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## Freemasonry

For nearly 300 years the Masonic Order has been a highly influential global organization. Most people have been led to believe that Freemasonry is good because of its philanthropy and popularity, even among celebrities many of whom have historically been among its ranks. Many people have been drawn into it because of this, as well as for its antiquity and mystique. However, this teaching will remove the 'mystique' from Freemasonry, which at one time was one of its greatest assets.

While there is nothing particularly wrong with celebrity, philanthropy, popularity, and even antiquity in and of themselves, they are no excuse for heresy. Masons and their leaders argue that Freemasonry is not a religion but merely a fraternal body that seeks to "make good men better," and therefore should be viewed as a complement to any religion, including the Christian faith. In the name of tolerance, they claim that Freemasonry unites men & women who would otherwise remain separated because of the differences in their social, political, and religious views.

As Christians, we are to communicate the truth in love. Unfortunately, most of our former Masonic brethren find it difficult to understand how we still love them after leaving the lodge to take part in a ministry opposed to its teachings. We love them, nonetheless. The truth of the matter is, Freemasonry espouses universalism, embraces religious pluralism and has effectively created a unique ***syncretistic religion*** (merging together of different religions, cultures, or schools of thought). As such, its teachings are incompatible with biblical Christianity. It is therefore inconsistent for any Christian to be involved in the Masonic Order. The love in the matter is the fact that it is Jesus Christ who unites men & women who would otherwise remain separated, not only from each other socially, politically, or religiously – but more importantly – from God eternally.

Contrary to popular Masonic opinion, even prominent Masonic authors, most of whom are Masons themselves, admit the fact that Freemasonry is a religion. More importantly, Grand Lodges, which are the highest authority of the Masonic Order, govern all subordinate lodges within their respective jurisdictions, and they issue authoritative documents which describe and give instructions for the religious practices of every Masonic lodge in the world.

What's more, there are many quotes from a person that once practiced the art of Freemasonry, that testify of their firsthand experience, and confirm that it is undeniably a religion. The Key Issues listed here will demonstrate how the religious teachings of the Masonic lodge violate, assault, and undermine biblical Christianity. We are primary witnesses in the Christian case against Freemasonry and are compelled by the love of Christ to be used by Him to help rescue those who have been fooled into its insidious grip. We are here to expose the deception of its teachings and to proclaim the truth about the true light of the world – Jesus Christ our Lord ([John 8:12](#))

Before exploring the key issues in the Christian case against the Masonic Order, it is important to have a basic understand of what Freemasonry is. Many who join the Masonic Lodge become intrigued by its eloquent ritual, its stunning regalia, impressive pageantry, and its universality, including its secret modes of recognition. All of this, of course, will naturally attract interested petitioning candidates, impress the initiates, and "puff-up" its members. Yet rather than instill the virtue of humility, as taught in the Bible, these aspects of the fraternity often build pride and unfortunately encourage an attitude of arrogance, and/or superiority. But, oh how this contrasts with Scripture: [James 4:6](#) - *"But he giveth more grace."* That is why the rest of that Scripture says: *"God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble."*

While a good number of people have, at least, heard about Freemasonry and may even view it as a fraternal or civic organization, most people in the world have no clue as to what it really is. It is our hope that this article and website will help people have a better understanding of this invisible cult within our midst.

## **What is Freemasonry?**

Freemasonry is the world's largest, oldest and most prominent fraternity. Yet, as you will soon see, it is a ***cult*** nonetheless. It started in London in 1717. No one knows for certain how or why it started. It is believed to have originated with the craft guilds of medieval Europe and in recent times, it has expanded to admit those who did not actually belong to an operative trade. Not much is known about the very early, formative years, but not long after its inception, the three foundational degrees were formed.

## **The Structure of Blue Lodge Masonry**

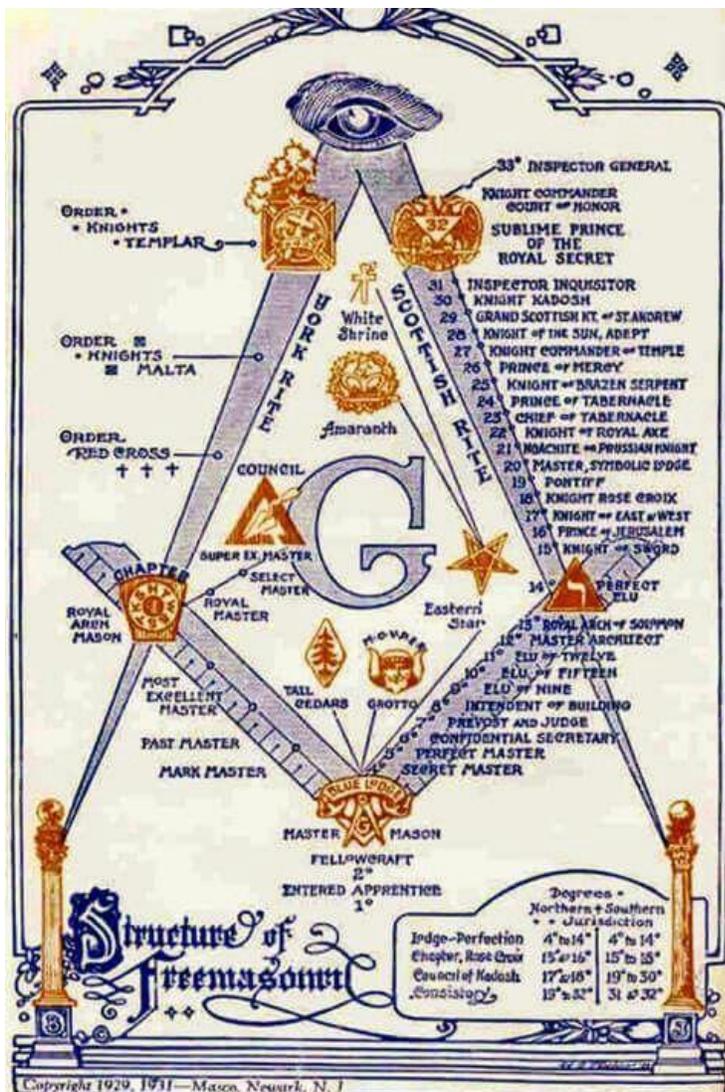
The Blue Lodge consists of 3 degrees, labeled after the trade of Operative Masonry:

1. Entered Apprentice (the first degree)
2. Fellow Craft (the second degree), and

- Master Mason (the third, considered the most sublime degree in all of Masonry)

Although there are higher degrees within the Order, these 3 degrees represent the foundation of the fraternity and, as such, are the prerequisites to the higher degrees of the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, as shown in the following chart:

### The Emblematic Structure of Freemasonry



It was noted earlier that the third degree is the most important degree in Freemasonry. Why is it so important? Let's see what one of Masonry's authoritative bodies has to say about it:

"It was the single object of all the ancient rites and mysteries practiced in the very bosom of pagan darkness, to teach the immortality of the soul. This is still the great design of the third degree of Masonry. This is the scope and aim of its ritual. The Master Mason represents man, when youth, manhood, old age, and life itself have passed away as fleeting shadows, yet raised from the grave of iniquity, and quickened into another and better existence. By its legend and all its ritual, it is implied that we have been redeemed from the death of sin and the sepulchre of pollution." *Source; Ahiman Rezon, page 141, Grand Lodge of South Carolina*

On the contrary, the Bible teaches that we are redeemed from the penalty of sin (which is death) by the precious blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. What incredible heresy for Freemasonry to say that by its legend and all its ritual, it is implied that we (Masons) have been redeemed from the death of sin.

Today, many Masons will generally claim that Freemasonry is, "A Way of Life." A basic definition from a Masonic perspective is that it is, "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." However, the questions we explore throughout this website are; is it really about morality, and what is the deeper meaning of its allegory and symbols?

### **Veiled in Allegory**

The dictionary defines allegory as: "A story or narrative, as a fable, in which a moral truth or principle is presented by means of fictional characters, events, etc." Funk and Wagnalls Standard Desk Dictionary

The operative words here are "moral truth," as well as "fictional characters" and "fictional events." Contrary to this definition, Freemasonry takes real biblical characters, such as King Solomon and Hiram of Tyre, to tell a fictitious story based on a true historical event – the building of the Temple to Yahweh (the God of the Bible). In other words, the absurdity of the Legend in Freemasonry is that it tells a biblical lie in order to teach a moral truth. Yet, "truth" is supposed to be a chief tenet of the Masonic Order. How immoral can an organization be than to distort the Word of God? Not only does it distort the truth of God's inspired Word, Freemasonry doesn't even acknowledge He who claimed to be Truth – Jesus Christ our Lord ([John 14:6](#)).

Supposedly, another one of Freemasonry's key principles is brotherly love. Yet, it is the most segregated – in fact – the only segregated fraternity in the world! While there are Black, White, Asian and Hispanic fraternities and sororities, does anyone know of a sorority or fraternity that is segregated within itself other than Freemasonry? In fact, if you stop to think about it, segregated-fraternity is an oxymoron.

### **ILLUSTRATED BY SYMBOLS**

In Freemasonry all tools employed by the operative stone mason carry moral or spiritual significance. Operative Masonry has to do with Architecture, such as building construction, the literal stone masons, brick layers, and the like, as it is practiced today. Speculative Masonry, for which our ministry is dedicated, takes the working tools of the operative mason, such as the 24-inch gauge, the common gavel, the plumbline, the square, compass, and trowel, and assigns each with spiritual or moral meaning in order to propagate its religious teachings among its members. Even the "apron" of the operative mason, used to protect his groin and guard his garments from stain and soil, is used by speculative masons as a "badge" and symbol of good works, which Masons are taught is essential for salvation.

Let us briefly review some of the symbols in Freemasonry that represent the most heretical teachings of the Masonic Order:

#### **The Masonic Symbol of God**

The first sign of heresy is a non-biblical worldview of the nature of God. The Holy Bible teaches that there is only one God, and that God is triune; that is, made up of three distinctly separate-yet eternally united-personalities, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. On the other hand, Freemasons are taught to believe that, not only is there one God, but each Mason can interpret the Supreme Being any way he chooses, even if his interpretation is not biblical. Freemasonry symbolizes this syncretistic God with the letter "G" and the name, Great Architect of the Universe (G.A.O.T.U.). A prominent Past Worshipful Master from the state of Oregon put it this way:

"We, as Masons, believe that there is only one Supreme Being. You may refer to that Supreme Being as you please. You may ask the blessings of Jehovah, Allah, God, Mohammad, or any other Supreme Being that you believe in. We make no distinctions in what you believe that Supreme Being's name is. This is your preference and the preference of all Masons everywhere." (William Larson, 33 Kenton Lodge #145, Oregon USA)

Therefore, since Freemasonry teaches a non-biblical view of God, it is guilty of heresy. Unfortunately, due to biblical illiteracy, most Christian Masons are spiritually blinded to this reality. By ignorantly accepting the Masonic worldview of the nature of God, they unknowingly violate the First Commandment, which is to love God with all their hearts and to not place any other god before Him, instead of Him, beside Him or in addition to Him ([Exodus 20:2-4](#)).

By praying among members to other gods who call into presence their gods during prayer in the lodge, while at the same time Christian Masons call into presence Yahweh (the God of the Bible); Christian Masons are consenting to worship Yahweh in concert with those who are worshipping false gods in His presence. This is clearly a violation of the First Commandment, whether the Christian Mason knows it or not, or whether he refuses to believe it or not. Ignorance of the law of God is no excuse. Therefore, the same applies to non-Christian Masons as well.

### **The Symbol of the "Hoodwink" or Blindfold**

The Hoodwink symbolizes that the candidate is in darkness in need of light. What kind of darkness? Moral and spiritual darkness, which is where all profanes (those without the light of Freemasonry) come from. What "light" is the light of Masonry? Well, for starters, the Three Great Lights of Masonry.

### **The Symbolism of the Three Great Lights of Masonry**

The Three Great Lights of Masonry are the Volume of Sacred Law (VSL), the Square and Compass. According to Masons, the VSL emits spiritual & moral light, while the Square & Compass both emit moral light. If the "3 Great Lights" emit spiritual and moral light, then conversely, what does the darkness in which the initiate came from represent? Again, the answer Masonically speaking, spiritual and moral ignorance of the secret mysteries of life. What is a Christian doing going into a Masonic Lodge accepting that he is in darkness when Jesus calls Christians the light of the world? ([Matthew 5:14-16](#))

Additionally, the VSL is a "rule or guide to faith and practice," it is that volume of sacred law in which the Mason believes to be the inspired Word of God. So, for example, for the Muslim Mason it is the Koran, for the Hindu Mason the Upanishads, and for the Christian Mason it is the Holy Bible. Again, using the words of William Larson, 33 Kenton Lodge #145, Oregon USA:

"On the Altar you will notice that the Bible here displayed is of the King James Version. This is the Holy Writings that this lodge prefers to use. However, these holy writings could just as easily be the Veda, the Koran, the Jewish book of faith, or any other sacred book you prefer. We, as Masons, make no distinction of one bible to another."

This Masonic worldview is heretical, in that it suggests that all holy writings are equally valid, equally true, come from God (G.A.O.T.U.) and are therefore "on the same level" as His inspired revelation to all mankind. Again, this is not biblical accord to [Joshua 1:8](#), [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#), [2 Peter 1:20-21](#), [Matthew 5:18](#) and [John 16:12-13](#), and is therefore heresy from a Christian perspective.

What about the Square & Compass? Masons are taught to use the Square "to square their actions" and the Compass "to circumscribe their desires and keep their passions in due bounds with all mankind." So effectively they are saying in order to behave appropriately and limit sinful desires, Masons must somehow apply these working tools in their day-to-day lives. Although they are never really shown how to do this, Masons are expected to study and apply Masonic principles and through their own effort "improve themselves in Masonry."

Is this biblical? Can we, in and of ourselves, improve from our human frailties and fallen, sinful nature? Not according to Jesus in [John 15](#) and [Romans 8](#). Jesus said that apart from Him, we can't do anything, and unless we surrender our lives completely to His Spirit, moment-by-moment on a daily basis, and allow Him to live His life in and through us ([Galatians 2:20](#)) we will eventually fail and hopelessly fulfill the desires of our sinful flesh (sinful nature).

### **The Symbolism of the Common Gavel**

"The Common Gavel is an instrument used by operative masons to break off the corners of rough stone, the better to fit them for the builder's use, but we as Free and Accepted Masons use it for a more noble and glorious purpose of divesting our minds and consciences of all vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting us as living stones for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." *North Dakota Monitor, page 81*

First of all, this is another classic example of Masonic Scripture Twisting. Notice how the following verses were mutilated then blended together and taken completely out of context:

[1 Peter 2:5](#) - *"ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."*

**2 Corinthians 5:1** *“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of god, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”*

There is no mention of Jesus in the Masonic ritual, nor do they teach that those who are in Christ are the tabernacle/temple of God. Besides, the Bible teaches that we are to "divest our minds and consciences from vice" (borrowing the Masonic terminology) by the renewing of our minds, by the Spirit of God through the Word of God (**Romans 12:1**). This is accomplished by diligent, daily Bible study (**2 Timothy 2:15**) and applying to our lives the principles found in Scripture, not the principles of Freemasonry.

Finally, notice the adverb "thereby" in the description of the Common Gavel, which signals the means to salvation. In other words, if a Mason applies Freemasonry's Common Gavel to his life, he can expect to go to heaven. Yet, the Bible clearly teaches, that the only way to heaven is by faith in Jesus Christ alone (**John 14:6**), and in His substitutionary, sacrificial atoning death on our behalf. This leads us to another symbol of Masonic eschatology.

### **The Symbolism of the White Leather Apron**

"My Brother, I now present you this lambskin or white leather apron. It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason – the distinguished badge of a Mason." Nevada Ritual, page 25

"The Lamb has in all ages been deemed an emblem of innocence. By the lambskin, therefore, the Mason is reminded of that purity of life and rectitude of conduct so essential to gaining admission to the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides." Louisiana Monitor, page 49

The Bible teaches that faith without works, deeds or conduct of behavior demonstrating that one's faith is actually alive, vibrant and true, then such faith is dead (**James 2:14-26**). In other words, the Bible instructs us that good works are the by-product of genuine faith in Jesus Christ (**Ephesians 2:8-13**). Freemasonry, on the other hand, teaches that **good works – without the need of faith in Jesus** – will get a Mason into heaven. If not, where is the biblical prerequisite for salvation, of faith in Jesus Christ alone found in Masonic ritual? Don't bother looking, because you will not find it. It doesn't exist in Masonic ritual! Yet clearly the Masonic lecture of the Common Gavel and of the White Leather Apron both tell the Freemason that by applying the principles of Freemasonry and performing "good works" he can expect to gain admission to the Celestial Lodge above.

## The Symbolism of the Plumb

"The Plumb is an instrument used by operative masons to try perpendiculars, the Square to square their work, and the Level to prove horizontals; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to use them for more noble and glorious purposes. The Plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the Square of Virtue, ever remembering we are traveling upon the Level of Time to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns."

If the VSL used in the second degree (Fellow Craft) is the Holy Bible, then it is generally opened on the Masonic altar to **Amos 7:7-8** and usually read:

*"Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:"*

The Masonic explanation of the symbolism of the Plumb to the Fellow Craft Mason:

"Here the Plumb as a Jewel, the Plumb as a working tool of the Fellow Craft, and the Heavenly Plumb in the hand of Jehovah, as told in 'Amos VII', are so inextricably mingled that, while there are many references to them in different parts of the degree, they must symbolically be considered together. The Fellow Craft learns to judge his work by his own plumb line, not by another's; if he erects that which is good work, true work, square work by his own working tools - in other words, by his own standards - he does well." Source: The Electric Lodge No. 495 of Hamilton, District C, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

So, we see that a Mason is taught to go about establishing his own righteousness, that his life's work is to be based on his own standards, and as long as he is satisfied with how he is living his life and what he has accomplished, he does well. This is reiterated in Grand Lodge Masonic Education material:

"Masonry teaches the practice of all good morals, leaving the interpretation of right and wrong to the individual conscience." (Lodge System of Masonic Education, Book 1, page 7)

Is this appropriate from a biblical perspective? Absolutely not! **Romans 10:3** - "*For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*"

Jesus Christ is revealed as the Plumb-line in **Amos 7:7-8**. A plumb line is an instrument used to measure an absolutely perfectly straight vertical line. Jesus Christ is not only 100% God; He is the epitome of human perfection. Therefore, Christ alone is qualified to walk in the midst of His people, measuring and exposing good and bad, true and false (**Revelation 2 and 3**).

For this reason, we as Christians are to examine ourselves and live according to Christ's standard, being **transformed** (**Romans 12:2**) and **conformed** to His likeness (**Romans 8:28-29**), being **made perfect** (**Matthew 5:48**) **by Him as we submit to His Will** (**Job 22:21**) and allow Him to **live His life in and through us** (**Galatians 2:20**) **to produce His fruit (good works), not ours** (**Galatians 5:22-23**). For our fruit (righteousness), as well as the fruit of the Mason and of all mankind is nothing more than filthy rags (**Isaiah 64:6**) when compared to the perfect righteousness of God found through Christ Jesus our Lord (**2 Corinthians 5:21**).

### **The Symbolism of the Trowel**

Finally, the last Masonic symbol we will examine here is the Trowel:

"The Trowel is an instrument used by Operative Masons to spread the cement which unites the building into one common mass; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to use it for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

This too is a non-biblical worldview. The Bible teaches us that it is God the Holy Spirit who unites (**1 Corinthians 12:13**) mankind into the family of God (**John 1:12-13**), a sacred and royal priesthood (**1 Peter 2:9**) and seals us together until the day of redemption (**Ephesians 1:13** and **Ephesians 4:30**) through faith in God the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

So, you can see, the teachings of Freemasonry are very problematic from a Christian perspective. Consequently, Masons who profess to be Christian need to face the truth of the matter and resign from the lodge and renounce its heresy.