

The Connection between Freemasonry and the Mystery Religions

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There is certainly no shortage of testimonies by Masonic authorities as to the relationship of Freemasonry and the **Mystery Religions**. According to Joseph Fort Newton, Masonry is the "spiritual descendant" of the Mysteries. **Joseph Fort Newton** was a 33° Mason who served as Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. In his book, *The Builders*, he states : "*Masonry stands in this tradition; and if we may not say that it is historically related to the great ancient orders, it is their spiritual descendant, and renders much the same ministry to our age which the Mysteries rendered to the olden world.*"

In his book, *The Meaning of Masonry*, **W.L. Wilmshurst**, the Past Provincial Grand Registrar (West Yorks) makes the following statement : "*It remains with the Craft itself whether it shall enter upon its own heritage as a lineal successor of the ancient Mysteries and Wisdom--teaching, or whether, by failing so to do, it will undergo the inevitable fate of everything that is but a form from which its native spirit has departed.*"

The book, *Freemasonry Its Hidden Meaning*, by **George H. Steinmetz**, published by Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company, calls the "*teaching of the Mysteries, the true parent of Freemasonry*" and states that *Freemasonry is a descendent or reincarnation of the Mysteries. It is entirely out of harmony with the profound teaching of the Mysteries, the true parent of Freemasonry. If Freemasonry is the actual descendant or, if one prefers, the reincarnation of the Mysteries, back of its "veil of allegory," then must be concealed a deeper truth than expounded in the various lectures of the degrees.*"

It is from this book, *The Spirit of Masonry*, by **Foster Bailey**, that we will take a quote concerning Masonry and the Mystery Religions. Bailey plainly says ...
*"Masonry is carrying on the work of the ancient **Mystery Schools**."*

*"Study of spiritual realities found in Masonry reveals that we have perpetuated and increasingly activated the essential principals of the ancient **Mystery Schools** which have existed from the very earliest times."*

The Masonic authority, **Albert Pike**, also testifies to the relation of Freemasonry to the Mystery Religions. *"The **Mysterics**, like the symbols of Masonry, were but an image of the eloquent analogies of Nature; ... Masonry, successor of the **Mysterics**, still follows the ancient manner of teaching. Her ceremonies are like the ancient mystic shows,--not the reading of an essay, but the opening of a problem, requiring research & constituting philosophy the arch-expounder."*

Freemason **Albert Churchwood** writes in his book about the connection between Freemasonry and the religion of Babylon : *"But the secrets these operative Masons had were received from the Chaldean Magicians."*

The next documentation, a Masonic oath, the OATH OF NIMROD, is also from Churchwood's book. Oath of Nimrod -- Apprentice Degree (1st).

I,.....do , in the presence of El Shaddai and of this Worshipful Assembly of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers, promise and declare that I will not at any time hereafter, by any act or circumstance whatsoever, directly or indirectly, write, print, cut, mark, publish, discover, reveal, or make known, any part or parts of the Trade secrets, privileges, or counsels of the Worshipful Fraternity or Fellowship of Free Masonry, which I may have known at any time, or at any time hereafter shall be made known unto me.

The penalty for breaking this great oath shall be the loss of my life.

That I shall be branded with the mark of the Traitor and slain according to ancient custom by being throttled, that my body shall be buried in the rough sands of the sea a cable's length from the shore where the tide regularly ebbs and flows twice in the twenty-four hours, so that my soul shall have no rest by night or by day - Then ... (Candidate Signs the O.B.)

Given under my hand and sealed with my lips, this day of 1913.

So help me El Shaddai and the holy contents of this book.

The Masonic Lodge in **Indiana** makes no effort to hide its connection with the Mystery Religions. It openly boasts of its connection with the Ancient Mysteries. The Master Mason, a book authorized by the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Indiana and compiled by the Committee on Masonic Education, plainly shows the connection between Hiram Abiff and the Mystery Religions.

*"The idea that lies behind the Hiramic legend is as old as religious thinking among men. The same elements existed in the story of **Osiris**, which was celebrated by the Egyptians in their ancient temples; the old Persians told it concerning **Mithras**, their hero god. In Syria, the Dionysian Mysteries had the very same elements in the story of Dionysius: for the Romans, Bacchus was the god who died and lived again. There is also the story of **Tammuz**, older than any of these. These are collectively referred to as the ancient **Mysteries**. They were celebrated by secret societies, much like ours, with allegorical ceremonies, during which the initiates were advanced from one degree to another in these old societies. Read these old stories for yourself and marvel how men in all ages have taught the same great truths in the same effective way."*

The book, The Master Mason, quoted above challenges the Freemason to read the stories of these Old Mystery Religions to see how they teach the same "great truths" as Freemasonry. The truth is: the Mystery Religions were the enemies of the church in New Testament times; they were pagan and Satanic, loaded with rituals that included sexual perversion and even human sacrifice.

In the previous quote, the Indiana lodge proudly states that Hiram Abiff had a direct relationship to **Tammuz**, which was clearly denounced as an abomination by the Old Testament prophets.

Ezekiel 8:13-14 KJV

Vs 13. He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

Vs 14. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for **Tammuz**.

We have seen how the passage in Ezekiel condemned this type of rite as an abomination to the Lord. We have read how the Indiana lodge knows the connection of Hiram Abiff and Tammuz; however, we have met many Freemasons, claiming to be Christians, who proudly defend their membership in the Masonic Lodge. The idea of such statements is staggering!

Other Masonic authors also brag about the connection between Freemasonry and the Ancient Mysteries, the Ancient Wisdom, and the Occult, etc.

Henry C. Clausen, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander says in his book, *Your Amazing Mystic Powers* : *"A new day is dawning for Freemasonry. From the insufficiencies of modern theology, the hopelessness of materialism, and the sterility of academic philosophy, men are turning to those eternal truths perpetuated in the arcana of the **Ancient Mysteries**."*

Mason **S. R. Parchment** states in his book, *Ancient Operative Masonry*: *"The hierophants of the universal science and sublime philosophy taught in the Great **Mysteries** of Egypt, India, Persia, Chaldea and other nations of antiquity, revealed certain secrets pertaining to the finer forces of nature to such candidates as were worthy and well qualified. These faithful ones were also instructed in the doctrine of universal Brotherhood, and finally initiated into the "I am that I am" consciousness. These ideals are the landmarks, traditions and glyphics' of Ancient Operative Freemasonry--nothing more."*

Mason **R. Swinburne Clymer**, M. D., says in the introduction of his book, *The Mysticism of Masonry* : *"There are indeed many reasons why the present volume should be generously circulated among all classes of students of the Occult and **Mystic**, especially the members of the Masonic bodies."*

*"The vast majority of Masons smile with derision when the term "Occult Science" is used in connection with the **Mysteries** but, despite this, if it had not been for the Occult Fraternities, Masonry could not have existed."*

"It is the duty of every sincere Mason who is interested in the spirit of the teachings of his Order, carefully to study the philosophy of the masters who have reconstructed the Ancient Wisdom to suit his needs, and having done so, to guide his actions in all the affairs of life so as to be prepared for his entrance into the Great Lodge hall where he must give an account of all his deeds and in return receive his {Mark}."

And also from the book : *"All Masonry of the past dealt largely with the ethics and symbolism of the **Ancient Mysteries**. If the Masons of the present age will but seek for the spirit of the symbolism upon which the degrees are based, the grandest achievements in the knowledge and reconstruction will be possible and the mysteries concealed in the Greater **Mysteries** of Antiquity will be recovered to them."*

Another Masonic author **J. D. Buck** 32° makes these statements in his introduction of his book, Symbolism or Mystic Masonry : "*Freemasonry is modeled on the plan of the **Ancient Mysteries** with their glyphs and allegories & this is no mere coincidence; the parallels are too closely drawn.*"

In his book, A Bridge to Light, published by the Supreme Council of U.S.A., 32° Freemason **Rex R. Hutchens** explains about the 23rd degree in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry : "*Here we begin the symbolic initiations into the **Mysteries** practiced by the ancients from whom Masonry has obtained her great truths.*"

We believe the documentation above should be sufficient to establish in the minds of honest-hearted people an undeniable link between the Masonic Lodge and the Mystery Religions. Not because we say so, but because we have read the testimony from their own Masonic authorities. It is clear that there are men who are using the modern Masonic Lodge to carry on the work of the ancient Mystery Religions. This is a cup of abomination from which Christians cannot drink.

Revelation 18:2-5 KJV

Vs 2. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Vs 3. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Vs 4. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Vs 5. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT WITHIN FREEMASONRY THE THINKING EXISTS THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR THE PRACTICE OF HUMAN SACRIFICE TO EXIST?

In the following quote from a book called, Ancient Operative Masonry, author **S.R. Parchment** talks about the mysterious Brothers of the shadow who practice human sacrifice. He then goes on to explain why a Brother of the Great White Lodge does not try to stop them. Parchment explains giving the typical New Age reasoning that it would limit their freedom of choice which will enable them to evolve into Godhood.

S.R. Parchment says, *"The Brothers of the Shadow who are in the flesh are usually very fearful of death and are, therefore, ever in quest of methods for prolonging their physical existence. The biblical statement that man may "Eat of the Tree of Life and live forever," is not to them a mere statement, and for the purpose of prolonging their lives, they have ferreted out and perpetuated among their clan many nefarious schemes too heinous to mention. When these methods fail, as a last resort they sacrifice human beings and feast upon the flesh and blood of their victims."*

S.R. Parchment continues, *"The question has often been asked, why do the Brothers of the Great White Lodge, who are said to be emissaries of God, permit such diabolical practices to be perpetuated throughout the ages? This question shows clearly that the mission of the Brothers of Light is not understood. My dear Reader! Since these great souls are working in absolute harmony with cosmic law, they can at best only foster that which is good in whomsoever it is found. A moment's thought on this subject should be sufficient to convince one that if the Great Ones were to influence man to do the things which they think best for his future welfare, they would be depriving him of the many valuable experiences so essential for the building of soul qualities. It is obvious that continued guidance from without would inevitably reduce man to an automaton; while with freedom to choose, he evolves into a dynamic God."*

Please print out and hand to a Christian who is a Freemason.