," with the lame excuse:

"...*the cults do it, the unbelievers do it, how much more should the Christians do it.*

Even now, Lucifer is regularly invoked by New Agers and Christians alike, bringing about the revelation of the Antichrist indwelt by Satan. At the proper time, Lucifer and the Spiritual Hierarchy will appear:

"The Masters of Wisdom... will restore upon earth the ancient mysteries and institute again the order of initiation." (59)

Death ~ The Great Adventure

Chapters 7 and 11 of Daniel, Matthew 24 and the book of Revelation describe multitudes who will be slain for refusing the mark, number and name of the Beast. Assorted New Agers have estimated that two to five billion people will be eradicated to purify the human race. However, in Matthew 24:22, Jesus states that after the Abomination of Desolation stands in the Holy Place, "Except those days be shortened, there should *no flesh* be saved." Hear the modern hierophants, who reveal how one billion or so "Elect" will finally enter the New Age:

Alice Bailey, successor to Annie Besant as president of the Theosophical Society, wrote:

"Man understands meaning when he identifies with his soul and not his form: then he will deliberately *choose to die*." (60)

Richard Kirby of the Society For Promoting Christian Knowledge wrote:

"Christians know that a man must die to himself before he can...be born again in spirit. It may well be that *mankind as a whole must be crucified*, even unto death, before coming into its inheritance...Christians can say with Teilhard de Chardin, that death itself is beneficent, the only way to grow beyond forms which have served their limited purpose..., but with the serious and the worried, they look upon the *possible extermination of the human race* secure in the knowledge that it could be but a prelude to the resurrection of the species." (61)

In *Esoteric Christianity*, Annie Besant delineated the "Law of Sacrifice" which underwrites the "hope" that is given to the deluded souls who will literally "choose to die" at the planned extermination of the human race:

"We can trace in the religions of the world four great stages of instruction in the Law of Sacrifice. First, man was taught to sacrifice part of his material possession in order to gain increased material prosperity...Secondly...instead of physical prosperity and worldly good, the fruit to be gained by sacrifice was celestial bliss. The third lesson came when a man, seeing himself as part of a greater life, was willing to sacrifice himself for the good of the whole...The hero-soul thus trained was ready for the fourth

lesson; that sacrifice...is to be offered because the Spirit is not really separate but is part of the divine Life, and...the man pours himself forth as part of the Life Universal, and in the expression of that Life he shares the joy of his Lord..."

Those who receive the strong delusion of their own divinity will be properly initiated so that they may become "Christis" and saviors of mankind. Richard Kirby, of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, wrote *The Mission of Mysticism* in 1979 in order to introduce the Gnostic concept of Christhood to the Church:

"The biggest change which Christianity needs to make is toward the teaching that all men must be like Christ, must **become Christis** in due season, and that the faith must be built on a personal relationship with the risen Christ." (62)

The *Suitable Helpers* newsletter for women participating in Promise Keepers echoes Annie Besant and Richard Kirby:

"Our Lord is calling out a great host of men ready and willing to **become 'Christis'** in their homes: Promise Keepers. In grand bold sweeps, God is mustering an army." (63)

Spiritually aligned with the secret societies, Promise Keepers is even now preparing men through mass initiations to join the army of saviors of mankind, the Guardians of *a new Christianity* in the coming *New Age*.

Like Promise Keepers, Annie Besant cloaks the devouring wolf in sheepskin, by appealing to "the man Jesus" as the model of literal self-sacrifice:

"An over-mastering conviction, an imperious voice, calls on him *to surrender his very life*. If he shrinks back, he must go on in the life of sensation, the life of the intellect, the life of the world..."

"We have seen how the man Jesus, the Hebrew disciple, laid down His body in glad surrender that a higher Life might descend and become embodied in the form. He thus willingly sacrificed, and how by that act He became a Christ of full stature, to be the Guardian of Christianity, and to pour out His life into the great religion founded by the Mighty One with whom the sacrifice had identified Him...None can become fully a Saviour of men nor sympathize perfectly with all human suffering, unless he has faced and conquered pain and fear and death unaided ...Into that darkness every Son of Man goes down, ere he rises triumphant; that bitterest experience is tasted by every Christ, ere he is 'able to save them to the uttermost' who seek the Divine through him.

"Such a one has become truly divine, a Saviour of men, and he takes up the world-work for which all this has been the preparation... Thus he becomes one of the Peace-centres of the world, which transmute the forces of combat that would otherwise crush man. For the Christis of the world are these Peace-centres into which pour all warring forces, to be changed within them and then poured out as forces that work for harmony. Part of the sufferings of the Christ not yet perfect lies in this harmonizing of the discord-making forces in the world...Those who would prepare to rise to such a life in the future must begin even now to tread in the lower life the path of the Shadow of the Cross. Nor should they doubt their power to rise, for to do so is to doubt the God within them." (64)

The mass suicides of Heaven's Gate and Jim Jones cults were but miniatures of the outcome of a global Luciferic initiation. Current testimonies abound of near-death experiences which invariably describe an encounter with a Being of Light who sends reluctant souls back to earth to assure others that there is no judgment after death. New views of death are formed through the corroboration of stories of a benign Judge and afterlife. Alice Bailey even called *Death: The Great Adventure* and comforts future victims of this strong delusion with these words:

"Our ideas about death have been erroneous; we have looked upon it as the great and ultimate terror, whereas in reality it is the great escape... it marks a definite transition from one state of consciousness into another...This, our present cycle, is the end of the age, and the next two hundred years will see the abolition of death, as we now understand that great transition, and the establishing of the fact of the souls existence..." (65)

Rather than the abolition of death, Revelation 21:8 states that those whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life will experience two deaths:

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

The second death is abolished only for those who have acknowledged their lack of righteousness, or spark of divinity, and have trusted fully the merits of the genuine Savior of men. To these alone is offered the hope of union with Christ, as Matthew Henry has expressed so well:

"Our Lord Jesus is our Redeemer, our everlasting Redeemer; he looked with compassion on the deplorable state of fallen mankind...at a vast expense he redeemed the heavenly inheritance for us, which by sin was forfeited into the hands of Divine justice, and which we could never have been able to redeem. He purchased a peculiar people, whom he would espouse to himself though strangers and foreigners. Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor; but he was abundantly recompensed by his Father, who, because he thus humbled himself, hath highly exalted him, and given him a name above every name. To this union Christ invites the perishing sinner. This relation to the poor, despised believer, he avows and glories in."

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MASONIC SYMBOLISM

SOURCE: THE DEADLY DECEPTION

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1. THE ULTIMATE DECEPTION

Masonry is, according to its own philosophers, a system of pure religion expressed in symbols, one which cannot be understood without a knowledge of the true meaning of them. This makes a proper understanding of those symbols terribly important. For the Christian Mason, accepting and guarding those symbols and their "secrets" with his physical life at stake, he must understand them to know that he is doing right.

For the many zealous Masons, trusting their obedience to their obligations to gain them entrance into that "Celestial Lodge Above," those for whom "the Lodge is a good enough religion," the correct understanding of these symbols is the key (they believe) to their eternal destiny. They are trusting in the teachings of the Lodge concerning these symbols with their eternal redemption, or damnation, at stake.

Herein lies the most terrible manifestation of Masonic morality, that philosophy of the elite, which makes whatever they do "right" because it is they (the elite) who do it. Having established and taught the sincere but deceived masses of Masons (the Blue Lodge Masons) that everything depends upon their proper understanding of the symbols of Masonry, they have then deliberately deceived them as to the true meaning of those symbols. Hear the arrogant words of Albert Pike, Supreme Pontiff of Universal Freemasonry, that preeminent Masonic authority:

"The Blue Degrees are but the court or portico (porch) of the Temple. Part of the symbols are displayed there to the initiate, but he is intentionally misled by false interpretations. It is not intended that he shall understand them; but it is intended that he shall imagine that he understands them... their true explication (explanation and understanding) is reserved for the Adepts, the Princes of Masonry (those of the 32nd and 33rd Degrees)." (Morals and Dogma, page 819).

2. THE FOUNDATION OF MASONIC SYMBOLISM: PHALLIC WORSHIP

Since the true meaning of Masonic symbols (and thus, the true meaning of Masonry itself) is to be known only by the Prince Adepts of Masonry, we must hear what they say concerning them. They (Albert Pike, Albert Mackey, J. D. Buck, Daniel Sickles and others) teach that Masonry is a revival of the Ancient Mysteries (the mystery religions of Babylon, Egypt, Persia, Rome and Greece).

These Ancient religions had two meanings, or interpretations. One was the apparent (exoteric) meaning, known to the uninitiated, ignorant masses; the other (esoteric) meaning was the true meaning, entirely different, known only to a small, elite group, initiated into their secrets and secret rituals of worship. These mystery religions were forms of nature-worship, more specifically and most commonly the worship of the Sun as source and giver of life to the Earth. Since Ancient times, this worship of the Sun (and of the Moon, stars and of nature in general) has been sexual in its outworkings and rituals. Since the Sun's rays, penetrating the Earth and bringing about new life, have been central to such worship, the phallus, the male 'generative principle,' has been worshipped and the rituals climaxed with sexual union in the mystery religions of Isis and Osiris, Tammuz, Baal, etc. (1) In summary, then, since the Ancient Mysteries (especially those of Egypt) are in fact the Old Religion of which Freemasonry is a revival, the symbols of Masonry should be expected to be phallic in true meaning. This, in very fact, is the case. A thorough treatment of this unpleasant reality is beyond the scope of this brief summary; however, some examples, with references to the Masonic authorities, will suffice to illustrate this astonishing fact.

a. The Square and Compass

Blue Lodge Masons are taught that the Square is to remind them that they must be "square" in their dealings with all men, i.e., to be honest. The Compass, they are taught, is to teach them to "circumscribe their passions," i.e. to control their desires and to be temperate. The real meaning of these "great lights," however, is sexual. The Square represents the female (passive) generative principle, the earth, and the baser, sensual nature; and the Compass represents the male (active) generative principle, the sun/heavens, and the higher, spiritual nature. The Compass, arranged above the Square, symbolizes the (male) Sun, impregnating the passive (female) Earth with its life-producing rays. The true meanings, then are two-fold: the earthly (human) representations are of the man and his phallus, and the woman with her receptive cteis (vagina). The cosmic meaning is that of the active Sun (deity, the Sun-god) from above, imparting life into the passive Earth, (deity, the earth/fertility goddess) below and producing new life (2)

b. The Letter "G"

The Blue Lodge Mason is taught that the "G" in the Masonic symbol represents God. Later on, he is told that it also represents "deity." Later still, he is told that it represents "geometry." In reality, this letter represents the "generative principle," the Sun-god and, thus, the worshipped phallus, the male "generative principle..." In its position (along with the Square and Compass) on the

east wall over the chair (throne) of the Worshipful Master, it is the representation of the Sun, thus of the Sun-god, Osiris. Its earthly meaning, then, is of the sacred phallus; its cosmic meaning is of the Sun, worshipped since antiquity by pagans while facing the East. (See c, below).

c. The "G" and the "YOD"

The English letter "G" in Masonic symbolism is inseparable from, and identical with, the Hebrew letter "YOD." This "YOD" is the symbol on the Scottish Rite ring. "YOD" represents deity in general (its cosmic meaning), and the worshipped phallus in particular (its earthly meaning). Albert Pike wrote that the "G" displayed in English speaking lodges is merely a corruption of the "YOD" (with which it should be replaced), and that "the mysterious YOD of the Kabala" is the "image of the Kabalistic Phallus." (3) The "Kabalah" he refers to here is a medieval book of the occult, a highly mystical and magical interpretation of the Bible, (4) and important sourcebook for sorcerers and magicians. (5)

d. The Point Within a Circle

The Masons of the Blue Lodge are taught that the Point within a Circle represents the individual Mason (the Point), contained and restricted by the boundary line of his duty (the Circle). Its real meaning, however, is that of the phallus, positioned within the female generative principle (sex organ), the climactic act of Sun-god worship. (6)

Dr. Albert Mackey, already quoted herein, also writes in his classic work "Symbolism of Freemasonry," page 352, "Phallus, a representation of the virile member which was venerated as a religious symbol... It was one of the modifications of sun worship, and was a symbol of the fecundating power of that luminary. The Masonic point within a circle is undoubtedly of phallic origin."

e. The Vertical Lines

The two vertical lines touching the sides of the circle are represented to the Blue Lodge Mason as "the Holy Saints John." By this is meant John the Baptist and John the Apostle. In reality, the two vertical lines represent the Summer and Winter Solstices, the shortest and longest nights of the year, respectively. These nights are, and have been since antiquity, important periods for pagan worship.

Concerning these two lines, Albert Mackey has written ("Symbolism of Freemasonry," page 352), "The lines touching the circle in the symbol of the point within a circle are said to represent St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, but they really refer to the solstitial points, Cancer and Capricorn, in the Zodiac."

f. The Bible

The Bible, only one of the "Three Great Lights" of Masonry (along with the Square and Compass), is represented to Blue Lodge Masons as symbolizing truth. In reality, the Bible may be replaced with the Koran, the Book of the Law, The Hindu scriptures or any other "holy book," depending on the preferences of the men in the Lodge. In most American Lodges, the members are told that all the Masonic system and its rituals are "based on the Bible." Such, however is not the case. In Chase's "Digest of Masonic Law," pages 207-209, it is clearly written that "Masonry has nothing whatever to do with the Bible," and that "it is not founded upon the Bible, for if it were it would not be Masonry, it would be something else."

Albert Pike, in writing on the subject of Masonry's source-book said, "Masonry is a search after light. That search leads us directly back, as you see, to the Kabalah." (Morals and Dogma, page 741). The Kabalah, then, seems to be the actual sourcebook of Masonry and the Bible merely (as it is spoken of in the ritual) a piece of the "furniture" of the Lodge.

NOTE: For more information concerning Masonic symbols and their true meanings, see McQuaig, C.F., "The Masonic Report," Answer Books and Tapes, Norcross, GA, 1976; Storms, E.M., "Should a Christian Be a Mason?," New Puritan Library, Fletcher NC 1980; and Mackey, Albert G., "Symbolism of Freemasonry," Charles T. Powner Co., Chicago 1975.

Footnotes:

1. "Phallus: a representation of the virile member (male sex organ) which was venerated as a religious symbol very universally... by the ancients. It was one of the modifications of Sun-worship, and was a symbol of the fecundating (impregnating) power of that luminary. The Masonic point within a circle is undoubtedly of phallic origin." (Mackey, Albert G., "Symbolism of Freemasonry," p. 352)
2. Pike, Albert, "Morals and Dogma," pp. 11, 839, 850, 851.
3. Pike, Albert, "Morals and Dogma," pp. 5, 757, 758, 771, 772.
4. Cabala (Kabalah) is a medieval and modern system of theosophy, mysticism and thaumatology (magic), "Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary." P. 53.
5. Baskin, Wade, "The Sorcerer's Handbook," New York, Philosophical Library, 1974.

"These two divinities... were commonly symbolized by the generative parts of man and woman... The Phallus and Cteis (vagina), emblems of generation and production, and which, as such, appeared in the Mysteries. The Indian Lingam was the union of both, as were the Boat and Mast, and the Point within the Circle... Pike Albert, "Morals and Dogma," p. 401.

THE MASCULINE JOURNEY

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We apologize for the offensive content of this material, the inclusion of which was sorely debated; however Masculine Journey is still published and sold as a Christian book and therefore requires examination by the Church.

Chapter 3 ~

The Phallic Male - Zakar: The Mysterious Taskmaster

The Phallus as the Organ of Gender Discrimination

The second word used for man or male is the Hebrew word *zakar*, which is usually translated as "male" in opposition to woman. (1) This word is used eighty-two times in the Old Testament, but when the Semitic roots for the word are examined, the primary verbal idea is "to be sharp, or pointed." (2) Now, the connotation is not that of being a "sharp" dresser or such. The meaning has to do with the male protrusion, hence the male penis or phallus. When Arabic (also a Semitic language using the same three consonantal bases for words) is consulted, the word for male (*dakar*) and the word for penis is the same word. (3) In other words, the Scriptures root male identity and sexuality firmly in anatomy, rather than psychology or sociology. Male identity, as determined by modern psychology, says, "You are a male if you feel like one." Sociology might say, "You are a male if you do the kinds of things that the given culture says you should do to be considered male." Obviously, in this rapidly changing culture mixed with the garden variety of pop psychologies, male identity can mean virtually anything.

The Bible simply defines manhood by the phallus, the very way the doctor did when my son was born. I am a male, whether I feel like it or not, or whether I ever do anything considered masculine by the culture in which I am living. This is the fixed point on the male journey that roots my identity as a man in something that will never change. Yes, sex-change operations take place, but they only illustrate the complete rebellion and perversion of the concept. The entirety of the Scriptures reflect the simple twofold division of the entire human and animal kingdom into male (*zakar*) and female (*neqevah*). The female term likewise has anatomical overtones in meaning, namely having the ideas of being "bored through, and pierced." (4) This roots the essential identity of both sexes in the equipment they show up with at birth. Such equipment we know has been developing differently from the time of conception.

On the day my son, Graham, was born, he did not know what it meant to be phallic. This awareness, with all its associated ideas and problems, came later with puberty. But for now let me continue to address how the Scriptures use this word *zakar*.

The Phallus as Determiner of Religious Service

The feminist era has made all gender differentiation into political discrimination. Therefore, when some feminists read the Bible all they see is the sexual discrimination that they believe dominated the biblical writers' instruction. However, the Bible says only what it says, and often what we see in it is what we want to see. It is very easy to view the Bible through the cultural or political glasses that we have already embraced as correct. Therefore, we go to the Bible to justify our own political or theological correctness. And we make our modern agendas lord, rather than going to the Bible and seeking to understand its message in a radically different time and place. There are many things in the Bible that seem unfair, but the reason they seem unfair is because modern standards of fairness differ radically from what we read in the Bible. The real question I need to ask myself as a Bible reader is, "Where did I get my current standards for fairness?" We get them through the agency of our modern cultural perspectives and influences. Therefore, the fact that spiritual service in the Old Testament was regulated by gender seems offensive to modern readers. I can't answer why this is so or what it really means to the church today, but I do know there are differences. So what are the differences?

First, the celebrative animal offerings made during Israel's feasts were made on the basis of gender. Heads of households on Passover were to bring a male lamb (Exodus 12:5). For a guilt offering only a female sheep or goat was allowed (Leviticus 5:6). Peace offerings could be either male or female (3:1,6), while all freewill offerings had to be male (22:19). Why? I have no idea! No reason is given in the text for the differences. But what it does reveal is that each individual was required to worship God in specific ways. I don't believe there was any preference toward maleness or femaleness in this system. However, some feminists have noted that only the male was required to bring a sacrifice (Exodus 23:17, 34:23; Deut 16:16). This is true. It was also true that only males could be priests (Exodus 28:1; Lev. 8:1-3). Furthermore, only males could be killed in mass murder and used as cannon fodder in war, while women and children were often allowed to live (Deut. 20:13-14). (5) Men also got to pay far more money than women for making the same vows (Lev. 27:3,5-6).

These differences seem just as unfair to me as a man when I view them through the lens of my modern "enlightened" society. Why should I as a man have to pay more money than a woman for making the same religious vow? Or why should I have to risk my own life in warfare, when at least women have the option of being servants of the winning army and staying alive? These stipulations do not seem fair. One can view these differences as one would examine the bark of trees while missing what is going on in the forest. Even though I don't know exactly why these differences exist -- since no explanation is given -- it is my generalization that what it says about the phallic male is that there is no conflict between sexuality and spirituality. We are called and addressed by God in terminology that describes who and what we are -- *zakar*, phallic males.

Possessing a penis places unique requirements upon men before God in how they are to worship Him. We are called to worship God as phallic kinds of guys, not as some sort of androgynous, neutered nonmales, or the feminized males so popular in many feminist-enlightened churches. We are told by God to worship Him in accordance with what we are, phallic men.

The Phallus as the Symbol of Dedication and Connection

Years ago we moved our family to the beautiful isle of Hawaii. Like all newcomers we toured the outer islands and took in the ancient Hawaiian culture. On one occasion I remember staring at various ancient artifacts. As my wife noticed the same statue I was looking at, she questioned, "Why is it so large?" Her question was not related to the size of the statue but the size of its protruding phallus. I laughed and answered, "Nothing ever changes." Feminine puzzlement appeared on her face as she quickly moved to the next display. I could tell she really didn't understand what I was getting at. To me there was very little difference between this Hawaiian idol/image and the artifacts that are sold regularly in "adult" bookstores. I'm sure some day archaeologists will dig up the adult toys from our current society and view them as elements of our religious worship. They will be right, because that's precisely what they are and always have been. The phallus has always been the symbol of religious devotion and dedication. Professor George Elder notes,

"Phallus, like all great religious symbols, points to a mysterious divine reality that cannot be apprehended otherwise. In this case, however, the mystery seems to surround the symbol itself. . . . It is not as a flaccid member that this symbol is important to religion, but as an erect organ." (6)

The Hawaiian phallus was, of course, as described!

The first thing we learn about the phallus in the bible is that it is the male organ that is singled out as the unique site for the first wound and bloodletting a man will face -- circumcision (Gen. 17:10, 14). Some have debated whether this first circumcision was nothing more than a bloodletting done by Zipporah, Moses' wife, on her own son, in order to appease God's wrath against Moses (Exodus 4:25). Whatever the origin, the ceremony became a male marker for both the child's dedication to God and his being linked to the community of Israel. It was also a symbolic recognition of God's faithfulness in the provision of male offspring who could, in turn, produce more offspring to continue the covenant. Circumcision, placed upon the organ of regeneration, created both a symbolic and physical wound that was a daily reminder to the boy and man of who he was. Every Israelite, when looking at himself naked, was reminded of how different he was from the Gentiles and for what purpose. In this sense, his sexuality took on spiritual significance. Every time he used his penis, he was making a spiritual statement about who he was and who he worshiped and why. It has always been this way, for every Jew in every culture!

In modern culture the phallus has been separated from spiritual categories. In some of the religious circles I have traveled in, men and women view the phallus as a spiritual liability. Women sort of tolerate or joke about the phallus functions in men, and in the church it is a rare cleric who gives any clarification to men on how the phallus should be understood and used. The silence says as much as the overt messages. The phallus is not a spiritual subject to be discussed alongside God, the Church and more "spiritual" doctrines.

This division of sexuality and spirituality is rather recent in the history of religious experience. In most pagan societies, sexuality is seen as an important aspect of uniting the spiritual with the physical and with the worship of gods and goddesses. In many cities, sacred prostitutes "served" at the temples in order to be the mediatrix between the gods and humans. One writer notes, "The 'heiros gamos,' the sacred prostitute was the votary chosen to embody the goddess. She was the goddess' fertile womb, her passion and her erotic nature. In the union with the god, embodied by the reigning monarch, she assured the fertility and well-being of the land and the people. . . she did not make love in order to obtain admiration or devotion from the man who came to her, for often she remained veiled and anonymous; her *raison d'être* was to worship the goddess in lovemaking, thereby bringing the goddess love into the human sphere. In this union -- the union of masculine and feminine, spiritual and physical -- the personal as transcended and the divine entered in. As the embodiment of the goddess in the mystical union of the sacred marriage, the sacred prostitute aroused the male and was the receptacle for his passion The sacred prostitute was the holy vessel wherein chthonic and spiritual forces united." (7)

Now certainly I am not suggesting that true sexuality and spirituality should be untied in this way. After all, this was what the Apostle Paul was trying to straighten out in the Corinthian church because some of the believers were apparently still having intercourse with sacred prostitutes (I Cor. 6:15-20). In order to correct this perversion, he encourages the cultivation of a sexual relationship in marriage as a prevention from this abundant "sacred sex." Apparently, even the married couples had become abstinent as an overreaction to the Corinthian extremes and had thrown the sexual relationship totally out of marriage. To this problem, Paul tells them to "stop depriving themselves," and to recultivate the sexual area of their marriage lest they be severely tempted by the culture (or Satan). In similar fashion the Church has been reacting and overreacting on the relation of sexuality to spirituality ever since.

Current Christianity cannot openly deal with or talk about the male phallus in its full sexuality or fantasy. Much of the original manuscript for my book *Uneasy Manhood*, on the subject of men's sexuality, was edited out because it was too frank and honest, even about a Christian man's sexuality. On the other hand, modern psychology has become so sexually oriented that if a client is holding back anything of a sexual nature, he is viewed as one who has not fully disclosed, or is not being clinically honest, or must be manifesting psychological denial about his sexuality. At the same time, most secular therapists have not given much attention to the adjacent spiritual issues that surround a full understanding of the phallus. Thus, they deal with sexual addictions and dysfunctions without considering the larger and deeper connections that might relate to issues of worship, spiritual bondage, or demonic activity. Monick observes this oversight by both psychology and the Church. He writes,

"People are uneasy with the correlation of sexuality and religion. Christianity, especially has separated the two in a way that would make them appear to be irreconcilable. Psychiatry continues the disjuncture, emphasizing it with pathological labels. The church elevates religion, devaluing sexuality. Psychiatry does the opposite -- elevating sexuality and devaluing religion. The union of sexuality and religion is like an electrical connection. Wrong joining leads to disaster. No joining produces no energy. Proper joining holds promise." (8)

A scriptural theology of sexuality joins them properly. I believe until the church sees men for what they are, phallic males with all their inherent spiritual tensions, it will not begin to reach men where they are living. Without proper teaching on the phallus, men will carry around in the psyche a spiritual god-hunger so mysterious and powerful that when driven underground, it will seek spiritual fulfillment only in the secrecy of motel rooms, adult videos, and in the bragging and joking about sexual exploits in athletic locker rooms. For many men in our culture, the secrecy has driven them to gay bars, topless nightclubs, and endless affairs. This sexual energy, which is essentially spiritual, takes place under the cover of darkness, perhaps because the Church has not shed enough light on the spiritual nature of our sexuality. Therefore, our sexual compulsions, addictions, and aberrations have become our expressions of worship -- worship of a false god.

Chapter 8 - A New Male Journey

Seeing Jesus as the Voice of God

The second most often-asked question I get at men's retreats is, "Where does Jesus fit into all this?" Well, He fits very nicely as the One who moves us on from one stage to the next. He is the only One who can genuinely empathize with where we are because He also has experienced the same stages on the masculine journey (Heb. 4:15). Jesus, of course, was the second Adam (Rom. 5:14), and as the second Adam was very much human, He experienced the full range of human emotional and physical life, yet did not sin. But the Hebrews passage affirms for us that He was sincerely tempted to sin. I believe He was truly tempted without compromising His deity.

Jesus was very much zakar, phallic. As much as the feminists try to ignore this issue, Jesus was very much masculine, and masculine means being male, and being male means having a penis. There's no way around it. Some in church history could not tolerate the exposure of the Son of God's genitalia. Therefore, you will never find a portrait of the crucifixion of Jesus with penis exposed, even though it was a common Roman custom to crucify criminals naked. Even the gospel writers tell us that Jesus' outward garment was torn into four pieces, leaving the inner tunic, which was then gambled for intact (John 19:23-24). That left nothing. No underpants. Nothing. And I seriously doubt that the soldiers would have wrapped a towel around Him for the sake of the portrait!

I believe Jesus was phallic with all the inherent phallic passions we experience as men. But it was never recorded that Jesus had sexual relations with a woman. He may have thought about it as the movie *Last Temptation of Christ* portrays, but even in this movie He did not give in to the temptation and remained true to his messianic course. If temptation means anything, it means Christ was tempted in every way as we are. That would mean not only heterosexual temptation but also homosexual temptation! I have found this insight to be very helpful for gay men struggling with their sexuality.

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Pp. pp. 47-55; 180-181.

Footnotes

1. William L. Holladay, ed., *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971), p. 89.
2. See Brown, Driver and Briggs, *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*; and G. Johannes Botterwick and Helmer Ringgren, ed., *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*, vol. 4 (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1974), pp. 82-87.
3. Botterwick and Ringgren, p. 83.
4. *Ibid.*
5. Women were killed in the conquest of Canaan, but it seems this was not the intent of what was declared in Deuteronomy.
6. Quoted in Eugene Monick, "Phallos and Religious Experience," in Keith Thompson, ed., *To Be a Man: in Search of the Deep Masculine* (Los Angeles: Jeremy P. Tarcher, 1991), p. 127.
7. Nancy Qualls-Corbett, *The Sacred Prostitute: Eternal Aspect of the Feminine* (Toronto: Inner City Books, 1988), pp. 39-40.



8. Monick, p. 127.

THE LEGEND OF HIRAM ABIFF (The Egyptian Connection)

THE DEADLY DECEPTION

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Appendix D

The heart of Freemasonry is the Blue Lodge with its three degrees. The climactic degree (and the final one for most Masons) in the Blue Lodge is the Third, or Master Mason Degree. The heart of the Master Mason Degree, the thing that gives it both meaning and substance, is without any doubt the reenactment of the Legend of Hiram Abiff. It is this central figure in the legend, this Hiram the "Widow's Son," the "Tyrian Architect," this 'First Grand Master' who is impersonated by every man who is initiated as a Master Mason. It is Hiram who is at the very heart of the foundation of all of Masonry. His true identity and nature become, then, matters of extreme significance. Just who -- and what -- was this man, Hiram Abiff?

1. The Masonic Tradition

According to the Masonic legend, Hiram Abiff was a man of Tyre, the son of a widow, and the chief architect of the Temple built by King Solomon. He was the central character in the building of the Temple and one of three leading characters along with King Solomon and Hiram, King of Tyre. Hiram Abiff, Masonry teaches, was the only one on Earth who knew "the secrets of a Master Mason," including the most important secret of all, the "Grand Masonic Word," the name of God (the "ineffable name"). Since, in occult lore, knowing the name of a spirit is a key to having its power, there was a very great power in knowing this word. Knowing the other "secrets of a Master Mason" would enable the masons/workmen working on the Temple project to go out on their own, working as Master Masons and earning Master Mason's wages."

This Hiram had promised to reveal the "secrets of a Master Mason," including the name of God ("Grand Masonic Word"), upon completion of the Temple, and to make the workmen Master Masons, able then to go out on their own as masters (they were, as yet, only "fellowcraft" Masons). One day Hiram went, as was his custom, into the unfinished Holy of Holies at noon ("High Twelve") to worship and to draw up the work plans (on his "trestleboard") for the workmen to follow the next day. The workmen were outside the Temple for their lunch break ("...the craft were called from labor to refreshment...")

As Hiram was leaving the Temple he was accosted by three "ruffians," in succession, who demanded that they be given the secrets immediately (without waiting for the Temple to be completed). He was handled roughly by the first ruffian (Jubela), but escaped. Accosted and handled roughly by the second ruffian (Jubelo), he again refused to divulge the secrets and again escaped. The third ruffian (Jubelum) then accosted him and, when Hiram again refused to divulge the secrets, killed him with a blow to the forehead with a setting maul. The body was hastily concealed under some rubbish in the Temple until midnight ("low twelve") when it was taken out to the brow of a hill and buried. The grave was marked by a branch of Acacia (an evergreen tree common in the Middle East), and the three ruffians attempted to escape the country. Denied passage on a ship out of the country, they retreated into the hills to hide. Meanwhile, back at the Temple, it was noticed that Hiram was missing and King Solomon was notified. Solomon immediately ordered a search in and about the Temple with no success. At this point 12 "fellowcrafts" reported to the King that they and three others (the three "ruffians") had conspired to extort the secrets of Hiram Abiff but they had repented and refused to go through with the murderous plan. They reported that it was those other three who had murdered Grand Master Hiram and King Solomon then sent them out in groups of three to search in all directions.

After questioning the sea captain who had refused the murderers passage, three of the searchers then followed the murderers' path and discovered the grave with its Acacia at the head. Digging down and recognizing the body, they reported back to Solomon. Solomon sent them back to locate the grave, positively identify the body as Hiram and to attempt to raise it from the grave with the grip of an Entered Apprentice. They relocated the grave but were unable to raise the body because decomposition had caused the flesh to cleave to the bone.

Reporting back to Solomon, they were told to return to the grave and attempt to raise the body with the grip of a Fellowcraft. When this failed because the skin slipped away, they reported back to Solomon who, himself, went to the grave and raised the body up with the grip of a Master Mason, the "Strong Grip of a Lion's Paw." Hiram was not only brought up out of the grave, but restored to life. The first word he spoke was the replacement for the "Grand Masonic Word" lost at his death and that word is the one passed down to Master Masons to this day. (1) This, then, is the Masonic legend of Hiram Abiff, and most Blue Lodge Masons believe that it is a factual, scriptural and historical account. It is generally believed, in spite of the fact that the Masonic authorities and writers of doctrine agree that it is not only a myth, unsupported by facts, but acknowledge that it is but a retelling of Isis and Osiris.

2. The Bible Record

Does the Bible record such a person as Hiram Abiff? Definitely not, although part of his identity is taken from the Bible. The Scriptures record two men named Hiram concerning the building of the Temple by King Solomon; one is Hiram, King of Tyre, who was supportive of Solomon and who provided materials and workmen for the project. The other Hiram, called "a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali," was a worker in brass, not the architect of the entire Temple. He made the brass pillars, the brass lavers, shovels and basins. The Scriptures record that this Hiram, the widow's son, completed all the work that he had come to do on the Temple. Presumably, he then returned to his home in Tyre, safe and sound (there is no indication in the Bible of anything to the contrary). (2) Concerning the Masonic claim that Hiram, the widow's son, was chief architect of the Temple, the Bible is clear in establishing that he was no such thing. The Bible reveals that God, Himself, was the designer and architect of the Temple, that He gave the plans in minute detail to David and that David gave them to Solomon, (3) along with most of the materials. To claim that anyone but God was the Chief Architect of the Temple is unfounded and, I believe, blasphemous.

3. The Egyptian Connection

It is the consensus of opinion among Masonic authorities, philosophers and writers of doctrine that the legend of Hiram Abiff is merely the Masonic version of a much older legend, that of Isis and Osiris, basis of the Egyptian Mysteries. The following is a brief summary of that legend, and a comparison with the Masonic legend of Hiram Abiff. This comparison is supported, beyond doubt, by the conclusions of the Masonic authorities.

a. The legend of Isis and Osiris

Osiris, both King of the Egyptians and their god, went on a long journey to bless neighboring nations with his knowledge of arts and sciences. His jealous brother, Typhon (god of Winter) conspired to murder him, steal his kingdom and did so. Isis, sister and wife of Osiris and his queen (as well as Egypt's Moon-goddess) set out on a search for the body, making inquiries of all she met. After certain adventures, she found the body with an Acacia tree at the head of the coffin. Returning home, she secretly buried the body, intending to give it proper burial as soon as arrangements were made. Typhon, by treachery, stole the body, cut it up into 14 pieces and hid them in as many places. Isis then made a second search and located all the pieces but one; the one missing and lost part was the phallus.

She made a substitute phallus, consecrated it, and it became a sacred substitute, and object of worship.

This, in extremely abbreviated form, is the Egyptian legend of Isis and Osiris. It is without doubt, the basis for the Masonic legend of Hiram Abiff. To support this "Egyptian connection," let's consider two things: a brief comparison of key elements in both stories and the conclusions of the Masonic authorities in Masonic source-writings.

b. A Brief Comparison of the Legends of Hiram Abiff and Osiris

The fundamental similarity between the two stories may be seen in many respects; the following are some of the most important:

- (1) Both men went to foreign lands to share their knowledge of arts and sciences.
- (2) In both legends there is a precious thing possessed: Hiram has the secret word; Osiris has the kingdom.
- (3) In both legends there is a wicked conspiracy by evil men to seize the precious thing.
- (4) In both legends there is a struggle and a murder of the virtuous leader.
- (5) Both are murdered by their brothers (Osiris by Typhon; Hiram by Jubelum, his brother Mason).

- (6) Both bodies are buried hastily, with the intention of a later, deliberate burial.
- (7) Locations of the bodies are both marked by Acacia at the head.
- (8) In both legends, there are two separate searches for the bodies.
- (9) In both legends there is a loss of something precious: in Hiram's death, the secret word is lost; in Osiris' death, the phallus is lost.
- (10) In both there is a substitution for the precious thing that has been lost; concerning Hiram it is the substitute for the secret word; concerning Osiris it is the substitute phallus.

c. Conclusions of the Masonic Authorities

A few statements from the most authoritative Masonic writers will suffice to express the doctrinal consensus:

- (1) "The legend and traditions of Hiram Abiff form the consummation of the connecting link between Freemasonry and the Ancient Mysteries." (Pierson, "Traditions of Freemasonry," p. 159)
- (2) "We readily recognize in Hiram Abiff the Osiris of the Egyptians..." (Pierson, p. 240)
- (3) "Osiris and the Tyrian Architect (Hiram Abiff) are one and the same." (Sickles, Daniel, "Freemason's Guide." p. 236)
- (4) "That part of the rite (Master Mason initiation) which is connected with the legend of the Tyrian Artist (Hiram Abiff)...should be studied as a myth and not as a fact...outside of Masonic tradition there is no proof that an event such as is related in connection with the "Temple Builder" ever transpired and, besides, the ceremony is older by more than a thousand years than the age of Solomon... It is thoroughly Egyptian." (Sickles, Daniel, "The Ahiman Rezon," p. 195)
- (5) It (the Legend of Hiram Abiff) is thoroughly Egyptian, and is closely allied to the Supreme Rite (highest degree) of the Isianic Mysteries (Mystery religion of Isis and Osiris)." (Mackey, Albert, "Lexicon of Freemasonry," p. 195)

CONCLUSION

Thus, it seems clear, the Hiram Abiff of Freemasonry is not an historical character and certainly not a biblical one. Rather, he actually represents Osiris, the Egyptian Sun-god, and the reenactment of the Legend of Hiram Abiff is actually the reenactment of the legend of Isis and Osiris.

Thus, each sincere man who is initiated into the Third (Master Mason) Degree of Masonry impersonates Osiris, the Sun-god of Egypt, and enters into his life of good deeds, his death, his burial and is "raised" in his resurrection from the dead. With this understood, it is then easy to understand the statement in the Kentucky Monitor (handbook for all Blue Lodge Masonry in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky) that, while the Christian's Messiah is called Jesus, the Mason's Messiah is called Hiram (Kentucky Monitor, "the Spirit of Masonry," xv).

(1) It puzzles me that no one has questioned the necessity for a "substitute" for the lost Grand Masonic Word. If it was lost at the death of Hiram because only he knew it, then why, when Hiram was raised back to life, didn't Solomon just ask him what the real, original one was? All Solomon needed to do was say something like, "Hiram...praise the Lord that you are no longer dead! Now what was that word all this fuss has been about?"

(2) I Kings 7:13-47

(3) I Chronicles 17:1-15; 22:11-29:9 (especially 28:19)

The Masonic New World Order
Masonic Foundations of the United States
Great Seal of the United States
Masonic Architecture of Washington, D.C.
British Freemasonry's Plan for America
George Washington Masonic National Memorial
George Washington's Correspondence
Masonic Foundations Of The United States

The Lubavitch Resolution (H.J. Res. 104) appealed to Congressional recognition of the "historical tradition of ethical values and principles which are the basis of civilized society and upon which our great Nation was founded." Christians have been led to believe that American civilization rests on the basic principles of Christian morality, which have their origin in the Scriptures. Notable for propagating this misinformation are D. James Kennedy and Peter Marshall, Jr. (son of the late U.S. Senate Chaplain) who wrote THE LIGHT AND THE GLORY.

Interestingly, both ministers are members of the Council for National Policy, a secret organization which includes among its 400+ members numerous Christian ministry leaders, various members of Scottish Rite Freemasonry of high degree, including Jesse Helms and Jack Kemp, Senator Trent Lott, Rep. Dick Armey, and other globalists involved in media, oil, real estate and financial industries.

The Founding Fathers

It is certain that there were Christians among the founding fathers of the United States, however, historical evidence militates against the view that those who formulated the fundamental documents of American government were, in the main, Christians. To the contrary, not a few who wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation and the Constitution were Deists, Theists and Freemasons. Webster's Dictionary defines "theism" and "deism":

Theism - "belief in the existence of a god or gods; specif: belief in the existence of one God viewed as the creative source of man and the world who transcends yet is immanent in the world."

Deism - "a movement or system of thought advocating natural religions based on human reason rather than revelation, emphasizing morality, and in the 18th century denying the interference of the Creator with the laws of the universe."

One recent historical account of Freemasonry, *THE TEMPLE & THE LODGE*, boast instead of the profound influence of Freemasonry on the founding documents, (while carefully trying to avoid creating the impression of a Masonic conspiracy): "Of the fifty-six signatories of the Declaration of Independence, only nine can definitely be identified as Freemasons, while ten others may possibly have been. Of the general officers in the Continental Army, there were so far as documentation can establish, thirty-three Freemasons out of seventy-four. Granted the known Freemasons were, as a rule, more prominent, more instrumental in shaping the course of events than their unaffiliated colleagues..."

"On 11 June, (the Continental) Congress appointed a committee to draft a declaration of independence. Of the five men on this committee, two - Franklin and...Robert Livingston - were Freemasons, and one, Robert Sherman, is believed, though not confirmed, to have been. The other two, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams - were not, despite subsequent claims to the contrary. The text of the declaration was composed by Jefferson. It was submitted to Congress and accepted on 4 July 1776. The nine signatories who can now be established as proven Freemasons, and the ten who were possibly so, included such influential figures as Washington, Franklin and, of course, the president of the Congress, John Hancock. The army, moreover, remained almost entirely in Freemasonic hands...As we shall see, it is in the Constitution that the influence of Freemasonry is most discernible..."

"At last, on 25 May 1787, the Constitutional Convention opened in Philadelphia and commenced its efforts to devise the machinery of government for the new nation. The first voice to make itself heard in any significantly influential way was a characteristically Freemasonic one, that of Edmund Randolph.. Randolph...a member of a Williamsburg lodge, had become Washington's aide-de-camp. Subsequently he was to become Attorney-General, then governor of Virginia and Grand Master of Virginia's Grand Lodge. During Washington's presidency, he was to serve as the first Attorney-General of the United States, then the first Secretary of State.

"...There were ultimately five dominant and guiding spirits behind the Constitution - Washington, Franklin, Randolph, Jefferson and John Adams. Of these, the first three were active Freemasons, but men who took their Freemasonry extremely seriously - men who subscribed fervently to its ideals, whose entire orientation had been shaped and conditioned by it. And Adam's position, though he himself is not known to have been a Freemason was virtually identical to theirs. When he became president, moreover, he appointed a prominent Freemason, John Marshall, as first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court." (1)

The Biblical Discernment Ministries web site also provides information on the Masonic founding fathers of America.

From [American Masonic History - What Are America's True Roots?](#)

"Some of the greatest names of the American Revolution were Masons: Ethan Alien, Edmund Burke, John Claypoole, William Daws, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, John Paul Jones, Robert Livingston, Paul Revere, Colonel Benjamin Tupper, and George Washington. Of the 56 signers of The Declaration of Independence, eight were known Masons and seven others exhibited strong evidence of Masonic membership. Of the forty signers of the Constitution, nine were known Masons, 13 exhibited evidence of Masonic membership, and six more later became Masons.

"There were many other Masonic influences in early American history: (1) Lafayette, the French liaison to the Colonies, without whose aid the war could not have been won, was a Freemason; (2) the majority of the commanders of the Continental Army were Freemasons and members of "Army Lodges"; (3) most of George Washington's generals were Freemasons; the Boston Tea Party was planned at the Green Dragon Tavern, also known as the "Freemasons' Arms" and "the Headquarters of the Revolution"; (4) George Washington was sworn in as the first President of the United States by Robert Livingston, Grand Master of New York's Masonic lodge, and the Bible on which he took his oath was from his own Masonic lodge; and (5) the Cornerstone of the Capital Building was laid by the Grand Lodge of Maryland." (2)

The following profiles demonstrate the extent to which certain more prominent and influential founding fathers were committed either to Freemasonry, deism or theism:

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

You will note in this profile that Anderson's Constitutions, which was the handbook for English Freemasonry, enunciated the Masonic mandate for the [True Noahide](#) as expressed by Prince of Masonry, Albert Mackey:

"On 8 December 1730, Benjamin Franklin printed in his newspaper, The Pennsylvania Gazette, the first documented notice about Freemasonry in North America. Franklin's article, which consisted of a general account of Freemasonry, was prefaced by the statement that 'there are several Lodges of FREE MASONS erected in this Province'... Franklin himself became a Freemason in February 1731, and Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1734. That same year, he ushered into print the first Freemasonic book to be published in America, and edition of Anderson's Constitutions...the Bible for English Freemasonry. It enunciates what were to become some of the now familiar and basic tenets of the Grand Lodge... (In) The first article... Anderson writes, 'tis now thought more expedient only to oblige (Masons) to that Religion to which all men agree..." (3)

"...(A) revision of the Old Charges...contained this passage: 'A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the Moral Law.' In the edition of 1738, Dr. Anderson has, without authority, completed the sentence by adding the words, 'As a true Noachida. ...the only religious laws which a Freemason is required to obey are those which are contained in the code that has been attributed to Noah. This sentiment is still further expressed toward the close of the 'Old Charges' where it is said that the Mason is obliged only 'to that religion in which all men agree,' excluding therefore atheism and requiring the observance of such simple laws of morality as are enjoined in the precepts of Noah." (4)

THOMAS PAINE

Thomas Paine, a theist, published his pamphlet "Common Sense" in January of 1776, which turned the tide of public opinion in favor of declaring independence. Paine's arguments against all forms of monarchy dissolved any lingering attachment to Great Britain. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence declaring the colonies free and

independent states. Although Paine quoted Scripture to denounce the concept of monarchy, his later work, *Age of Reason*, is a treatise on the implausibility of the Bible and the irrationality of Christianity. Paine believed in one God, but rejected all religions, saying:

"My own mind is my own church." He also maintained an interest in Freemasonry. His pamphlet, *Origin Of Free-Masonry*, proposed that Masonry's embodiment of the sun worship of ancient Druidism was a legitimate alternative to Christianity. He notes that Freemasonry's god, "...Osiris and Isis, theologically represented the Supreme Being and universal Nature..." (5)

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Thomas Jefferson, a Deist, wrote the Declaration of Independence, which opens with a statement of rights deriving, not from the God of Holy Scripture, but Nature's God and the Natural Law.

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

In *The Jefferson Bible: The Life and Morals of Jesus*, Jefferson describes his views of Jesus Christ, the Christian religion, and his own religious beliefs. In a Syllabus which he appended to his Bible, he compared the teachings of Jesus to those of the earlier Greek and Roman philosophers, and to the religion of the Jews of Jesus' time. The following excerpt is from a letter discussing the Syllabus. Of significance is his statement, "... (Jesus) preaches the efficacy of repentance towards forgiveness of sin; I require counterpoise of good works to redeem it..."

"But while this syllabus is meant to place the character of Jesus in its true and high light, as no impostor Himself, but a great Reformer of the Hebrew code of religion, it is not to be understood that I am with Him in all His doctrines. I am a Materialist; he takes the side of Spiritualism; he preaches the efficacy of repentance towards forgiveness of sin; I require counterpoise of good works to redeem it, etc., etc. It is the innocence of His character, the purity and sublimity of His moral precepts, the eloquence of His inculcations, the beauty of the apologues in which He conveys them, that I so much admire; sometimes, indeed, needing indulgence to eastern hyperbolism. My eulogies, too, may be founded on a postulate which all may not be ready to grant. Among the sayings and discourses imputed to Him by His biographers, I find many passages of fine imagination, correct morality, and of the most lovely benevolence; and others, again, of so much ignorance, so much absurdity, so much untruth, charlatanism and imposture, as to pronounce it impossible that such contradictions should have proceeded from the same Being. I separate, therefore, the gold from the dross; restore to Him the former, and leave the latter to the stupidity of some, and roguery of others of His disciples. Of this band of dupes and impostors, Paul was the great Coryphaeus, and first corruptor of the doctrines of Jesus. These palpable interpolations and falsifications of His doctrines, led me to try to sift them apart. I found the work obvious and easy, and that His past composed the most beautiful morsel of morality which has been given to us by man. The syllabus is therefore of His doctrines, not all of mine. I read them as I do those of other ancient and modern moralists, with a mixture of approbation and dissent..." (6)

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Washington: An Abridgement, by Richard Harwell, records the first president's initiation and loyalty to the Masonic Lodge. On September 1, 1752, a new lodge of Masons held its first meeting in Fredericksburg and soon attracted members. Under Daniel Campbell as Master, a class of five was initiated on November 4. George, one of this group, paid his initiation fee of £23s. as an Entered Apprentice. (7)

[Washington's journey to Fredericksburg- 1781]

The journey had shown that the President was as popular in the Southern States as he was in Federalist New England. On the tour he received at least twenty-three addresses. Particularly noticeable were the addresses from Lodges of Free Masons. This probably had no other significance other than it disclosed the strength of the Masons in the South and their pride in Washington as a brother. His answers, in turn, were in good Masonic terms, with no casualness in his references to his membership in the Order. (8)

In 1791, Washington chose Washington, D.C. in 1791 and commissioned Pierre Charles L'Enfant, a French engineer, to create a plan for the physical layout of the city, with the Capitol as the center of the city.

[He] took the road for the relatively brief ride to the Federal City. It was September 18 [1794], the date for laying the cornerstone of the Capitol. The President found the splendor of music and drums, of flying colors, of many Masons in their symbolic regalia, of happy spectators generally. It was a memorable affair for the Masonic Order, magnified by Washington's participation as a member. (9)

Portions of the *Temple and The Lodge* also confirm that Masonic ceremonies were conducted for Washington's inauguration and the laying of the cornerstone of the Capitol building:

"On 4 February 1789, Washington was elected first president of the United States and John Adams his vice-president. The inauguration was on 30 April. The oath was administered by Robert Livingston, Grand Master of New York's Grand Lodge... The marshal of the day was another Freemason, General Jacob Morton. Yet another Freemason, General Morgan Lewis, was Washington's escort... Washington himself at the time was Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22, Virginia... On 14 December, Alexander Hamilton submitted proposals for establishing a National Bank. Jefferson opposed them but Washington signed them through. On the American dollar bill was printed the 'Great Seal' of the United States. It is unmistakably Freemasonic - an all seeing eye in a triangle above a thirteen-stepped, four-sided pyramid, beneath which a scroll proclaims the advent of a 'new secular order,' one of Freemasonry's long-standing dreams.

"On 18 September 1793, the cornerstone of the Capitol was officially laid. Grand Lodge of Maryland presided over the ceremony and Washington was asked to serve as Master... Subsequently, the Capitol and the White House were each to become focal points of an elaborate geometry governing the layout of the nation's capital city. This geometry, originally devised by an architect named Pierre l'Enfant, was subsequently modified by Washington and Jefferson so as to produce specifically octagonal patterns incorporation the particular cross used as a device by Masonic Templars." (10)

Richard Harwell noted the Masonic funeral of George Washington in 1799:

When word came that the Freemasons and the military would attend the funeral in a body, Lear began to arrange for the hospitality that would be expected. (11)

Washington's high esteem for the Masonic Order is expressed on the Masonic National Memorial erected in his honor.

"Carved on the outside of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, are words from an address by General George Washington when he visited King David Lodge in Newport, Rhode Island, as follows:

"Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interest of the Society and to be considered by them as a Brother." (12)

See also: [George Washington's Correspondence](#)

THE MASONIC ARCHITECTURE
OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S. Capitol Building

The [Architect of the Capitol](#) Home Page also documents that "The cornerstone [of the Capitol] was laid by President Washington in the building's southeast corner on September 18, 1793, with Masonic ceremonies." (13) And in a more recent Masonic ceremony in Washington, D.C., 33rd Freemason Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC) and fellow Masons honor the laying of the cornerstone 200 years ago.



Daily News,
(San Fernando Valley CA),
9/19/93 Associated Press

Title: Capitol cornerstone turns 200

Caption: Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C.,
spreads cement on a reproduction of the
U.S. Capitol cornerstone during a
ceremony Saturday marking the
laying of the stone 200 years ago.

The Masonic Layout of Washington, D.C.

The following extended excerpt explains the Freemasonic symbolism in the city of Washington D.C. (The author's dominionist position that we must "reclaim America" for Christ is not endorsed by *Watch Unto Prayer*, for reasons that will become evident as this series continues.)

Freemasonry - Is it Satan's Door to America?

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

"Take any good street map of downtown Washington, D.C. and find the Capitol Building. Facing the Capitol from the Mall and using the Capitol building as the head or top of the Compass, the left leg is represented by Pennsylvania Ave. and the right leg, Maryland Ave. The Square is found in the usual Masonic position with the intersection of Canal St. and Louisiana Ave. The left leg of the Compass stands on the White House and the right leg stands on the Jefferson Memorial. The circle drive and short streets behind the building form the head and ears of what Satanists call the Goat Of Mendes or Goat's head!

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

"The Pentagram or five-pointed star is, of course, both a Masonic symbol and the ancient symbol of witchcraft. With its point facing down (or south, when placed on the ground) it is especially associated with Satanism. Satanists can be found wearing the inverted pentagram frequently; and it appears on the cover of many black magic books, including THE SATANIC BIBLE. In this form, it is also the emblem of the Eastern Star, the women's Masonic organization.

"The center of the pentagram is 16th St. where, thirteen blocks due north of the very center of the White House, the Masonic House of The Temple sits at the top of this occult iceberg.

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

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

"The cornerstones of all these buildings have been laid in Masonic ritual, dedicated to the demonic god of Masonry, JaoBulOn. That is the secret name of the Masonic god, the "Lost Word" learned in the ritual of the Royal Arch degree. "JAO" is the Greek for Jehovah, "BUL" is a rendering of the name, BAAL, and "ON" is the Babylonian name of OSIRIS.

"Freemasonry boasts 16 Presidents, including Ronald Reagan, 41 Federal Judges, 60 Congressmen, 14 members of the Judiciary Committee and 18 Senators. One can only guess at the numbers involved within the many governmental departments. There is no doubt that Masonic conspirators plotted against this nation from its very inception to the present hour...." (14)

The Great Inverted Pentagram of Washington DC

"I'll spare you assorted conjecture on why the designers of this city decided to place Masonic symbolism all across the landscape on a scale that can be seen from space. Just take a look." (15)

Masonic Symbols of Power in Their Seat of Power - Washington, D.C.

Cutting Edge Ministries makes this very important observation which explains the obsessive preoccupation with occult symbolism among practitioners of witchcraft.

"Occultists the world over believe that, once a symbol is created, it acquires power of its own, and more power is generated when such symbol(s) are created without the profane [uninitiated] knowing about it. And, the greatest power of all is created in the symbol(s) if the uninitiated NEVER discover that the symbol exists. In this article, we shall demonstrate positive proofs of conspiracy to achieve the ends of Freemasonry, i.e., achieving the New World Order. And, these proofs exist right under your eyes, in Washington, D.C., the Capital district...

"Remember, occult leaders in Europe were told by their Familiar Spirits as early as the 1740's that the new American continent was to be established as the new "Atlantis", and its destiny was to assume the global leadership of the drive to the New World Order. From the beginning, the United States of America was chosen to lead the world into this kingdom of Antichrist, and Washington, D.C. was to be its capital." (16)

Government Center was Created in 1792 as a Capitol Dedicated to Masonry

"As you can see, our Founding Fathers who were Freemasons, intended from the beginning, that Washington, D.C., Government Center, was to be established as a Freemason Capitol. They intended that Freemasons would determine the political and spiritual direction of the infant United States of America. This direction was to be toward their New World Order. We are now very, very close to this goal today. Thus, our seeds of destruction were sown by our Founding Fathers without anyone else knowing about it! This fulfills the stated objective of Albert Pike in his book, "Morals and Dogma", hiding the truth from the "Profane" while revealing it to the "Elect". The arrogance of this statement is beyond my comprehension!!

"As we revealed in FREE01, the true center of spiritual and political power resides only in the Freemason Temple of Understanding, located 13 blocks north of the White House, and directly in line with the massive obelisk known as the Washington Monument. Occultists believe that the spirit of the Sun God "Ra" indwells the obelisk, and that the "Elect" must bow down before it twice to three times daily. Thus, the Washington Monument, the obelisk, is in direct line with the Congress to its East, and with

the Freemason Temple directly North. The White House is not in direct line with the obelisk, which is very revealing as to the planned center of power.

"Freemasons intended that the center of power would be the Temple of Understanding, not the White House!! Thus, they located the Temple due North of the obelisk! We hope you understand now that the spirit of Freemasonry has been guiding our nation's direction ever since 1776, and that this guidance was solidified in 1792 by incorporating Freemasonry symbols into the very street structure of Government Center. The importance of our discovery of these maps is that we found them on a Freemason Web Site, <http://www.eskimo.com/~daylight/>. The fact that we found these maps on a Freemason site PROVES beyond a shadow of a doubt that the intent of L'Enfante and our Founding Fathers, from the beginning of our country, was to deliberately design Government Center according to Freemasonry principles." (17)

The Washington Monument

Masonic Stones of the Washington Monument

"On the 4th of July, 1848, under a clear sky in the presence of the President of the United States and virtually every notable of the government including former first lady Dolley Madison, the cornerstone was set with masonic ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of Masons of the District of Columbia. One of the principle addresses of the occasion was given by Benjamin B. French, Grand Master, who wore the masonic apron that Washington wore at the laying of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol. In his address French referred to the masonic master's chair used by Washington as Worshipful Master of Washington-Alexandria Lodge, and the gavel used by the first President to set the cornerstone of the Capitol, in the custody of Potomac Lodge #5 of Georgetown, D.C. Both of these were on display for the occasion along with other Washington masonic relics." (18)

The Great Seal of the United States

On the U.S. dollar bill is displayed the Great Seal of the United States, which contains important symbols of Freemasonry: the All-Seeing Eye of Horus, the Pyramid, the Six-Pointed Star, the Phoenix/Eagle the motto, *Novus Ordo Seclorum*. Altogether, the Masonic symbolism on the dollar bill reveals the true national origin and destiny of the United States: The founding of a government in conformity to the Plan of the Great Architect of the Universe and the eventual establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. This utopian plan originated in England, where British Freemasons dedicated themselves to lay the foundation for the New World Order on the American continent.

British-Israel Doctrine of the Lost Tribes

Manley P. Hall wrote in *The Secret Teachings of All Ages*:

"The Great Seal is the signature of this exalted body [a secret body existing in Europe] - unseen and for the most part unknown - and the unfinished pyramid upon its reverse side is a trestle board setting forth the task to the accomplishment of which the United States Government was dedicated from the day of its inception." (19)

American Freemasonry issued from English Freemasonry, where it originated in the late 16th or early 17th centuries. The English transported Freemasonry with them wherever they settled in the British Empire. Underlying the British colonial initiatives was the concept of British-Israelism (Anglo-Israelism). The British-Israel belief presumes that, after the Assyrian Captivity (II Kings 18), the ten northern tribes of Israel migrated to the British Isles. According to this false doctrine, the Anglo-Saxon nations are considered to be the chosen people of God for the fulfillment of God's promise to establish a Kingdom of God or theocracy upon earth.

British Israelism is also termed Christian Identity and numerous ministries which profess to be Christian promote such error, which effectively negates God's promises of restoration to national Israel. The Straight Talk web site, which "shuns traditional Christian practices and doctrine (but) is... founded on the teachings of Paul, along with those of Dr. Gene Scott," even pretends to identify the tribes which migrated to each Anglo-Saxon nation.

With Masonic references to the "Great Architect of the Universe" and the "Laws of Nature," Straight Talk explains the hidden meaning of the Obverse and Reverse sides of the Great Seal of the U.S.

"E. Raymond Capt, in his booklet, 'Our Great Seal says: The Great Seal given to our country, after years of laborious heraldic and symbolic study, reveals our true national origin and destiny. The Obverse face is Israel in the Old Testament; The Reverse face is our race under the New Covenant. Each face is a masterly harmony of all that is potent in symbolism and prophecy. It was originated and adopted by men who recognized the overshadowing presence of the Great Architect of the Universe and submission to His will as revealed in the Scriptures and the Laws of Nature. They planned a government in conformity to His great Plan. They recognized that America's greatest task was to go toward the goal of the Plan -- the eventual establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth."

Apparently, there was much controversy surrounding the engraving of the Reverse side of the Great Seal, which was cut a century and a half after the Obverse.

"Although Congress had appropriated the funds (1884) for the 'obverse and reverse of the seal of the United States,' the Reverse Seal was not cut. Five times the 'acts of Congress' relating to the Reverse Seal were ignored; 1782, 1789, 1833, 1884, and 1902. It took 153 years for the complete process!"

For some reason it became needful to camouflage the symbol of the phoenix which was originally imprinted on the Reverse side of the Great Seal. In 1902, agreement was reached within the Masonic orders and the phoenix emerged as the eagle, a less obvious occult symbol. Hans Biederman's Dictionary of Symbolism explains the occult symbolism of the eagle/phoenix:

"In ancient Syria, the eagle was associated with the sun-god. It was said to be capable of rejuvenation, like the phoenix." The occult meaning of the phoenix forecasts the revival of the mystery religions - out of the pyres of persecution during the Inquisition

to at length usher in the Novus Ordo Seclorum. The Philosophical Society documents the transformation of the phoenix to eagle in the Reverse side of the Seal, although not the reason for the delay.

Phoenix Or Eagle, Which?

"On the left is the bird's head from the first Great Seal of the United States (1782) and on the right the Great Seal of 1902. When the first Great Seal was actually cut, the bird represented upon it was very different from the eagle which now appears: the neck was much longer and the tuft of feathers at the upper back part of the head was quite noticeable; the beak bore little resemblance to that of the eagle; and the entire bird was much thinner and its wings shorter. It requires very little imagination to trace in this first so-called eagle the mythological phoenix of antiquity. What is more, there is every reason why a phoenix bird should be used to represent a new country rising out of an old, while as Benjamin Franklin caustically noted, the eagle was not even a bird of good moral character!"

The 13 Tribes of Israel

In British-Israel/Masonic theory, the number 13 has great significance. For this reason, the designs of many symbols in the Great Seal were composed of 13 units, as described by Manley P. Hall:

The Obverse And Reverse Of The Great Seal

"The significance of the mystical number 13, which frequently appears upon the Great Seal of the United States, is not limited to the number of the original colonies. The sacred emblem of the ancient initiates, here composed of 13 stars, also appears above the head of the 'eagle.' The motto, E Pluribus Unum, contains 13 letters, as does also the inscription, Annuit Coeptis. The 'eagle' clutches in its right talon a branch bearing 13 leaves and 13 berries and in its left a sheaf of 13 arrows. The face of the pyramid, exclusive of the panel containing the date, consists of 72 stones arranged in 13 rows. MPH" (Hunt's *History of the United States*) The Christian/British/Israel web site, Straight Talk, explains that the number 13 refers to Jacob's (Israel's) blessing upon his sons in Genesis 49. The 12 Tribes of Israel became 13 when Joseph's inheritance was divided between his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh: "It must be remembered the Manasseh is the thirteenth tribe. Ephraim moved into Joseph's place and Manasseh was added to the twelve."

"It will be found that the Great Seal of the United States contains ten features of thirteen. And given that some sixteen drafts, over a time period of 159 years through which the seal was constructed, it makes coincidence impossible as an explanation for those 13's. I know that the easy answer to the fact of all these thirteens is that there were thirteen original colonies, but this surface explanation doesn't fit all the evidence. When the facts of the United States and the Great Seal are viewed in the context of the whole Lost Tribes teaching, it obviously fits like it belonged. The 'coincidence' of there being thirteen colonies doesn't add a whit to the total picture unless it is taken to be part of the [Lost Tribes] material. Finally in 1935 the final die was cut for the seal that we see on the one dollar bill today.

"The obverse, or front, side of the Seal as proposed by Thomas Jefferson was to show the Israelites being led by the Pillar of Cloud and of Fire. Benjamin Franklin suggested the event of Pharaoh's drowning in the Red Sea. The Harp of David was included in three early designs, while the number of olives and leaves did not settle to thirteen each until late in the nineteenth century."

13 Courses of the Pyramid

Paul Foster Case, author of *The Great Seal of the United States*, wrote:

"Since the date, 1776, is placed on the bottom course of the pyramid, and since the number 13 has been so important in the symbolism of the seal, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the 13 courses of the pyramid may represent 13 time periods of 13 years each."

The following chronology shows that, from 1776 onward, significant events pertaining to the plan for a New World Order did occur every 13 years culminating in the founding of the United Nations in 1945, exactly 169 years (13 periods of 13 years each) after the year 1776.

1776 - Thomas Paine published *Common Sense*; Declaration of Independence; American Revolution.

1789 - French Revolution; Adoption of U.S. Constitution & Great Seal

1802 - Washington, D.C. incorporated.

1815 - Congress of Vienna ends Napoleonic era; Convention of Commerce & Navigation established trade with England; Battle of New Orleans.

1828 - Belgium's Independence in Netherlands (location of The Hague - future International Court of Justice established by the U.N. Charter).

1843 - Charles Dickens published *A Christmas Carol*; first commercial Christmas card published. See [Cosmic Christmas: Birth of the Sun God](#)

1853-6 - Crimean War - Russia against France, Britain, Turkey, and Sardinia over control of Jerusalem's Holy Places.

1867 - Britain/North American Act united Canada; Alaska sold to U.S.; Society of Rosicrucians formed in England.

1880 - Presidential Seal and Coat of Arms; Egyptian obelisk transferred to New York; Beginning of conquest of Africa by European powers.

1893 - Parliament of World Religions founded.

1906 - Bank panic provided excuse to establish Federal Reserve; National Education Association (NEA) incorporated.

1919 - Treaty of Versailles ended WWI; Paris Peace Conference set up plans for CFR; German Workers Party (Nazi's) founded; Progressive Education Association founded by John Dewey.

1932 - Zionist 18th Congress established in Jewish Agency for Palestine.

1945 - **UNITED NATIONS CHARTER**; Yalta Conference; Atomic bomb dropped; Discovery of Nag Hammadi Library.

In 1954, U.S. Sen. William Jenner spoke of a well-orchestrated, carefully timed conspiracy to undermine the American government. Although the Senator alluded to communism and socialism, these red herrings have for decades served as calculated diversions from a larger conspiracy: the Illuminati and its Secret Brotherhood of New World Order planners. Senator Jenner may or may not have suspected this when he spoke of an "established timetable" with "precisely measured parts":

"We have a well organized political action group in this country, determined to destroy our Constitution and establish a one party state... (It has a) foothold within our Government, and its own propaganda apparatus...One may call this group by many names. Some people call it socialism, some communism, some collectivism. I prefer to call it 'democratic centralism.' ... *The important point to remember is not its ideology but its organization.* It is a dynamic, aggressive, elite corps, forcing its way through every opening, to make a breach for a collectivist one-party state. It operates secretly, silently, continuously to conform our Government without our suspecting the change is under way... This secret revolutionary corps understands well the power to influence the people...by an elegant form of brainwashing... We see this, for example, in the innocent use of words like 'democracy' in place of 'representative government'.... It conducts tactical retreats but only the more surely to advance its own secret goal...I know of the Alger Hisses who planned it that way... Dr. Wirt, of my State, told us in 1934 that the plans were all drawn, *The timetable established...* the revolutionary cabal and its allies... designated the overall strategy. *They broke the whole up into precisely measured parts and carefully timed moves, which appear to be wholly unrelated...* They will use every ally, to prevent the American people from guessing how far the transformation had gone..." (20)

British Freemasonry's Plan for America

History of British Freemasonry

The Knights Templars

(c. 1100-1600)

The precursors of the Freemasons are identified by authors of *Holy Blood, Holy Grail* as the medieval Knights Templars:

"By the eighteenth century various secret and semisecret confraternities were lauding the Templars as both precursors and mystical initiates. Many Freemasons of the period appropriated the Templars as their own antecedents. Certain Masonic 'rites' or 'observances' claimed direct lineal descent from the order as well as authorized custody of its arcane secrets." (21) (17)

In his newly released volume, *The Forgotten Monarchy of Scotland*, Prince Michael Stewart of Albany also identifies the Knights Templars as the precursors of the Freemasons:

"The Stewart kings, the Setons and the Sinclairs were all hereditary Knights Templars, and Scottish Rite Freemasonry was later created as a substructure of the organization." (22)

In 1118, the Order of the Temple was formed after the first Crusade in which Roman Catholic Church had seized the Holy Land. They were supported by Baudouin, the King of Jerusalem, whose brother, Godfroi de Boullion, had captured the city in 1099. The ostensible employment of the Knights Templars was the protection of pilgrims in the Holy Land. However, this religious-military order of warrior-monks and soldier-mystics, under the leadership of Grand Master, Hugues de Payen and patronage of St. Bernard, became a highly disciplined "militia of Christ" which blasphemously claimed to be Guardians of the Holy Grail, the *Sang Raal* or "royal blood" of Jesus Christ.

After the Saracens captured Jerusalem in 1187, the unemployed Templars returned to Europe and settled in the Languedoc in France. In 1312, the Order of the Temple was officially dissolved by Pope Clement V and the Inquisition commenced proceedings against the Knights. The last Grand Master of the Temple, Jacques de Molay, was martyred in 1314. Knights Templars who survived Roman Catholic persecution either went underground on the Continent or sought refuge in the British Isles where the Inquisition was resisted by King Edward I. Biagent and Leigh write:

"Scarcely had the Order of the Temple been destroyed than it arose again, phoenix-like, from the flames of its own pyre, to assume a new mythic guise. Within a quarter of a century of the Temple's dissolution, a spate of neo-Templar orders began to appear -- and would continue to do so for centuries afterwards." (23)

Biagent and Leigh mention the Order of the Garter in England "the world's premier order of chivalry" (1348), the Order of the Star in France (1352), the Order of the Golden Fleece in Burgundy (1430), the Order of St Michael in France (1469). Under the subtitle "The Inquisition," they state:

"In Portugal, the Templars were cleared by an inquiry and simply modified their name, becoming Knights of Christ. They survived under this title well into the sixteenth century, their maritime explorations leaving an indelible mark on history. (Vasco da Gama was a Knight of Christ; Prince Henry the Navigator was a Grand Master of the Order. Ships of the Knights of Christ sailed under the Templars' familiar red patte' cross. And it was under this same cross that Columbus's three caravels crossed the Atlantic to the New World. Columbus himself was married to the daughter of a former Grand Master of the Order, and had access to his father-in-law's charts and diaries)." (24)

Prince Michael Stewart also notes: "The hereditary right of the Stewarts came by virtue of Robert the Bruce having granted the Knights asylum in Scotland." (25) (21)

Biagent and Leigh state that in Scotland there formed an extensive network of families which provided a conduit for the Templar tradition in a military formation. In defiance of British rule, Scotland under Robert the Bruce, had formed an alliance with France in 1326, after which it supplied Charles IV with an elite military, political and diplomatic cadre...

"...the Scots Guard, perhaps the most genuinely neo-Templar institution of all. Through the Scots Guard, moreover, and through the families who staffed the Guard with their sons, a new energy was to be imported to Scotland from the Continent. This energy - expressed originally through a spectrum of 'esoteric' disciplines, as well as through stonemasonry and architecture - would fuse

with the residue of Templar tradition and breathe fresh life into it. And thus, from the pyres of the old religious-military Order, modern Freemasonry was to be born." (26)

In 1612, it seems the future Charles I of England commanded the Scots Guard, which had aligned itself with the Stuart interests. Biagent, et al, state that this royal corps "was thus to pave the way for the refuge which the last Stuarts found in France, and for the kind of Jacobite Freemasonry - specifically Templar-oriented Freemasonry - which coalesced around them..." (27)

The Rosicrucian Enlightenment

(c. 1550-1660)

It is proudly alleged by many New Age authors, such as Laurence Gardiner in *Bloodline of the Holy Grail*, that the Stuart dynasty of England was responsible for the establishment of the Orders of the Rose Croix and Freemasonry in Great Britain.

"In Britain, and during their later exile, the Stuart kings were at the very forefront of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, which was founded on the most ancient of all arcane knowledge and Universal Law. Their Breton heritage was closely allied to the noble families of Boulogne and Jerusalem, and their background was largely Templar-inspired. It should come as no surprise, therefore, that it was under Charles I and Charles II (who posed such a problem to the narrow-minded Puritans and the Anglican Church) that the Invisible College of the Royal Society emerged - a college that within a brief period of Stuart patronage revealed some of the greatest scientific discoveries of all time." (28)

At this point, a brief history of the Stuart dynasty is in order. Under the Tudor King Henry VIII, England formally severed allegiance to the Roman Catholic Church. Queen Elizabeth I, his daughter, established the Church of England around 1570 and, according to Rosicrucian literature, also formally employed the Order of the Garter "as a means of drawing noblemen together in common service to the crown." (29)

King James I

The virgin Queen Elizabeth died in 1603 and, James VI of Scotland (son of Elizabeth's cousin, Mary, Queen of Scots), became King James I of England. Upon his accession to the throne, England and Scotland were united. Also, James received a petition signed by 1,000 Puritan clergymen for a new translation of the Bible. It seems that the King James' Authorised Version of the Bible was the result of conflict between the Episcopalians and the Puritans:

"King James was confronted with two religious parties - the Episcopalians and the Puritans - each seeking to dominate the course of the English reformation. Though raised in Presbyterian Scotland, James preferred the episcopal notion of the 'divine right of kings,' a dogma based on Scripture such as Proverbs 16:10. ('No bishop - no king!') For this reason he despised the Geneva Bible with its republican notes. (e.g., a note at Exodus 1:19 commended the Hebrew midwives for their disobedience to Pharaoh.) But it was this conflict between the two religious parties which Provisionally led to the publication of the King James Version." (30) According to Frances Yates, author of *The Rosicrucian Enlightenment*, King James I (James VI [Stuart] of Scotland), who succeeded the childless Queen in 1603 and also approved the translation and selection of translators of the 1611 Authorised Version of the Bible, participated in the investiture of his future son-in-law, Frederick, with the Order of the Garter.

Frederick and James' daughter Elizabeth II returned to Heidelberg where he became associated with the Protestant League, which it seems was infiltrated by the Rosicrucians in order to more effectively oppose their common enemy, the Hapsburg Dynasty/Roman Catholic Church alliance. In 1619, King James opposed the occupation of Bohemia by the Protestant League which, led by Frederick - his own son-in-law - overthrew Catholic / Hapsburg King Ferdinand. According to Yates, James acted for political reasons, however, there is evidence that the King recognized the Rosicrucian foothold within the Protestant League. While revisionist historians like Gardiner are eager to enlist King James I among the Stuart affiliates and supporters of the Rose Croix, Frances Yates makes clear that King James was no friend of the leading occultists of his day -- Rosicrucian Grand Master Francis Bacon, John Dee, Sir Walter Raleigh and others. Dee's *Monas Hieroglyphica* had influenced the *Rosicrucian Manifestos* written by Johann Valentin Andrea of Wurtemberg, Germany and ultimately generated the Rosicrucian movement in England. Yates, the most respected historian of the Rosicrucian Enlightenment wrote:

"There has never, I think, been suggested that James's doubtful attitude towards Baconian science might be connected with his very deep interest in, and dread of, magic and witchcraft. These subjects had a fascination for him which was tied up with neuroses about some experiences in his early life. In his *Demonology* (1597) James advocated the death penalty for all witches, though he urges care in the examination of cases. The subject was for him a most serious one, a branch of theology. Obviously James was not the right person to examine the - always rather difficult - problem of when Renaissance Magia and Cabala were valuable movements, leading to science, and when they verged on sorcery, the problem of defining the differences between good magic and bad magic. James was not interested in science and would react with fear from any sort of magic.

"It is not surprising that when old John Dee appealed to James for help in clearing his reputation from charges of conjuring devils, James would have nothing to do with him. Dee's fruitless appeal to James was made in June 1604. The old man to whose learning the Elizabethan age was so infinitely indebted was disgraced in the reign of James and died in great poverty in 1608. Bacon must have taken good note of James's attitude to Dee, and he must also have noted that survivors from the Elizabethan age of mathematics and magic, of navigational boldness and anti-Spanish exploits, were not sure of encouragement under James as they had been under Elizabeth." (31)

William T. Still, author of *New World Order: Ancient Plan of Secret Societies*, sheds new light on the famous historical character reputed for chivalry:

"British exploration in America began in 1585 when Sir Walter Raleigh, an adventuring British nobleman, mounted an expedition to colonize Roanoke Island, off the coast of North Carolina. The twenty-four year-old Raleigh was already a member of a secret

society which would later become known as the Baconian circle. This circle, of course, believed that America was to be the glittering 'New Atlantis' promised for centuries by secret societies." (32)

The authors of Sir Walter Raleigh's Speech from the Scaffold state:

"Hugh de Selincourt, one of Raleigh's many biographers, has called him 'the most romantic figure of the most romantic age in the annals of English history.' It is hard to dispute that characterization. David Quinn, another biographer of Raleigh, calls him 'a representative figure, an originating rather than dominating one ... in the history of the beginning of British overseas enterprise.' An originator of such an empire places Raleigh as a foundation stone in what he hoped would become 'an English nation' in America."

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* records Raleigh's treason and demise under King James. He was beheaded in 1618:

"Accused of treason by... James I, he was imprisoned in the tower of London and eventually put to death... In 1603, he and others were accused of plotting to dethrone the king... In 1616, he was released but not pardoned." (33)

King James' Daemonologie

In 1597, King James I authored a book titled *Daemonologie* to denounce in no uncertain terms and to instruct his subjects concerning the rampant witchcraft of that era, whose practitioners he then prosecuted. On the *Watch Unto Prayer* web site is now posted the first treatise of Daemonologie.

This is a most important book, which vindicates the character of King James I, whom many New Age books now claim was an occultist not unlike B.F. Westcott and F.J.A. Hort. *Daemonologie* by King James I may be obtained from Border's and other bookstores for \$6. (ISBN 0-9630657-9-3) It was reprinted in 1996 by Godolphin House of the School of Wicca. The Wiccans explain their reason for its recent publication:

"This book was used by many as an excuse to torture, maim and kill many thousands of women. James became convinced at the Danish court that Witchcraft was real and that the central source of the Witch's power was the demonic pact. James focused attention on Witchcraft, because his underlying fear was that magical means might be used to end his life as the divinely ordained king of Scotland.

"After his return from the Continent in 1590, he became intensely interested in sorcery and Witchcraft trials and particularly the trial of his political enemy, Bothwell (1590-1591). Witches were vigorously hunted and persecuted - to such an extent that some villages had no females left in them. The period ends with the publication of this *Daemonologie* in 1597. Because of the impact of the *Daemonologie* on the ruling classes, more trials were now held with the Kings' approval, and very many more convictions were obtained.

"This book should therefore be in every true Witch's library at the very least as a monument to those who died." (34)

His Majesty King James VI & I Page addresses many of the accusations circulated by the past and present enemies of King James I of Great Britain.

The Establishment of English Freemasonry

Frederick's acceptance of the crown of Bohemia and James I refusal to support, and active opposition to, his son-in-law's enterprise precipitated the Thirty Years War. The Catholic armies decimated most of Germany, whereupon the Rosicrucians were dispersed and ultimately fled to England. Biagent and Leigh wrote:

"Thousands of refugees - among them the philosophers, scientists and 'esotericists' who embodied the 'Rosicrucian Enlightenment' - fled to Flanders and the Netherlands, and thence to the safety of England. To facilitate the escape of these fugitives Johann Valentin Andrea and his colleagues in Germany created the so-called 'Christian Unions.' The Unions, which constituted a species of lodge system, were intended to preserve intact the Rosicrucian doctrine by organising its proponents into cells and smuggling them to safe havens abroad. Thus, from the 1620s on, German refugees began to arrive in England, bringing with them both 'Rosicrucian' ideas and the organisational structure of the Christian Unions.

"By James I's time, as we have seen, a lodge system had already been established within the guilds of 'operative' stonemasonry and had begun to proliferate across Scotland. By the end of the Thirty Years War, a system had filtered down to England. In its general structure, it seems to have coincided most felicitously with that of Andrea's Christian Unions; and it proved more than ready to accommodate the influx of 'Rosicrucian' thought. German refugees thus found a spiritual home in English masonry; and their input of 'Rosicrucian ideas' was the final ingredient necessary for the emergence of modern 'speculative' Freemasonry.

"In the years that followed, developments proceeded on two fronts. The lodge system consolidated itself and proliferated further, so that Freemasonry became an established and recognised institution. At the same time, certain of the individuals most active in it formed themselves into an English version of the "Invisible College" of the 'Rosicrucians' - a conclave of scientists, philosophers and 'esotericists' in the vanguard of progressive ideas. During the English Civil War and Cromwell's [Puritan] Protectorate, the 'Invisible College' - now including such luminaries as Robert Boyle and John Locke - remained invisible. In 1660, however, with the restoration of the monarchy, the 'Invisible College' became, under Stuart patronage, the Royal Society were not just to overlap, but virtually to be indistinguishable from one another." (35)

It is true that the Stuart dynasty, after James I, became deeply involved in Rosicrucianism. After the Puritan Protectorate of Cromwell, Charles I, James' son, patronized the Rosicrucians' Royal Society. "The Society was established under Charles I in 1645, and incorporated under Royal Charter by Charles II in 1662 after the Restoration [of the Stuart monarchy]." (36)

Harper's Encyclopedia of Mystical & Paranormal Experience corroborates the establishment of the Freemasons under the restored Stuart dynasty:

"Most Masonic historians consider Elias Ashmole (1617-1692), astrologer, solicitor, officer of the court of Charles II, and antiquarian, to be the first important nonoperative Freemason in England. For years Ashmole had dabbled in alchemy, Rosicrucian philosophy, and the Kabbalah ..." (37)

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

A guided tour of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial will quickly dispel any illusions one may have concerning the true faith of the Father of Our Country. The following report will provide on:

George Washington, who is widely acclaimed to be a Christian by Evangelical leaders such as David Barton, Peter Marshall and D. James Kennedy

The present day Knights Templar showing the infiltration of Masonry into the Christian churches

The leading role of Freemasonry in the American Revolution

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, which is just off the Capitol Beltway, adjacent to Old Town Alexandria, VA and six miles from Washington, D.C, sits atop Shooter's Hill, a lofty peak about 3 miles west of the western shore of the Potomac River. Because of its vantage point, Shooter's Hill was the site of a Revolutionary War fort, although the only remains of the fort are some irregularities in the soil line that can be viewed from the monument's observation deck.

The Masons purchased the 36 acre site and laid the cornerstone in 1923. Assisting in the ceremonies were President Calvin Coolidge, Chief Justice William H. Taft and the Grand Masters of all the Grand Jurisdictions in the nation. The edifice, which has a broad rectangular base and soaring steeple, was completed and officially dedicated in 1932. President Herbert Hoover assisted in the dedication ceremonies.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

The entrance to the Memorial displays two large plaques with George Washington's words of approbation and devotion to the Masonic Order, a portion of which states:

"Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interest of the Society and to be considered by them as a Brother."

The Memorial Hall contains a 17 ft. high bronze statue of Washington wearing his Masonic apron as the Charter Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 - to which office he had been elected in 1788 and held at the time of his election to the Presidency of the United States in January, 1789. The statue was presented to the Memorial by the Order of DeMolay for Boys in 1950 and unveiled by President. Harry S. Truman, Past Grand Master of Missouri.

Note: The Order of DeMolay is named after the martyred 14th century Order of the Temple Grand Master, Jacques DeMolay. The DeMolay Order for Boys is also highly recommended by Rev. Billy Graham whose status as a 33° Mason is documented at the Endtime Deception web site.

A book sold at the Masonic Memorial, *The Age of Washington*, describes President Washington's participation in laying the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol with full Masonic rites:

"On September 18, 1793, President Washington officiated at the laying of the cornerstone for the United States Capitol building. It was a major event in the creation and development of the federal city, a project very dear to the heart of George Washington. It was also what the Masonic Fraternity refers to as one of the most memorable days in the life of George Washington, in the life of Freemasonry, and in the life of the United States.

"Washington, dressed in Masonic regalia, lead a procession of officers and brethren of the Masonic Fraternity from Maryland and Virginia to the site in the District of Columbia. Upon arrival, the music stopped playing, the drums stopped beating, the flags were anchored, and the artillery fired a volley. A large silver plate was handed to President Washington. Using a small trowel with silver blade and ivory handle, Washington deposited the plate and laid it on the corner-stone. A prayer followed. Then there were heard Masonic chanting honors and then a 15-volley from the artillery. According to a newspaper's eyewitness account, when the proceedings ended 'The whole company retired to an extensive booth, where an ox of 500 pounds weight was barbecued . . . Before dark the whole company departed with joyful hopes of the production of their labor.'

"The apron and sash worn by George Washington together with the trowel he used are today preserved in the Alexandria-Washington Masonic Lodge. George Washington, a member of the Masons since 1752, the Master Mason, the Past Master, the President of the United States had personally participated in the laying of the U.S. Capitol's cornerstone. He did so 'as a Freemason and President,' wrote Allen E. Roberts in *G. Washington: Master Mason.*" (38)

In conjunction with emphasis on the Masonic influence on the founding of the U.S. Government, the religious tolerance aspect Freemasonry was advanced to promote the fraternal order. George Washington, in the ecumenical spirit of the Masons, sent a message in 1798 "'To the Clergy of Different Denominations Residing in and Near the City of Philadelphia.' In that message he wrote: 'Believing as I do that Religion and Morality are the essential pillars of civil society, I view with unspeakable pleasure, that harmony and brotherly love which characterizes the Clergy of different denominations, as well in this, as in other parts of the United States.' He added that he hoped 'your labours for the good of Mankind will be crowned with success...'" (39)

Masonic Memorial Exhibits

The Memorial's various exhibitions on the Shriners, Royal Arch Masonry, the Knights Templar Chapel, a replica of King Solomon's Throne Room (based on legend of Hiram Abiff) and the Tall Cedars Room (a reconstruction of Solomon's Temple) attempt to present Masonry as a faith that is based on Scripture. The propaganda provided for public consumption, however, is far from an accurate portrayal of true Freemasonry, which is based on Kabbalism assimilated by the Knights Templar who occupied

the Holy Land during the Crusades. The Masonic emphasis on Old Testament types and figures is, in fact, derived from the Kabbalah, whose symbolism is designed to lead men into the ancient mysteries.

The Royal Arch Room features Egyptian and Hebraic paintings, a reproduction of the Ark of the Covenant and a large mural of the ruins of King Solomon's Temple. A new addition to the Memorial, the Tall Cedars Room, is a reconstruction of Solomon's Temple with statues of King Solomon, the High Priest, Prince Azariah, the Master Overseer, the Grand Master of Workers and others. These figures and are supposedly found in I Kings 4 and 5, which chapters describe the building of Solomon's Temple.

The Cedars of Lebanon were the materials used in the Temple by Hiram of Tyre, whom Masons teach is Hiram Abiff, the "First Grand Master" who is impersonated by every man initiated as a Master Mason. According to Masonic legend, Hiram Abiff was the only one on Earth who knew the secrets of a Master Mason, including the Grand Masonic Word, the name of God (the 'Ineffable Name' of God identified in Kabbalah as YHVH).

A detailed brochure for the Tall Cedars Room states:

"The floor of the Tall Cedars Room...has as its center the Star of David [an occult symbol] ...Soon to be added will be replicas of other artifacts from King Solomon's Temple including the Altar for Incense Burning, the Seven Branched Menorah, the Altar of Burnt Offerings, and the Table of Shew-Bread."

The *Watch Unto Prayer* report, A Sacred Assembly of Men, explains the Kabbalistic interpretations of Solomon's Temple, the furniture of the Holy of Holies, and the Masonic legend of Hiram Abiff.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

The Order of Knights Templar is described as the only Order of Masonry strictly for Christians. The Knights Templar Chapel exhibits an original suit of armor worn by a Knight Templar of the 12th century and a sword, a Bible and stained glass representations of Knights and Christian themes.

To give an idea of the international scope and organization of Knights Templar membership - that is, *Masons Who are Affiliated with Christianity* - a brochure on the Knights Templar reads:

Knights Templar

An ancient order serving mankind in the 20th century

Pride in our past - Faith in our future

Integrity, Obedience, Courage

"The Knights Templar is a Christian-oriented fraternal organization that was founded in the 11 century. Originally, the Knights Templar were laymen who protected and defended Christians travelling to Jerusalem. These men took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and were renowned for their fierceness and courage in battle.

"Today, the Knights Templar display their courage and goodwill in other ways. They organize fund-raising activities such as breakfasts, dinners, dances, and flea markets. They support Masonic-related youth groups and they raise millions of dollars for medical research and educational assistance.

"Currently, Templar membership consists of people from all walks of life, including doctors, lawyers, clergy, businessmen and entertainment personalities, all of whom profess a belief in the Christian Religion."

Masonic Connection

"All Knights Templar are members of the world's oldest fraternal organization known as 'The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons' or more commonly known as 'masons.' However, not all masons are Templars. Templary is but a part of the Masonic structure known as the 'York Rite of Freemasonry.'"

Three Levels of the Knights Templar

"The Knights Templar operate on a local, state and national level. But their religious activities extend across national borders as well. Nationally, there is the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. This unit defines the rituals and laws governing state and local level organizations. The state level is called A Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. This organization represents members of a state or an area of equivalent size. Finally, the local level unit is called a Commandery of Knights Templar. There are almost 1,600 Commanderies in communities across the United States, Germany, Italy and Mexico, with over 260,000 members.

"To petition a Commandery of Knights Templar for membership, you must first be a member of a Masonic Lodge and other prerequisite bodies, and must profess a belief in the Christian Religion. Commanderies organize many social activities, including Ladies Auxiliaries, Drill Competitions, Public Divine Services, Family Picnics, Organized Trips, Dinner Parties and Entertainments, Christmas Observances, Easter Sunrise Services, and Memorial Services."

The Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

"In addition to many religious observances throughout the year, The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar sponsors an annual 'Holy Land Pilgrimage.' The purpose of the pilgrimage is to send a Christian minister to The Holy Land. Masonic membership is not required and the Minister can be male or female."

Support for Young men and Young Ladies

"The Knights Templar also provide financial support, advisors and scholarships to Masonic-related Youth Organizations such as Order of Rainbow, Job's Daughters, and Order of DeMolay."

Patriotic Knights

"The Knights Templar are a uniformed Masonic unit that participates in parades or other public events. They take great pride in their patriotism and respect for the American Flag, which they are often called upon to carry as Parade Color Guard."

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Also available in the Memorial is a book titled *Freemasonry in American History*. The opening chapters make clear that, early on, the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland were planting Provincial lodges and appointing Grand Masters in the colonies to further their scheme of fashioning a new form of government. According to author Allen E. Roberts, the Freemasons considered the Protestantism of Great Britain to be oppressive and looked to the New World as an opportunity to establish a government based on the Natural Law, which maintains that human reason, not supernatural revelation, must be man's guide. In actuality, British and Scottish Freemasons were frustrated after many failed attempts to restore the Masonically-supportive Stuart dynasty to the throne of England, and as loyal Jacobites sought to establish a Masonically-controlled government in the New World. There is evidence that both the American and French Revolutions were planned and perpetrated by Freemasons to overthrow government by monarchies which were unsympathetic to Freemasonry. In 1673 and 1678, the English Parliament had passed the Test Acts, which prevented anyone but Anglicans from holding public office. The Protestant Hanoverian dynasty became firmly entrenched in Great Britain following the deposition in 1688 of King James II who had converted to Catholicism. According chapters 14 and 15 of *Freemasonry in American History*, the leaders of the American Revolution were, in the main, Freemasons: Paul Revere was Junior Warden of the 15th St. Andrew's Lodge; Peyton Randolph, a Freemason from Virginia, was President of the First Continental Congress; famous delegates to the Second Continental Congress included Masons John Hancock and Benjamin Franklin; George Washington was elected by the Second Continental Congress to be Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Forces; under Washington was an army led largely by Masonic commanders, including Brigadier Gen. Richard Montgomery, Col. Benedict Arnold, John Sullivan, Col. John Glover, Nathanael Greene; foreign officers who arrived in 1777 to aid the cause of the Continental army were Freemasons Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, Peter Stephen Du Ponceau, Thaddeus Kosciusko and the Marquis de Lafayette.

The Constitutional Committee consisted of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin (past Grand Master of Pennsylvania), John Adams, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston (who would become Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York). *The Fourth Reich of the Rich*, by Des Griffin, states about Thomas Jefferson:

"The Columbian Lodge of the Order of the Illuminati was established in New York City in 1785: Members included Gov. DeWitt Clinton and later Clinton Roosevelt, Charles Dana and Horace Greeley. The following year a Lodge was established in Virginia with which was identified Thomas Jefferson." (40)

Freemasonry in American History confirms that, as 3rd U.S. President from 1805-9, Thomas Jefferson's Vice President was George Clinton, Worshipful Master of Warren Lodge No. 17 in New York City in 1800, and also the uncle of DeWitt Clinton who would serve as Grand Master of Masons in New York from 1806 to 1819. (41)

The New Jersey Masons provide a more detailed listing of Masons who were leaders of the American Revolution and Presidents of the United States.

Apparently, many colonists initially opposed the Declaration of Independence and Revolutionary War, but were gradually persuaded to join the Masonic cause. A volume cited by Allen, *George Washington, Master Mason* states:

"George Washington expected to 'fall' during the war. And well he might have such expectations. Some historians claim a third of the colonists were Tories; it would appear this was an underestimation. At any rate, it was evident that not even half were wholeheartedly in favor of a revolution. There was certainly no unity." (42)

American history ought to be reevaluated by Christians in the light of Scripture and the evidence of Masonic control which has been long suppressed. Scripture which enjoins obedience to the governing authorities would seem also to preclude organizing a rebellion against said authorities, which are ordained of God (Rom. 13:1; I Pet. 2:13,14,17; Tit. 3:1).

Evangelical leaders, such as David Barton and CNP members, Peter Marshall and D. James Kennedy, who describe the leaders of the American Revolution as Christians, are in effect promoting the idea that God approves of revolution. Patrick Poole, who is affiliated with the Free Congress Foundation's Coalition for Constitutional Liberties, further advises Christians as to the evil nature of government:

"Our country was founded upon the presupposition that government is a dangerous servant and a fearful master." (43)

However, the teaching of Scripture is: "For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." (Rom. 13:1b)

The Lord Jesus Christ exhorts believers to examine the fruit that is brought forth by religious leaders. Are they leading people into the Kingdom of God through the preaching the Gospel or fomenting rebellion to establish an earthly kingdom? Relentless condemnation and inflammatory statements by evangelical leaders are rapidly bringing the Christian community to a crisis point of open rebellion against the American government which, in spite of evil men who may lead, is ordained of God. The popular theme of reclaiming America's Christian heritage may well be the patriotic ploy that draws Christians into the final stages of Ordo ab Chao, the revolution that is required to establish a Masonic New World Order.

George Washington's Correspondence

The Masonic New World Order

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