

Freemasonry - the Spirit of Babylon



I want to begin this look at Freemasonry by declaring that I understand that those who are presently involved with this organization may find it offensive to hear anything critical spoken about it. Many of those associated with Freemasonry, particularly those of the lower degrees, have only known it as a fraternal organization that exists “to make good men better” and to carry out various charitable works.

It is not my intent to offend, but to fulfill the command of Christ and to “speak the truth in love.” If it can be demonstrated that Freemasonry teaches things contrary to sound Christian doctrine, then those who are both thoughtful and spiritual should desire to acquire knowledge of these things.

Neither is it my intent to duplicate what many other men have written on Freemasonry. There are many sound examinations of this matter that have been published by men of great integrity, men of spiritual stature. To name one, Charles Finney, the evangelist used mightily of the Lord in the 1800's wrote a consideration of this topic consisting of some 20 chapters. It is titled “The Character, Claims and Practical Workings of Freemasonry.” This book was published in 1869 and the entirety of the work can be found on the Internet at the following Internet address:

<http://www.gospeltruth.net/1869Freemasonry/indexfreemasonry.htm>.

Charles Finney was a Mason before His conversion to Christianity, and immediately found that he could no longer continue his association with this organization. After nearly forty years of ministry he felt compelled to write on the topic when the subject of Freemasonry required his attention in the exercise of his spiritual duties.

Finney wrote in detail of the immoral nature of many of the oaths Masons are induced to speak, of Masonry's perverse and profane use of the Bible, its false claims of antiquity, and other matters that render it incompatible with a pure devotion to Christ. For those who wish to examine Finney's objections to Freemasonry, I recommend to them his book.

Like Finney, I would not have addressed this topic if the Lord had not so ordered my steps where I could not avoid it. For years I have known that the area where I reside has for a long period been under a tremendous influence by adherents of Freemasonry. The influence of this organization upon the city where I now live (Macon, Georgia) will be examined, as well as looking at the fruit of Masonry's influence on this region.

All who would be disciples of Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah, are called to examine all things of this world carefully. A Christian is no longer their own master “for they have been bought with a price” (I Corinthians 6:20, 7:23). The disciple of Jesus Christ is not free to bind himself to organizations, fraternities, or secret societies of his choosing. He is called to do nothing of his own initiative, but is to be conformed to the same pattern observed in the Son of God who said:

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John 5:30

"I can do nothing on My own initiative... I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

John 8:28

So Jesus said, "I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me."

The character of the true disciple of Christ reveals a total surrender to the will of God. The disciple of Christ has died to the desires of his own soul, and is learning to no longer walk by his own will, desires, or emotions, but to come to a new pattern of living whereby he will “follow the Lamb wherever He goes” (Revelation 14:4). A disciple is not to initiate actions, or to set a course for his life, apart from the direction of the Spirit of God. Joining lodges, fraternities and secret societies certainly falls within the scope of those actions that a disciple of Christ should not embark upon without a clear leading from the Spirit of Christ.

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Hebrews 4:9-12

So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

In the book of Hebrews, chapters 3 and 4, the Christian is exhorted in the strongest language to not fall short of entering into the Sabbath Rest of God. This Sabbath Rest is defined as “ceasing from our own works.” We enter Sabbath Rest when we make a division between those thoughts and desires that arise from our soul and those that arise from the spirit, and then choose to conform ourselves to that which is of the spirit.

Many saints have not been patient in their examination of all things in which they have become involved, and all teachings that they have adopted. As a result they fail to enter into God’s rest. Their decisions are not in accordance with the will of God, but are decisions arrived at by their own initiative. The disciple of Christ advances in spiritual maturity as his senses become trained to discern the difference between the voice of his soul and the voice of the Spirit. His sensitivity to the distinctions between the two is increased as he chooses over and over to die to his own desires and to surrender to the leading of the Spirit of Christ.

Ephesians 4:14-15

As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ...

I Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

There is much in these words of the apostle that have bearing upon the examination of this subject. First we are admonished that “we are no longer to be children.” That is, we are not to be childish, or naive, in our thoughts and actions. A child might be easily misled, for we know how susceptible they are to believe anything an adult might tell them. In this way many children have been led to believe in Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, or brought to embrace some other belief that as adults we know are mere fiction.

While a child may believe such fables and we are not alarmed at it, we would be alarmed if we found an adult to still be clinging to the fictions of childhood. As the apostle Paul stated we are not to be “tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming...”

A child may believe many false things, but as we approach maturity we are to not accept every doctrine, or be so easily fooled by the trickery of men, nor be caught in the snare of those who are crafty and practice deceitful scheming.

What is it that must change in order for us to leave behind childish things and go on to maturity in Christ?

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I Thessalonians 5:21-22

But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil.

As we come to maturity we are to learn to be discerning. Isn't this a difference between children and those who are mature, even that children lack discernment, but adults are to acquire discernment as they grow older? A child may not have the patience, or the ability to examine everything carefully, but as mature saints we are to manifest these qualities. As the Scriptures also say:

II Timothy 2:15

Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

I suppose that a large percentage of the present evils of Christianity are due to a failure to obey these instructions. Many saints are carried to and fro by every doctrine and teaching that comes along because they do not examine everything carefully, nor do they approach the study of truth as a workman that needs to labor over that which is before him.

If you value your relationship to Christ ABOVE every earthly relationship, and if your loyalty to Jesus Christ is the highest loyalty that you hold dear, then you will not be adverse to examining Freemasonry. Rather, you will desire to thoroughly examine this organization, its practices and doctrines, to discern whether it in any way is incompatible with a true devotion to the One True God, Yahweh, and His Son Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah.

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Proverbs 18:17

The first to plead his case seems right, until another comes and examines him.

Proverbs 18:13

He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

If you have become involved in Freemasonry as a result of the many positive testimonies of men who have been and are presently involved in it, but have not examined the testimonies of others who have come out of it, and of spiritual men who have renounced it, then you have failed to examine the matter in a mature and Scriptural manner. It is not enough to simply know that many men have expressed objections to Freemasonry, those who wish to walk in truth must carefully examine what has been said for and against it.

Freemasonry claims to revere King Solomon, but if you have not heeded the words of Solomon and listened carefully to arguments both for and against it you are not walking in wisdom. Solomon testifies that to form a judgment before patiently hearing a matter is folly and brings shame.

I ask you, therefore, to be patient with me as I go through this presentation, and even if you feel that you already know all there is that you need to know to make a valid judgment in this matter that you will do as Solomon exhorted and fully examine the matter before you, demonstrating a willingness to hear from another witness.

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Revelation 17:5

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

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I have chosen to begin this examination of Freemasonry by declaring up front that it manifests the Spirit of Babylon. This is something that I believe will become readily apparent as evidence is presented. If at the end of this presentation you disagree with the conclusions presented herein, then I can only leave you to the care of God.

To begin I must define what the spirit of Babylon is. Throughout Scriptures the Holy Spirit has used two cities to stand as polar opposites which reveal spiritual truth. One of these cities is Babylon, and it is everywhere spoken of in the most negative terms, and it stands for the kingdoms of this earth which are ruled over by Satan. The other city is Zion, and this is itself a symbol of Yahweh's kingdom and government and is everywhere referred to with the highest words of praise.

Zion is marked by its devotion to the One True God whose name is Yahweh, and His Son Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah.

The first reference in Scripture to Zion is found in II Samuel 5:7.

II Samuel 5:7

David captured the stronghold of Zion, that is the city of David.

David receives praise from God as "a man after My own heart who will do all My pleasure" (Acts 13:22). This is a characteristic of those who are citizens of Zion. They live to do the pleasure of Yahweh. They have died to their own will and desires that they might satisfy the One Who created them for His own pleasure.

Babylon does not share this same undivided devotion to Yahweh. The prophet Jeremiah wrote:

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Jeremiah 50:35-40

"A sword against the Chaldeans," declares Yahweh, "And against the inhabitants of Babylon and against her officials and her wise men! A sword against the oracle priests, and they will become fools! A sword against her mighty men, and they will be shattered! A sword against their horses and against their chariots and against all the foreigners who are in the midst of her, and they will become women! A sword against her treasures, and they will be plundered! A drought on her waters, and they will be dried up! For it is a land of idols, and they are mad over fearsome idols. Therefore the desert creatures will live there along with the jackals; The ostriches also will live in it, and it will never again be inhabited or dwelt in from generation to generation. As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah with its neighbors," declares Yahweh, "No man will live there, nor will any son of man reside in it."

This prophecy is not merely against the actual city of Babylon and its inhabitants, but it is a prophecy against all those through the ages who share the same spirit as Babylon. As we look further at Freemasonry we will see that it shares the same spirit as ancient Babylon that Yahweh judged. Freemasonry is not a Christian organization devoted to only one God, and this fact is stated clearly both in the many Masonic websites present on the Internet, as well as in the writings of Masonic teachers.

Freemasonry does not require that any man be a Christian to be a part of their organization. It merely requires that they not be an atheist. It is as acceptable to Masonry that a man be a Muslim as a Christian. They can be Jew or Hindu or Buddhist without objection. The writings of Masonry declare that all religions are to be revered. This also was a characteristic of Ancient Babylon.

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By the very honour which Masonry pays to the Bible, it teaches us to revere every Book of Faith in which men find help for to-day and hope for the morrow. For that reason, in a Lodge consisting entirely of Jews, the Old Testament alone may be placed upon the Altar, and in a Lodge in the land of Mohammed the Koran may be used. Whether it be the Gospels of the Christian, the Book of Law of the Hebrew, the Koran of the Mussulman, or the Vedas of the Hindu, it everywhere Masonically conveys the same idea -symbolizing the Will of God revealed to man, taking such faith and vision as he has found into a great fellowship of the seekers and finders of the truth. Thus Masonry invites to its Altar men of all faiths, knowing that, if they use different names for "the Nameless One of an hundred names," they are yet praying to the one God and Father of all...

[Source: www.phoenixmasonry.org]

Note that this quotation is taken from a Masonic website. These are not the words of an enemy of Freemasonry, but of its supporters. Although many men who have joined themselves to Freemasonry would describe themselves as ardent Christians, and would deny that they willfully embrace any other religion, they cannot testify that Freemasonry does the same. In a multitude of writings Freemasonry declares that it embraces all the religions of the world, both present and ancient, and it has derived many of its symbols, practices and doctrines from religions other than the Christian faith.

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That this fact should have escaped the notice of even the most casual examiner of Masonry is difficult to comprehend. Consider that Shriners are all higher degree Masons and they have adopted a multitude of symbols, words, and practices from the Muslim faith. Many of their meeting houses are called Mosques, and they have adopted the symbols of Islam, the Crescent Moon and Star as their own peculiar symbol.

According to The Encyclopedia of fraternities by Albert Stevens, Shriners take the following oath against failing in their obligations to the mystic Shrine:

"In willful violation whereof may I incur the fearful penalty of having my eyeballs pierced to the centre with a three-edged blade, my feet flayed, and I be forced to walk the hot sands upon the sterile shores of the Red Sea until the flaming sun shall strike me with livid plague, and may Allah, the god of Arab, Moslem and Mohammedan, the god of our fathers, support me to the entire fulfillment of the same. Amen. Amen. Amen."

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The Crescent Moon and Star are symbols of the religion of Islam. Islam borrowed from the former worship of deities associated with the moon and stars. The Scriptures speak of this ancient worship.

II Kings 23:5

[King Josiah] did away with the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the surrounding area of Jerusalem, also those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to all the host of heaven.

In the ancient mystery religions the Sun was viewed as masculine and the moon as feminine. The Freemasons have borrowed their “mysteries” from ancient mystery religions. Note the female face on the crescent moon.

Shrine Masons openly display the symbols of Islam. Their symbols are not Christian, and no apology is made for this. Yet many of those who are themselves Shriners testify that they are Christians. This is itself a symptom of the spirit of Babylon, for Babylon was a city that openly embraced many religions and deities. Babylon means “mixture” or “confusion.” The spirit of Babylon is revealed in its joining together many religions, resulting in a confusion of truth and error, of the holy and profane.

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Ezekiel 44:23

"Moreover, they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean."

The disciple of Jesus Christ is given the following charge.

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II Corinthians 6:14-17

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. And do not touch what is unclean; and I will welcome you."

The Spirit of Christ does not lead men to embrace false religions. The Spirit of Christ is called the Holy Spirit. The word holy bears within its definition the concept of being "separate." The disciples of Jesus Christ are to separate themselves from the world, from sin, and most certainly from all idolatry that they might enter into union with the One True God whose name is Yahweh, and with His Son Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah.

Babylon is noted by its mixture and confusion. The spirit of Babylon is a spirit of spiritual adultery where many deities and many religions are not only tolerated, but embraced. As Jeremiah testified, Babylon "is a land of idols, and they are mad over fearsome idols."

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Deuteronomy 6:14-15

“You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, for Yahweh your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; otherwise the anger of Yahweh your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth.”

Some may object that they are not a Shriner, and that the adoption of Islamic symbols, words and practices by the Shriners is merely a sham and is done in fun and not to be taken seriously. Yet God does take the matter seriously.

Is it a trivial thing to provoke the Lord God to jealousy? Knowing that God sold His own chosen people into slavery to foreign nations when they mixed the worship of the One True God with the worship of heathen gods, is it then a righteous act for a Christian to join themselves to an organization that declares that Allah, the false god of the Muslims is the same as Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Is it pleasing in His sight to declare that Buddha is no different than Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah, but that they all represent paths to God?

Those who would carefully examine the teachings of Freemasonry will find an abundance of evidence revealing the worst possible confusion and mixing together of religions. Zion is a symbol of those who are purely devoted to Jesus Christ, while Babylon stands as a symbol of mixture. Babylon may accept Christianity, but it will not be bound to a single devotion to one deity.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

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Hebrews 12:22-24

But *you have come to Mount Zion* and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, *and to Jesus*, the mediator of a new covenant...

As we proceed I will provide more references to Freemasonry's confusion and mixture of a multitude of religions and their veneration of many deities. But this should suffice to reveal to you what the spirit of Babylon is. I want to proceed next to reveal to you Freemasonry's association with Babylon, and its veneration of this city that is everywhere condemned in Scripture.

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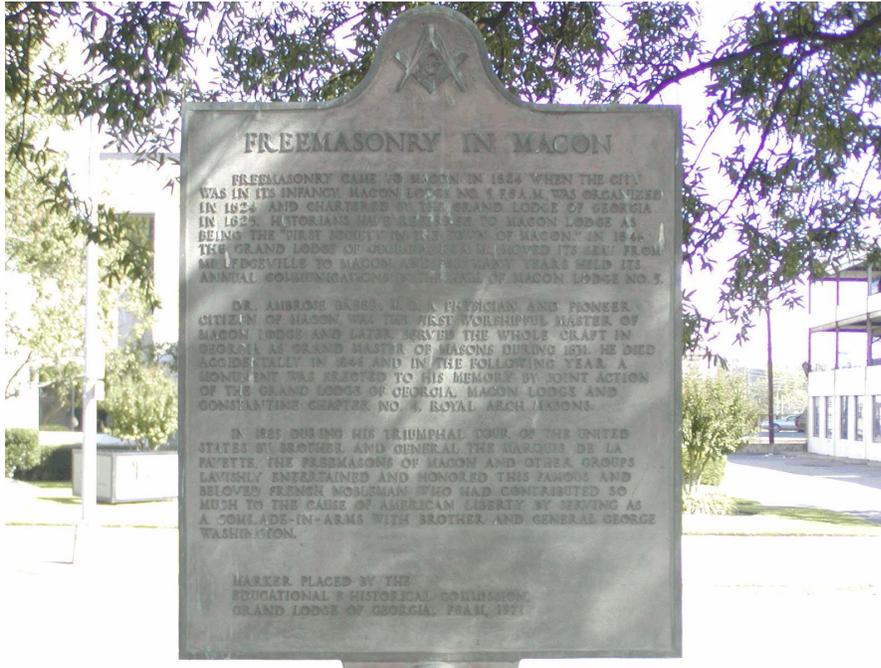
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God has placed me in an unusual place to gain firsthand an understanding of the true character of Freemasonry.

Macon, Georgia is a city manifesting an unusually high degree of influence by Masonry. Not only are numerous lodges to be found scattered throughout the city, some large both in size and influence, but the entire history of the City's founding is marked by Freemasonry.

Macon was established in 1823 and settled by many men who were members of Freemasonry.

(Slide - Macon Masonry Marker)



A short distance away from the former Grand Lodge of Georgia in downtown Macon we find this historic marker that speaks about the local influence of Freemasonry. The inscription on the historical marker reads as follows:

FREEMASONRY IN MACON

FREEMASONRY CAME TO MACON IN 1824 WHEN THE CITY WAS IN ITS INFANCY. MACON LODGE NO. 5, F. & A. M., WAS ORGANIZED IN 1824 AND CHARTERED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA IN 1825. HISTORIANS HAVE REFERRED TO MACON LODGE AS BEING THE 'FIRST SOCIETY IN THE TOWN OF MACON.' IN 1846 THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA, F. & A. M., MOVED ITS SEAT FROM MILLEDGEVILLE TO MACON AND FOR MANY YEARS HELD ITS ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS IN THE HALL OF MACON LODGE NO. 5.

DR. AMBROSE BABER, M.D., A PHYSICIAN AND PIONEER CITIZEN OF MACON, WAS THE FIRST WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF MACON LODGE AND LATER SERVED THE WHOLE CRAFT IN GEORGIA AS GRAND MASTER OF MASONS DURING 1831. HE DIED ACCIDENTALLY IN 1846 AND IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR A MONUMENT WAS ERECTED TO HIS MEMORY BY JOINT ACTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA, MACON LODGE AND CONSTANTINE CHAPTER NO. 4 ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

IN 1825 DURING HIS TRIUMPHAL TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES BY BROTHER AND GENERAL THE MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE, THE FREEMASONS OF MACON AND OTHER GROUPS LAVISHLY ENTERTAINED AND HONORED THIS FAMOUS AND BELOVED FRENCH NOBLEMAN WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE CAUSE OF AMERICAN LIBERTY BY SERVING AS A COMRADE-IN-ARMS WITH BROTHER AND GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON.

MARKER PLACED BY THE
EDUCATIONAL & HISTORICAL COMMISSION
GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA, F&AM

Note both the early influence of Masonry in Macon, and the association with the French, as The Marquis De La Fayette was a famous French Mason.

Note also the close proximity of all of these occurrences. Macon is chartered in 1823 and named Macon. In 1824 the first lodge was organized. In 1825 the French Mason Marquis De La Fayette visits Macon.

There is an official, albeit deceptive story concerning the way in which the name Macon was arrived at. The following explanation is often given:

“The city was chartered as the county seat in 1823 and officially named Macon, in honor of North Carolina statesman Nathaniel Macon because many of the city's early settlers hailed from North Carolina.”

Undoubtedly, many citizens at the time accepted this explanation as true. Yet those who were knowledgeable about the designs of Macon's Masonic founders understood that Macon was a city singularly dedicated to the cause of Masonry, and its name is actually the French spelling of the word Mason. Note that only two years after it was founded the French General La Fayette was invited to visit this city at the invitation of the Masonic Lodge formed the previous year.

It is the practice of Freemasonry to provide dual explanations of the symbols, practices and doctrines upon which it is founded. Those who are at the lower levels of masonry are intentionally deceived as is revealed in the following quote by one of Masonry's most honored members.

(Slide - Albert Pike Quote)

"The Blue Degrees are but the outer court or portico 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 is reserved for the Adepts, the Princes of Masonry."

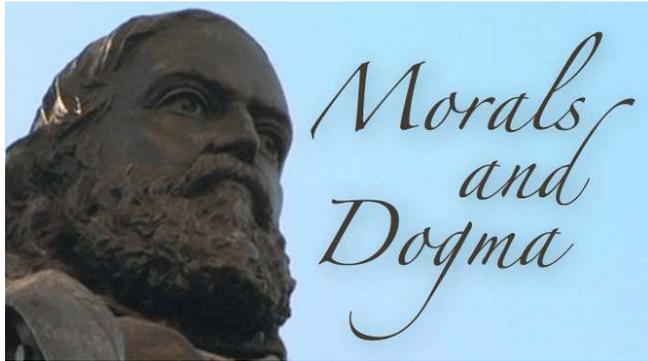
("Morals and Dogma", p.819).

It is understandable that many who have not progressed very far in Masonry should be deceived concerning its true character and beliefs. Those who served as the designers of Freemasonry have deliberately misled those whom they have invited to join them. Albert Pike is not an enemy of Masonry, but rather he was one of its greatest supporters and he wrote volumes about the institution, and is widely revered by those who are Masons. Yet in his expansive writing titled "Morals and Dogma" which was published in 1871, he reveals that those initiates of the lower degrees of Masonry are deliberately "misled" by being presented with "false interpretations" of Masonry's symbols and doctrine.

In fact, he states here that for "the mass of those called Masons" it is "well enough" that they should never come to understand the true meaning of the symbols of Masonry, nor that they should understand the true principles and doctrines that are behind it.

Yet, if a Christian disciple of Jesus Christ should follow the instructions of the Bible and "carefully examine all things" so as to "not be carried away by every wave of doctrine", nor to be "deceived by the craftiness of men" he could with a bit of effort uncover the truth of Masonry that has been obscured through acts of deliberate deception.

(Slide - Albert Pike Statue)



From a quote from an Internet website we read:

[Albert Pike was] A 33rd degree Mason, he was one of the founding fathers, and head of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, being the Grand Commander of North American Freemasonry from 1859 and retained that position until his death in 1891...

Albert Pike... was honored as Southern regional leader of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. [A statue of him] stands on a pedestal near the foot of Capitol Hill, between the Department of Labor building and the Municipal Building, between 3rd and 4th Streets, on D Street, NW.

Some who are Masons have sought to distance themselves from Albert Pike due to the fact that there are numerous things he has published, and various communications that he has sent, that have been publicly disclosed which offend the sensibilities of many Masons, particularly those of the lower degrees. Yet if one is to examine Masonry in a mature fashion they must seek to discern if there truly is an attempt being made to mislead those in the lower levels as to the true principles and doctrines of Freemasonry.

How would one seek to make such a discovery? They must examine the teachings of higher degree Masons, particularly of the 31st, 32nd and 33rd degree, and see if they are in accordance with that which is understood at the lower degrees. It is not unusual in any organization to withhold information from those who are not deemed sufficiently trustworthy or loyal, or where there is not a compelling reason to make known to them some privileged information.

We see this in the military and intelligence agencies where documents are

classified by degrees of security. There are some who are approved to view documents classified as “secret” and “top secret,” but not all are granted such access to information. As is often the case, as one spends more time in an organization and their loyalty is proven and their responsibilities increase, they are given access to more sensitive information.

Even the Kingdom of God adheres to such principles. We have the testimony of Christ on this.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Luke 8:16-18

"Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light. So take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him."

As you examine other Scriptures that speak on this topic you will find that one principle of the Kingdom of God is that those who are faithful with the little that they have been given will be entrusted with more. Yet those who have not been faithful with that which they have received, will have even that which they thought they had taken away from them.

A key to receiving knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of God is to be found faithful in obeying the truth you have already been entrusted with. When we obey Christ, He is pleased to lead us into deeper truth. Other portions of Scriptures reveal that there are levels to Christianity. The apostle John refers to three levels of spiritual maturity with the words, "little children, young men, and fathers" (I John chapter 2). The level of "fathers" receive the special testimony that "they know Him who has been from the beginning" (I John 2:13).

(Slide - Pike, *Morals and Dogma*)

“Masonry, like all the Religions, all the Mysteries, Hermeticism and Alchemy, conceals its secrets from all except the Adepts and Sages, or the Elect, and uses false explanations and misinterpretations of its symbols to mislead those who deserve only to be misled; to conceal the Truth, which it calls Light, from them, and to draw them away from it. Truth is not for those who are unworthy or unable to receive it, or would pervert it...”

The truth must be kept secret, and the masses need a teaching proportioned to their imperfect reason...

every man's conception of God must be proportioned to his mental cultivation and intellectual powers, and moral excellence. God is, as man conceives Him, the reflected image of man himself.."

[Source: Albert Pike: *Morals and Dogma*]

Freemasonry is very much patterned after a model where greater revelation of the “mysteries” are expounded as the initiate proceeds through the degrees of their order. This is not an evil thing in itself, but it can be evil if it is discovered that the highest levels of teachings in Freemasonry are actually Satanic in origin and that there is an intentional effort to deceive those at the lower levels concerning the symbols, practices and principles of Freemasonry.

What every initiate of Freemasonry should understand, but are not told, is that what they are being taught regarding the true aims of Masonry is intended to mislead them. The statement “Truth is not for those who are unworthy or unable to receive it, or would pervert it” is a declaration that the Scriptures would support. Jesus Christ said “Do not cast your pearls before swine, do not give what is holy to dogs.” But what is further discovered in reading the massive book “*Morals and Dogma*” by Albert Pike is that what he espouses as truth is indeed the greatest error imaginable. Albert Pike has exchanged the truth for a lie; he calls that which is evil good, and that which is good evil.

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That which we must say to the crowd is - We worship a God, but it is the God that one adores without superstition.

To you, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General [of the 33rd degree], we say this, that you may repeat it to the Brethren of the 32nd, 31st, and 30th degrees - *The Masonic religion should be, by all of us initiates of the high degrees, maintained in the purity of the Luciferian doctrine.*

If Lucifer were not God, would Adonay, the God of the Christians, whose deeds prove his cruelty, perfidy, and hatred of man, barbarism and repulsion for science, would Adonay and his priests, calumniate him?

Yes, Lucifer is God, and unfortunately Adonay is also God. For the eternal law is that there is no light without shade, no beauty without ugliness, no white without black, for the absolute can only exist as two Gods: darkness being necessary to light to serve as its foil as the pedestal is necessary to the statue, and the brake to the locomotive...

Thus, the doctrine of Satanism is a heresy; and *the true and pure philosophic religion is the belief in Lucifer, the equal of Adonay*; but Lucifer, God of Light and God of Good, is struggling for humanity against Adonay, the God of Darkness and Evil.

Albert Pike has declared that it is the intent of the higher degrees of Freemasonry to deliberately mislead those members at the lower degrees. This is with good reason. A large percentage of those who are members of the Blue Lodges, the lowest degrees of Masonry, would never have been enticed to join with an organization espousing that Lucifer is God and the equal of Adonai. (Adonai is a Hebrew word meaning Lord, and is used in reference to Yahweh throughout the Old Testament.)

(Slide - Yin and Yang)



In analogical and universal dynamics one can only lean on that which will resist. Thus the universe is balanced by two forces which maintain its equilibrium, the force of attraction and that of repulsion. These two forces exist in physics, philosophy and religion. And the scientific reality of the divine dualism is demonstrated by the phenomena of polarity and by the universal law of sympathies and antipathies. That is why the intelligent disciples of Zoroaster, as well as, after them, the Gnostics, the Manicheans and the Templars have admitted, as the only logical metaphysical conception, the system of the divine principles fighting eternally, and one cannot believe the one inferior in power to the other.

What is described here is not Christian doctrine, but rather Albert Pike ascribes the source of these thoughts to worshipers of Zoroaster, and later the Gnostics, the Manicheans and the Templars. Yet Pike overlays this pagan doctrine upon the revelation of Scripture and he alters the Holy Word of God by declaring that Yahweh and Satan are equal and opposite to one another. He goes a step further in this diabolical doctrine, as we observed in the previous slide, by declaring that Lucifer is light and good, while Yahweh (Adonai) is dark and Evil.

Undoubtedly, there are many within Masonry who have not discerned that this is the true belief of those Masons of the highest degrees. Those of the highest degrees intentionally mislead those of the lower degrees, and as Pike stated, the lower initiates are intentionally “led away from the light.” This is what Pike calls light, even the exaltation of Satan to a place of equality with Yahweh. This is the Luciferian doctrine of Masonry, and it has been Satan’s purpose to exalt himself ever since sin was found in him.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Isaiah 14:13-14

But you said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

We see then in Freemasonry the principle of altering the Bible by adding to it the teachings of other religions with the end result of elevating Satan to a position of equality with God. This practice of adding to the Bible to bring forth false teaching will be seen repeatedly as we go along, and we will also see how it has led some who have had knowledge of the teachings of higher degree Masonry to even begin religions of their own.

(Slide - Macon Scottish Rite)



Albert Pike visited Macon Georgia in 1882. The following quote is taken from the website of the Scottish Rite Temple located in Macon.

As early as 1864 (the Grand Consistory of Macon) was a flourishing Scottish rite Body known as the Lodge of Perfection. In 1868 it was known as Bezabel Consistory No. 4.

The present Lodge of Perfection was personally chartered by Albert Pike in 1882, and the present activity in Macon dates from March, 1917 when the Chapter of Rose Croix was chartered. The Council of Knight Kadosh and Macon Consistory was chartered March, 1919. Illustrious Brother Albert Pike opened a Lodge of Perfection meeting on May 3, 1882 and the name was changed to Zerbal Lodge No. 3. Brother Pike again visited Zerbal Lodge No. 3 on November 23, 1883. The records for Zerbal Lodge No. 3, now called Macon Lodge of Perfection, began on May 18, 1919 and runs to the present day.

[Source:

http://www.gascottishrite.org/Valleys/Valley_of_Macon/MacHistory/mac-history.html]

Note that “Morals and Dogma” was published in 1871, eleven years prior to Albert Pike establishing the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection in Macon.

In sharing these things regarding the founding of Macon, Georgia and its Masonic influence, and in understanding that Masonry at its highest levels has adopted a practice of deceiving all those not considered worthy of the most privileged information, we can understand that a deception was foisted upon many of the citizens of Macon concerning the way in which their city was

named.

Why did the Masons choose this location to found a city devoted to Masonry? For one, Macon lies at the geographic center of the state of Georgia. It bears the nickname "The Heart of Georgia." The heart pumps blood throughout the body, and the Scriptures testify that "the life is in the blood." In establishing a Masonic city at the very heart of the state of Georgia a testimony is given that the life of all Georgia is controlled by Freemasonry.

An additional geographic symbol is understood when one observes that Macon lies between 32 and 33 degrees north Latitude. Scottish Rite Freemasonry's highest degrees are the 32nd and 33rd degree.

Revealing even more Masonic influence, we find the following quote on the website of the Macon Chamber of Commerce.

(Slide - Macon and Babylon)

[Quote]

The city of Babylon inspired Macon's planners to create a city with multitudes of parks and spacious avenues. When James Webb, the appointed surveyor laid out the downtown streets of Macon in 1832, he gave future generations the gift of wide streets and parks. The planners designated 250 acres for Central City Park and citizens were required by ordinances to plant shade trees in their front yards.

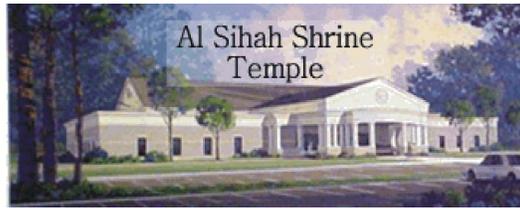
[Source: Macon Chamber of Commerce (www.maconchamber.com)]

Macon's planners were inspired to pattern their Masonic city after the city of Babylon. Macon's planners were Masons. As we have been observing Freemasonry is fully identified with the spirit of Babylon.

This should cause alarm bells to go off in the spirit of any sensitive Christian who understands what Babylon typifies in Scripture. The words we read from the prophet Jeremiah ended with a comparison to the destruction of Babylon with Yahweh's judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah. Would not a thoughtful Christian object if the planners of their city said they were inspired to pattern it after Sodom or Gomorrah? Could they rightly expect that Yahweh would bless such a misguided design?

God has judged many cities, including Jerusalem, which has been completely destroyed on more than one occasion. Yet there have been relatively few that God has pronounced such a judgment upon them that He declared that they would never be inhabited by man again, throughout all man's generations. Yet this was the judgment spoken by Yahweh upon Babylon, and this is the city the Mason's chose to pattern their city after in the heart of Georgia.

(Slide - Mosques)



Before I leave behind those things to be gleaned from an examination of the city of Macon, I would like to mention a couple more items of note.

As I mentioned, Freemasonry is accepting of all religions and all deities. Much of this is very easy to observe, as in the case of the Shriners and all the associations with the religion of Islam.

Macon Georgia has its own Shriners Organization. It is located at 222 Mecca Drive. Anyone who is familiar with Islam knows that Mecca is one of the holiest cities in all Islam. Making a pilgrimage to the Grand Mosque of Mecca is a rite that all Muslims are encouraged to observe during their lifetime.

Shriners equally refer to their buildings as Mosques, Shrines and Temples. This is in keeping with their open acceptance of all religions.

Shrine - a place considered holy because of its association with a deity.

Mosque - A Muslim Temple

Temple - an edifice for the worship of a deity or deities.

(Slide - Macon Mayor)



Understanding that the spirit of Babylon is one in which many religions are practiced, and various deities are worshiped. Seeing that Masonry has brought the names, symbols and worship of Allah to areas that have traditionally been considered Christian, it is not surprising that Macon Georgia, a town that is so heavily marked by Masonry, is the first city in the nation to have a Muslim mayor.

Excerpt From an Associated Press article February 2, 2007

Macon, Ga., Mayor Converts to Islam, Wants to Change Name
MACON, Ga. —

Mayor Jack Ellis has converted to Islam and is working to change his legal name to Hakim Mansour Ellis.

Ellis, 61, a Macon native who was raised Christian, said he became a Sunni Muslim...

"Why does one become a Christian?" Ellis said Thursday. "You do it because it feels right. ... To me it's no big deal. But people like to know what you believe in, and this is what I believe in."

Why should Macon, Georgia have the dubious distinction of being the first city in America to have a Muslim mayor, and a convert from Christianity? Is it not fitting that a city steeped in the spirit of Babylon, heavily influenced by Freemasonry, should be the first to manifest a Babylonian spirit in its highest

office? God judged Babylon because it had gone mad in its pursuit of “fierce idols.” In Macon we see the fruit of the spirit of Babylon coming to maturity as her mayor has abandoned “the Way the Truth and the Life” and has embraced idolatry.

(Slide - Islam)

Islam is a monotheistic religion originating with the teachings of Muhammad, a 7th-century Arab religious and political figure. The word Islam means "submission", or the total surrender of oneself to God (Arabic: إسلام, All h). An adherent of Islam is known as a Muslim, meaning "one who submits (to God)". There are between 0.9 and 1.4 billion Muslims, making Islam the second-largest religion in the world, after Christianity.

Muslims believe that God revealed the Qur'an to Muhammad, God's final prophet, and regard the Qur'an and the Sunnah (words and deeds of Muhammad) as the fundamental sources of Islam. They do not regard Muhammad as the founder of a new religion, but as the restorer of the original monotheistic faith of Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and other prophets. Islamic tradition holds that Judaism and Christianity distorted the messages of these prophets over time either in interpretation, in text, or both.

[Source: Wikipedia]

Note that Islam did not arise until more than six hundred years had passed from the time of Christ's ministry on earth. Islam has sought to reinterpret both the Old and New Testaments of Scripture. The Arab peoples who comprise a large portion of Islam's adherents, and from which Mohammed arose, trace their ancestry back to Abraham through his son Ishmael. They contend, however, that Ishmael was Abraham's heir, rather than Isaac, and they ascribe to Ishmael the role of prophet.

(Slide - Kaaba)



Muslims today believe that it was Ishmael that Abraham took to the mountain to offer as a sacrifice, rather than Isaac. And they further teach that Ishmael, along with Abraham moved to the area of Mecca and there the two of them built the Kaaba, which is Islam's most holy site, located inside the Great Mosque of Mecca.

This is in great contradiction to the history of Abraham contained in the Old Testament of Scriptures. The Scriptures reveal that Yahweh instructed Abraham to send Ishmael away, for Ishmael was not the heir that Yahweh had promised to Abraham and Sarah. When Ishmael was thirteen years old Abraham sent him away with his mother Hagar, who was Sarah's handmaid.

Islam also seeks to alter many other truths of the Bible. The principle heresy is in teaching that Jesus (Yahshua) was not actually God's Son, but that Jesus was a prophet of Allah. Even in this they teach that Mohammed was a greater prophet than Jesus.

The Qu'ran declares that Jesus was born of a virgin, but Muslim teaching denies that this makes Him divine. The Qu'ran denies that Jesus was crucified, but rather was raised to the presence of Allah and will one day return to Earth to defeat the enemies of Islam. The Qu'ran ascribes to Jesus the following statement:

'Iesa (Jesus) said]: "And verily Allah is my Lord and your Lord. So worship Him (Alone). That is the Straight Path." [Tafsir At-Tabarî] (Qur'an, Maryam, 19:36)

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Genesis 12:7-8

Then Yahweh appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to Yahweh, who had appeared to him. And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to Yahweh and called on the name of Yahweh.

The name of the God of the Bible is revealed in the four letters that the Bible translators refer to as "the tetragrammaton." In English these four letters are represented as YHWH, or YHVH. In years past many Bible translators believed that "the tetragrammaton" should be translated into English as "Jehovah," but more recent textual discoveries have led to a wide acceptance of the name "Yahweh" as being more authentic. The name Yahweh occurs 6,828 times in the Old Testament in reference to God, and the shorter version "Yah" occurs an additional 49 times.

Most Christians have used this name unknowingly when they have said the word "Hallelujah," which is a combination of the Hebrew word "hallel" meaning "praise, or bless" and the shorter name of God. It literally means "Praise Yah," or "Bless Yah."

The name of the Son of God is similarly derived as its Hebrew form is Yahshua, meaning "Yah's Salvation." It is the equivalent of the English name Joshua, for the Son of God bore the same name as the Israelite leader who led the nation into the land of promise. As the name passed through Greek and then Latin, and finally into its present English form Jesus, it lost much of its resemblance to its original Hebrew character.

The word "Allah" is not actually given as a proper name for the god of Islam, but rather it is a term inferring deity. Allah is understood to mean "the god."

What is certain is that "the god" (Allah) of Islam is not the same as the God (Yahweh) of the Bible. That which is accepted as the holy teachings of the Qu'ran by Islam stands in great contradiction to the teachings of the Bible. The histories of all of the people who are spoken of in both books are contradictory to one another, as is the way of salvation.

Whereas the Bible teaches plainly that Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah, is the Son of God, and that He alone stands as the source of salvation for all mankind, this is denied in the Qu'ran.

(Slide - Masonic Bible 1)

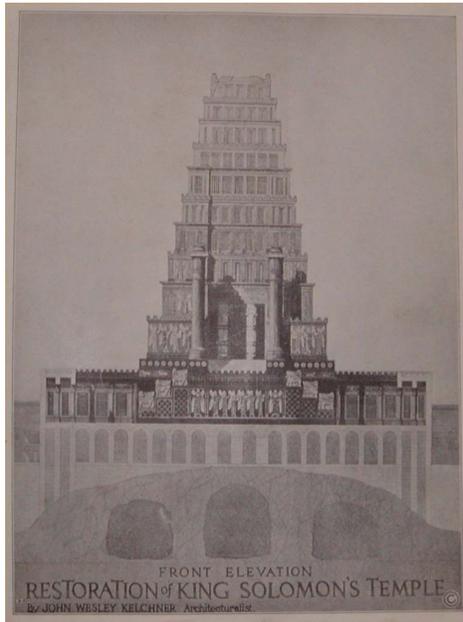


Image of Solomon's Temple
from Masonic Bible

To demonstrate further the duplicity exercised by the architects of Freemasonry one need look no further than the pages of a Masonic Bible. As I was conducting this study a Masonic Bible was donated to the Macon Rescue Mission where I was on staff, and I purchased it. This Bible was published by the A. J. Holman company and is a very large family Bible that is filled with Masonic content at the front. One of the first articles is titled "The First Authentic Restoration of King Solomon's Temple and Citadel." The restoration is credited to John Wesley Kelchner and a statement precedes the article and following images.

"Exactly the spectacle beheld by the eyes of Solomon when his artisans had finished." Harvey Wiley Corbett, Architect

Following is an excerpt from this article.

How the Designs, Drawings and Pictures Were Obtained.

It is known to every reader of the Bible and student of Solomon's days, that an amazingly exact description of the Temple and its associated structures has been carried down from the mists of antiquity by the Scriptures. Lineal measurements, materials employed, and ornamental detail are so graphically presented that restoration of the Temple at any time within a score of centuries past, awaited only the coming of a man with the vision to recognize

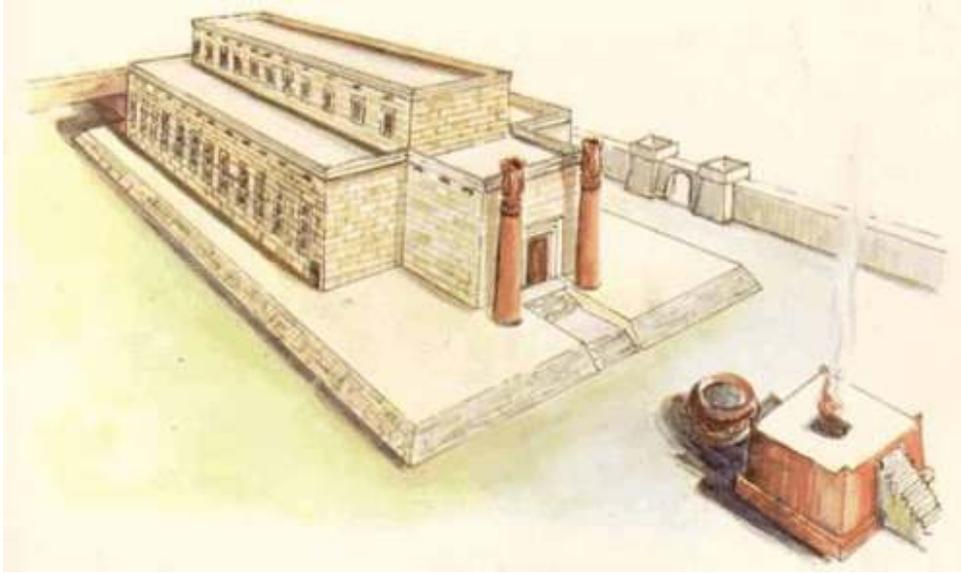
its historic value, and the imagination to undertake the task.

Notwithstanding the universal interest in King Solomon's Temple, a fascination which has created innumerable legends and romances during the intervening centuries, the incredible fact remains that no adequate effort to restore the Temple was made until John Wesley Kelchner, Archaeologist, Bible Student and Lecturer, began thirty years ago to make real his vision of the scriptural description.

It is espoused that the images created of Solomon's Temple are accurate, having followed the Biblical details of its construction. However, the reality is far from the truth. What is depicted in this Bible are images of a Babylonian Ziggurat, the offspring of the original Tower of Babel, as well as numerous other Babylonian buildings and artistic images.

This slide shows the Masonic Bible's depiction of the front view of Solomon's Temple. Note that what is visioned here is a tower. Nowhere in Scripture is there any indication of a tower being incorporated in the construction of the Temple. The next slide shows a more accurate rendering of the shape of Solomon's Temple.

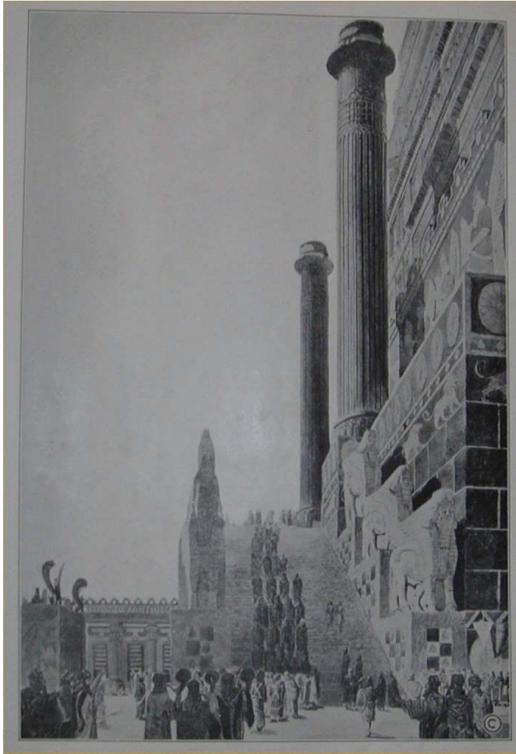
(Slide - Masonic Bible 2)



One immediately notices the tremendous difference between this Biblically accurate rendering, and the fantastic depiction of the Temple in the Masonic Bible. Absent is any tower, as well as the numerous Babylonian images that decorated the facade of the Masonic painting.

Very clearly we can observe the principle that Masonry utilizes, namely to present before her adherents images of pagan and occult origin and to deceive the viewer as to what they are actually seeing. In this way Freemasonry is even trying to pass off an image of the Tower of Babel as if it was a depiction of Solomon's Temple. Yet there is much more of this subterfuge in following pages.

(Slide - Masonic Bible 3)



Entrance to the Great Porch
of Solomon's Temple

Due to the size limitations of presenting this image here, you may not be able to observe all of the actual detail. This painting which is purported to be another angle of the front of Solomon's Temple is filled with Babylonian imagery. The artwork seen in the murals and statuary is clearly of Babylonian origin. In the next slide I have zoomed in on one prominent image, that of the winged bulls with the head of a man which decorate the right side of the stairs leading up to the Temple.

(Slide - Masonic Bible 4)



Nimrod, Winged Bull

As the introduction to these pictures in the Masonic Bible has stated, the Bible presents precise details of the artwork, materials and dimensions of Solomon's Temple. Nowhere in this Biblical account do we find any description of winged bulls with the head of a man. Where then does this image come from?

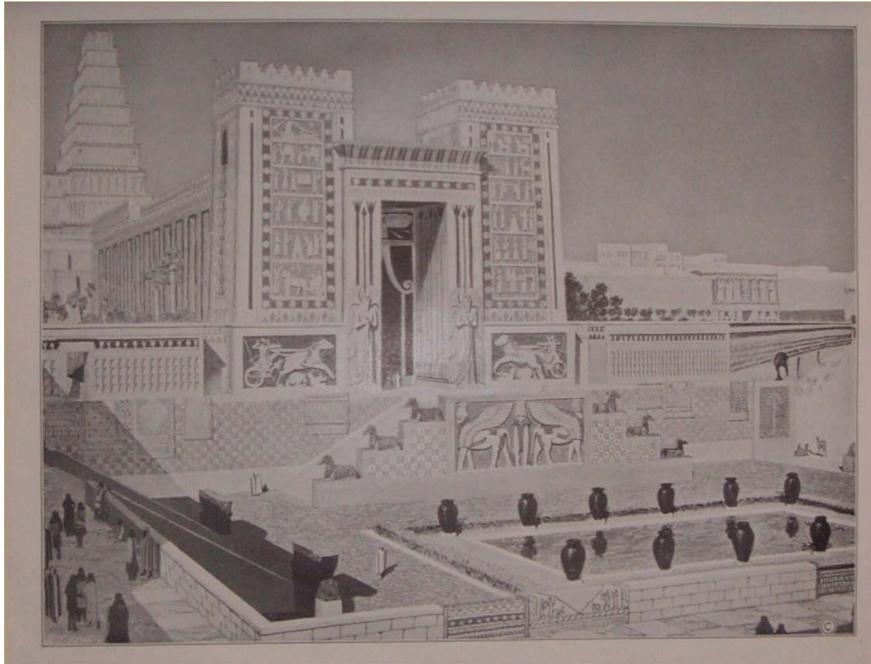
In Alexander Hislop's classic book "The Two Babylons," he shows an image of this same winged bull, and he gives the following account of its origin and meaning.

There was another way in which Nimrod's power was symbolised besides by the horn. A synonym for Gheber, "The Mighty One," was "Abir," while "Aber" also signified "a wing." Nimrod as head and captain of those men of war, by whom he surrounded himself, and who were the instruments of establishing his power, was "Baal-Aberin," "Lord of the Mighty Ones." But "Baal-Abirin" (pronounced in nearly the same way) signified "The Winged One," and therefore in symbol he was represented not only as a horned bull, but as at once a horned and winged bull - as showing not merely that he was mighty himself, but that he had mighty ones under his command who were ever ready to carry his will into effect.

This symbol of Nimrod was copied by other kings of Mesopotamia, and images of it are still existing to this day. Yet we never read of such an image in association with Solomon's Temple. Once more the Great Deceiver is seeking to convince the viewer of these images that they are looking at Solomon's

Temple when in actuality they are viewing images of Babylon.

(Slide - House of the Forest of Lebanon)



The Masonic Bible then proceeds to show other depictions of Solomon's works. The Bible describes Solomon building The House of the Forest of Lebanon, and once more an artistic rendering is presented that is supposedly accurate in its representation of the actual building. Nothing could be further from the truth however.

As one looks at this image they can see numerous Babylonian images decorating the grounds and the face of the building, including once more the winged bulls of Nimrod. In the background is observed the Tower of Babel which we have been told is Solomon's Temple. We should understand then that what we are seeing is none other than a further image from Babylon. Indeed, what the artist has done is to copy wholesale an image of the Ishtar Gate of ancient Babylon and to overlay it upon this building. The following slide shows what the Ishtar Gate looked like.

(Slide - Ishtar Gate)



As we observe these two images side by side it is clearly observed that the Masonic Bible is practicing great deception by presenting images of Babylon as if they were images of Jerusalem.

(Slide - Two Images)



When seen side-by-side, it is easy to see what deceit is being used by these Freemasons who were involved in this project.

(Slide - Jachin and Boaz)



Returning to the image of the Front Porch of Solomon's Temple, I want to point out another area of deception that is widespread throughout Freemasonry. This is observed in the two pillars at the front of the Temple. There were indeed two pillars in the front of Solomon's Temple, we read about them in the following passage of Scripture.

I Kings 7:15-21

He fashioned the two pillars of bronze; eighteen cubits was the height of one pillar, and a line of twelve cubits measured the circumference of both. He also made two capitals of molten bronze to set on the tops of the pillars; the height of the one capital was five cubits and the height of the other capital was five cubits. There were nets of network and twisted threads of chainwork for the capitals which were on the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital and seven for the other capital. So he made the pillars, and two rows around on the one network to cover the capitals which were on the top of the pomegranates; and so he did for the other capital. The capitals which were on the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily design, four cubits. There were capitals on the two pillars, even above and close to the rounded projection which was beside the network; and the pomegranates numbered two hundred in rows around both capitals. Thus he set up the pillars at the porch of the nave; and he set up the right pillar and named it Jachin, and he set up the left pillar and named it Boaz.

Do you see in what the Masonic Bible describes as an accurate restoration of the Temple any of the details listed in Scripture? Where are the capitals on top of the pillars? Where are the twisted threads of chainwork? Where are the two hundred pomegranates? They are all absent.

Once more Freemasonry has switched one image for another and is calling a false image something that it is not. What is actually depicted in front of Solomon's Temple are Asherah poles. We already saw that one of the gates to the ancient city of Babylon was called the Ishtar Gate. Ishtar is a goddess of fertility. She is known in other civilizations by the names Isis, Astarte and Ashtoreth. The latter name is found in Scripture, and the worship of Ashtoreth was condemned by Yahweh.

Part of the worship of Ashtoreth was the use of Asherim, or Asherah poles. We read of them here.

Deuteronomy 16:21-22

"You shall not plant for yourself an Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of Yahweh your God, which you shall make for yourself. Neither shall you set up for yourself a sacred pillar which Yahweh your God hates."

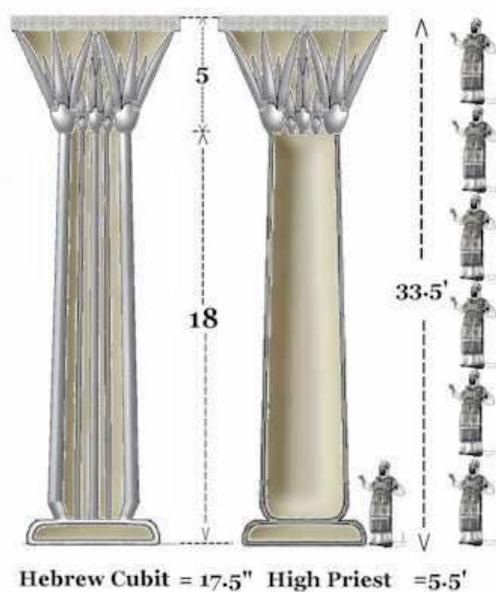
The worship of the fertility goddess was associated with numerous symbols of sexuality. When Christians celebrate Easter (Ishtar) to this date, they are actually observing a celebration to the fertility goddess. This celebration was held at the end of winter as spring was approaching. Offerings were made to the fertility goddess in hope that she would bless the land and make it fertile in bringing forth abundant crops, that she would bless the livestock and animals and make them bear many young, and that the households of the worshipers would be blessed with children.

Many of these symbols of fertility remain to this day including colored eggs, Ishtar bunnies, baskets of flowers and hats adorned with flowers. Another symbol that is seen less these days is the Maypole where young virgins would dance around a pole which stood as an image of the male sex organ. Asherah poles are also symbols of the male sex organ, commonly called phallic symbols.

One can observe the similarity of these pillars in the picture from the Masonic

Bible to these phallic symbols associated with goddess worship.

(Slide - Jachin and Boaz with Pomegranate Detail)



In these two images one can observe a more accurate rendering of the pillars before Solomon's Temple. They look nothing like the pillars in the Masonic Bible, nor do they have the appearance of a phallus. Satan is the great deceiver who deceives the entire world, and there is no limit to the depraved deceptions he seeks to push over on the world.

Satan's deception in this area is found further in the Masonic letter G which lower level Masons are told stands for God, or for Geometry. In fact, it stands for the Generative principle, or reproduction. The mystery religions that Masonry draws so much of its imagery and teachings from was steeped in their veneration of the act of sexual intercourse and reproduction. For this reason many of the temples of these mystery religions employed the use of temple prostitutes. To participate in the sex rites of these mystery religions was an act condemned by the apostles.

I Corinthians 6:15-18

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be! Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says, "The two will become one flesh." But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee immorality. Every

other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

(Slide - Obelisks)



Phallic symbols have been incorporated by fertility cults and mystery religions the world over. Another phallic symbol is the obelisk which was observed widely in ancient Egypt and is associated with the worship of Isis and other fertility goddesses. The obelisk is one of the most pervasive images employed by Freemasonry, and most of its members are unaware of the origin of this symbol and its relation to the male sex organ.

The image above is of the plaza of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. There is a standing obelisk in the center of the circular plaza. This obelisk came originally from Egypt and is of great antiquity.

Directly to the east of the church is St Peter's Square (Piazza di San Pietro), built by Gianlorenzo Bernini between 1656 and 1667. It is surrounded by an elliptical colonnade with two pairs of Doric columns which form its breadth, each bearing Ionic entablatures. The colonnade wraps around the square, embracing the faithful in "the motherly arms of the church" [5]... In the center of the colonnade is a 25.5 metre (83.6 ft) tall obelisk. Domenico Fontana finished moving the obelisk to its present location on September 28, 1586 by

order of Pope Sixtus V. The obelisk dates back to the 13th century BC in Egypt, and was moved to Rome in AD 37 to stand in the Circus of Nero some 250 metres (820 ft) away.

[Source: wikipedia]

Even as the obelisk is a symbol of the male sex organ, so too is the circle a symbol of the female. When one places an obelisk inside a circle they are creating a symbolic representation of the sex act. Rather than “embracing the faithful in motherly arms of the church,” a more lewd embrace is actually suggested. This is in keeping with the Bible’s description of the Great Harlot of Revelation, a church that has taken in many lovers and has departed from a pure devotion to Christ.

(Slide - Washington Monument)



The world's largest obelisk is The Washington Monument in Washington D.C.. This obelisk stands 555 feet high, and its base extends ten stories into the ground. It is suggested by some that the base under the ground extends 111 feet, which would make the entire height of the structure 666 feet. I find such a suggestion plausible, as the building of this structure was a Masonic project and the building has within its structure numerous acknowledgments to the Masonic organizations that participated in its construction.

Note also that this obelisk is set in a circle, representing the union of the male and female sex organs. Satan would have mankind to worship sex rather than Yahweh, and in the nation in which this monument stands is observed an extreme preoccupation with sex. The land is filled with promiscuity. Sexual immorality is widespread and increasingly open to public view. Modesty, and marital faithfulness are increasingly hard to find as Satan has filled the land with an obsessive focus upon sex.

(Slide - Masonic Square and Compass)



Masonic Symbols Stand for the Generative Principle

Albert Pike states within *Morals and Dogma* [page 631-32] that the Monad [#1] is male, and the Duad [#2] is female. Their sexual union produces the Triad [#3], which is "represented by the letter 'G', the generative principle." This term, "generative principle," is code for the sex act.

The Square and the Compass also stand as symbols in that a circle is drawn with a compass, and an obelisk is drawn with the square. These two symbols, as we have seen, are analogous to the sexual organs, and when placed together they represent the act of sexual intercourse between a man and a woman.

(Macon's Symbols 1)



Inscription:
Three Great Lights of Freemasonry
The Holy Bible
Square
and Compass

As I have mentioned, Macon, Georgia is a Masonic city, and it is marked by a profusion of Masonic symbols. Before I proceed further I want to show the viewer some of this symbolism that understanding of the origin and meanings of these symbols might be understood.

This obelisk in downtown Macon bears the inscription cited above. Satan seeks to corrupt all that is holy, and what better way to do so than to depict a square and compass lying atop the Bible. Even as God gave the Israelites instructions to defile the images and locations associated with pagan worship, so Satan has sought to defile those symbols and locations associated with the worship of God and His Christ. We have seen already how he has inspired men to create a Masonic Bible that is filled with abominable deceptions. Here too is one more attempt of Satan to defile all that is holy by placing the symbols of the sexual act on top of the Bible. And all of this is inscribed upon an obelisk that is a phallic symbol.

You may note that on the base of this pillar is the word "Justice." What a mockery this is from Satan, for he understands what is being depicted here, and in his violent opposition to God's judgment upon his rebellion he has sought to defile the word of God and He calls this "Justice."

(Macon's Symbols 2)



Another Obelisk in Macon's Downtown Area. Monument to Confederate States of America

(Rose Hill Cemetery 1)



Macon has an old cemetery in which much of its Masonic history can be observed. This is Rose Hill Cemetery off of Riverside Drive. In this photo a large monument can be seen that is filled with Masonic symbolism. The two pillars are featured, as well as an altar with a Bible resting upon it. On top of the Bible are the symbols of the square and compass. This monument was erected for William A Wolihin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia who lived between 1862 and 1916.

(Rose Hill Cemetery 2)



This inscription caught my eye. It reads “A minister of God. A friend of man. An exemplary Mason. A Christian gentleman.” Truly this is a symbol of Babylon, for it is confusion to share an allegiance to two entities that are completely antagonistic to one another. As the Scriptures state:

II Corinthians 6:14-17

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean..."

(Rose Hill Cemetery 3)



This grave marker is typical of many found throughout the cemetery. Along with the Masonic symbols is the inscription, "Truly a good man has gone to rest." A motto frequently used by Freemasonry is "Making good men better." Such a slogan is itself a manifestation of Babylonian confusion, for it is based in falsehood. The Scriptures declare:

Romans 3:10-12

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one."

Matthew 19:17

So [Jesus] said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God."

It is deception to seek to convince men that they are good and that Masonry will make them better. Yet as Satan is the architect of this organization, he has filled it with destructive lies that lead men away from the will of God.

(Rose Hill Cemetery 4)



This is the grave marker for Jas. H. R. Washington and his wife Mary Anne Hammond. According to the markers in front of the monument he lived from 1809 until 1866. In 1844 he was the mayor of Milledgeville, Georgia and in 1851 he was the mayor of Macon, Georgia. He was a banker, a planter and a legislator. His wife was the founder of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Georgia.

(Rose Hill Cemetery 5)



Here is a variant of the obelisk. The head of the obelisk is covered with a shroud and there is a rope around it. Such a phallic symbol represents that in death the generative principle has been stopped. There is no procreation in the grave. I would be surprised if more than a small fraction of those who have obelisks as their grave markers actually understand what the symbol refers to which they have chosen.

(Rose Hill Cemetery 6)



Here is another variation on the shrouded obelisk. I am reminded of the Scripture:

Proverbs 5:15-18

Drink water from your own cistern and fresh water from your own well. Should your springs be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be yours alone and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth.

(Rose Hill Cemetery 7)



Macon has a significant Jewish population, and many have been involved in Freemasonry. Many of the grave markers in the Hebrew section of Rose Hill Cemetery are adorned with Hebrew characters as well as Masonic symbols.

(Rose Hill Cemetery 8)



Pictured here are two Hebrew grave markers with Masonic symbolism.

(Slide - Rose Hill Panorama)



As a person looks across the cemetery in all directions they will note that there is an absence of Christian symbols, such as crosses. Instead, obelisks rise in all directions.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world...

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He... does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

Those who are considered the adepts of Masonry, those of the highest degrees, are familiar with its Luciferian doctrines. They also practice deception and teach lies for truth. It is ever the practice of Satan to seek to deceive mankind, and those who would join with him as his disciples must also do the same.

It is not surprising that the Shriners have adopted Islam as the pattern for their lodges, their rites and symbols. Islam is a manifestation of the spirit of Babylon in that it seeks to bring confusion to the truth. Islam has taken the historical characters and teachings of the Bible and has altered them until they are unrecognizable. Freemasonry has done the same through its embellishments of the lives of Biblical personalities such as Abraham, Solomon, Hiram, John the Baptist and the apostle John, and numerous others.

We should not be surprised then to find that there have been members of Masonry, indoctrinated into its higher teachings, that have taken the principles of Babylon that they have learned and used them to establish new religions.

(Slide - Mormon Masonry)



It should not be a surprise to those who are a part of Masonry that various cults have arisen as a result of its influence. For Masonry claims to allow for many definitions of god, and it says it has no set religious creed of its own. Therefore, any belief system in any god is acceptable to those who participate in Masonic lodges.

It is historically revealed that both the Mormon church and Jehovah's Witnesses were organized by men who were Masons of the higher degrees. Any saint who would apply himself as a workman to carefully examine this topic could easily discover the truth for himself.

In this image before you a figure above one of the doorways to the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City is seen representing the Masonic Handshake with the rays of the Sun surrounding.

Joseph Smith, Sr., the father of Mormonism's founder, was a documented member of Freemasonry in upstate New York. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason on May 7, 1818 in Ontario Lodge No. 23 of Canandaigua, New York. A brother of the founder of Mormonism, Hyrum Smith, was a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 112, Palmyra New York, which is the same town in which the Book of Mormon was originally published.

(Slide - Masonry and Mormonism 2)



In this picture from the outside of the Mormon Tabernacle we see figured over the doorway, the all seeing eye, or the eye of Horus, as it is also known.

The association between Freemasonry and Mormonism is not denied, but rather it is openly reported by those who are knowledgeable Freemasons. The following quotation is taken from the Freemason website www.freemason.org.

“On April 6, 1840, the present Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed by the Mormon Patriarch, Judge and General James Adams.

An interesting side note is that the Mormon Church was founded on April 6, 1830, The Nauvoo Temple was dedicated on April 6 and the Mormon Church teaches that the birth of Christ actually was April 6 (though they celebrate it on December 25).”

This same website reports that before the Mormons fled to Utah to escape persecution, they were assembled in Masonic lodges which came to be known as Mormon lodges.

Consider now that the Mormon church treats Christianity the same way that Masonry does. Even as Masonry states that they revere the Bible, so too do Mormons. But even as Masonry adds to the Bible, even so has Mormonism added to the Bible by declaring the Book of Mormon to be a divine book that brings greater light and clarity to the Bible.

Yet there is one further connection I want to draw between Masonry and Mormonism. Even as Albert Pike declared to those of the 33rd degree and higher that Lucifer was equal with Adonai God, so too does the Mormon church declare that Lucifer and Jesus are equal.

(Slide - Brigham Young Quote)

In the Discourses of Brigham Young, on Pg.53-54 he lets it be known that Lucifer is the second son, the one known as "Son of the Morning."

"Who will redeem the earth, who will go forth and make the sacrifice for the earth and all things it contains?" The Eldest Son (Jesus) said: "Here am I"; and then he added, "Send me." But the second one, which was "Lucifer, Son of the Morning," said, "Lord, here am I, send me, I will redeem every son and daughter of Adam and Eve that lives on the earth, or that ever goes on the earth."

The website www.wikipedia.com has this to say about Joseph Smith, Sr.

Joseph Smith, Sr. (1771–1840) was the father of Joseph Smith, Jr., the founder of the Latter Day Saint movement. Joseph Sr., was also one of the Eight Witnesses of the Book of Mormon which is believed to have been translated by Joseph Jr. from the Golden Plates. In addition, Joseph Sr. was the first Presiding Patriarch of the Latter Day Saint church, a member of the First Presidency of the church, and a Master Freemason of the Ontario Lodge No. 23 of Canandaigua, New York.

When one considers that he was a 33rd degree Mason, and was privy to the true beliefs of the Luciferian doctrines of Masonry, it is not surprising that the religion that his son founded, and which he was the first Presiding Patriarch, taught that Lucifer is co-equal with the Son of God. However, this is heresy, and spiritual harlotry.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Colossians 1:15-16

He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities -- all things have been created through Him and for Him.

We are told that ALL THINGS in the heavens and on earth were created by Yahshua, the ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD. The apostle then goes on to declare that this includes “thrones and dominions, rulers and authorities.” This certainly includes Satan who was created as an angelic being.

In the book of Jude we read the following:

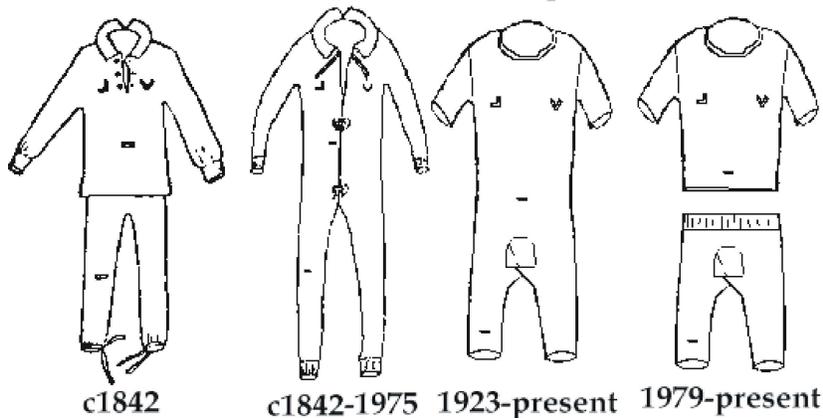
Jude 8-9

Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Jude first announces that his topic is “reviling angelic majesties.” He then uses Michael the archangel’s dispute with the devil as an example of an encounter with an angelic majesty. The clear correlation here is that Satan is an angelic majesty, and if he is, then he was created by the only begotten Son of the Father. They are not brothers, and they are not equal.

(Slide - Mormon Temple Garment)

The Evolution of the Temple Garment



Again I would mention the Scriptures cited at the beginning of this presentation. We are in them urged to not be as children carried about by every wave and wind of doctrine, but are to examine all things carefully. It is not a difficult task to uncover the Masonic influence of "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," which is called the Mormon church. Joseph Smith has himself admitted his affiliation with Masonry in his "History of the Church." In volume 4, page 551 we find an entry for March 15, 1842.

["In the evening I received the first degree in Free Masonry in the Nauvoo Lodge, assembled in my general business office."](#)

The lodge referred to was in Nauvoo, Illinois. While in Illinois the followers of this new religion met in Masonic lodges until they were driven out of the state by acts of violence against them. The very next page contains the events of the following day.

["I was with the Masonic Lodge and rose to the sublime degree"](#)
[Source: Joseph Smith, History of the Church, page 552]

Joseph Smith just two months later unveiled the Endowment ceremony that is essential to participation in the Mormon Church. Many of the rites of this ceremony bear a great resemblance to those rites found in Freemasonry. Among these similarities are:

- The five points of fellowship.
- The penalties invoked in the non-disclosure oaths.
- Two grips (or tokens).
- The symbols of the compass and the square.
- Miscellaneous phrases, such as "Has it a name?" or "three distinct knocks."

I will provide visual testimony of one unescapable correlation. Each person participating in these rites of the Mormon church is required to robe in various Temple garments.

The Garment of the Holy Priesthood, pictured here, is the only garment members wear outside the Temple. It is supposed to represent the garment given to Adam when he was found naked in the Garden of Eden. It bears upon it marks which find their counterpart in Masonic ritual and symbolism. Over the left breast is "the mark of the compass." Over the right breast is "the mark of the square."

Although the Mormons give a varying interpretation of the meaning of these symbols than that of the Masons, it is easily discerned that Joseph Smith and other founders of the LDS church borrowed much from the rites and symbols of Freemasonry. As the sincere Christian carefully examines this topic they will find an abundance of evidence revealing the influence of Freemasonry upon the founding of the Mormon religion.

The spirit of Babylon is prevalent within the Mormon church, even as it is within Freemasonry and within Islam. Mormon doctrine acknowledges that there are many gods, and although it only allows for the worship of Elohim, the God of the Bible, it redefines Who Elohim is.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Numbers 23:19

"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent...

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Psalms 90:2

Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Another significant way in which Latter Day Saints' view of God differs from mainstream Christian denominations is in their belief that God progressed during the eternal past from being a man who dwelt on an earth to being the glorified, perfected, omnipotent God of the Universe, the Supreme Being. Latter Day Saints apply the concept of exaltation to God the Father based on Joseph Smith's teachings in the King Follett Discourse.

[Source: Wikipedia]

This belief stands in sharp contrast to Biblical teaching. The Bible reveals that Yahweh has always been God, and there is not a hint of the idea that He was once a man and progressed to a condition of deity. Thus like other religions and organizations that manifest a spirit of Babylon, the Mormon church seeks to bring confusion to the truths of Scripture by claiming to have received further revelation which its adherents are urged to use to help them rightly interpret the words of Scripture.

The Book of Mormon is introduced as "another Testament of Jesus Christ." The end result of adding to the Scriptures is to alter the truth until it is unrecognizable, until the lies and deceptions of Satan have darkened the understanding of all who have been poisoned by it.

(Slide - Jehovah's Witnesses and Masonry)



The Mormon Church is not the only religion to have arisen out of the influence of Freemasonry. We find that The Jehovah's Witnesses also share this distinction.

This is the grave of Charles Taze Russell, the founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses. If you do a search on his name along with the word Freemasonry you will be led to a multitude of sites that strenuously deny that he was every associated with Freemasonry. Yet one must believe their eyes over the testimony of many witnesses.

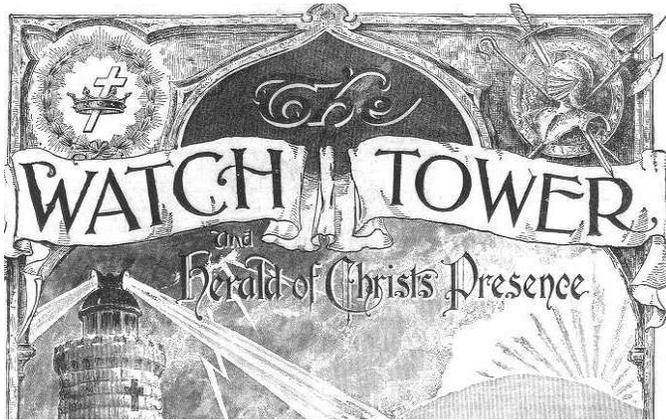
Note that the marker over the grave of Russell is a pyramid, an image that is sacred to Masons. The Pyramid also has engraved on it the figure of the Knight's Templar Cross. But look at the next slide and see where Russell's grave is located.

(Slide - Russell, Masonic Cemetery)



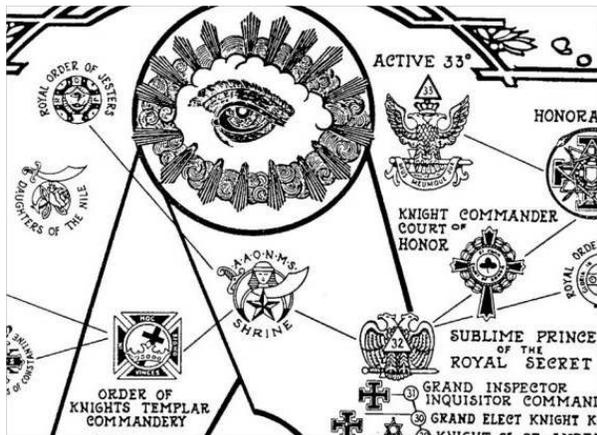
This is the cemetery that Charles Taze Russell is buried in. Despite the many denials of any association between Russell and Freemasonry, the facts testify otherwise.

(Slide - Watch Tower Symbols)



Russell started a publishing house named Watch Tower Publishing through which all of the Jehovah's Witnesses materials are printed. On an early publication it can be clearly seen that the same Knight's Templar cross that is on his grave is present in the upper left corner of the magazine cover. In the upper right hand corner we see the image of a Knight.

(Slide - Knights Templars Extract)



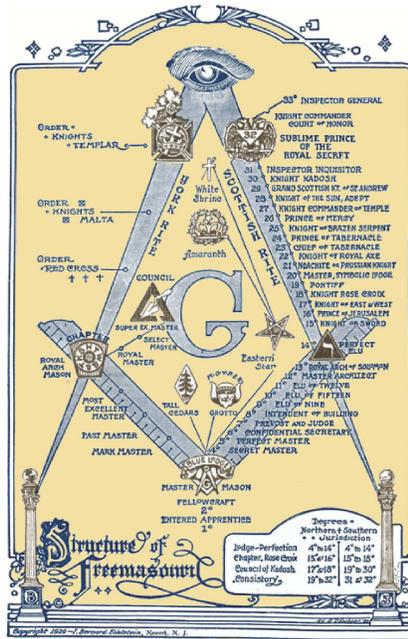
The Knights Templars are an order within Freemasonry. They are on the side of York Rite Masonry. Note that in the center, right under the all seeing eye, which is an occult symbol of Satan, is the seal of the Shriners, or Shrine Masons. In order to be a Shriner, a man must be a 32nd degree Mason of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, or a Master Mason of the York Rite.

In this diagram of the Structure of Freemasonry it is observed that the order of Knight's Templars is directly below Shrine masonry, and close to the all seeing eye, revealing its association with the knowledge reserved for those at the higher degrees of Freemasonry.

This symbol of the Knights Templars is the same image observed engraved on the pyramid marking the grave of Charles Taze Russell, and the same symbol on the early edition of "The Watchtower" publication that we have already observed.

(Slide - Structure of Freemasonry)

Structure of
Freemasonry



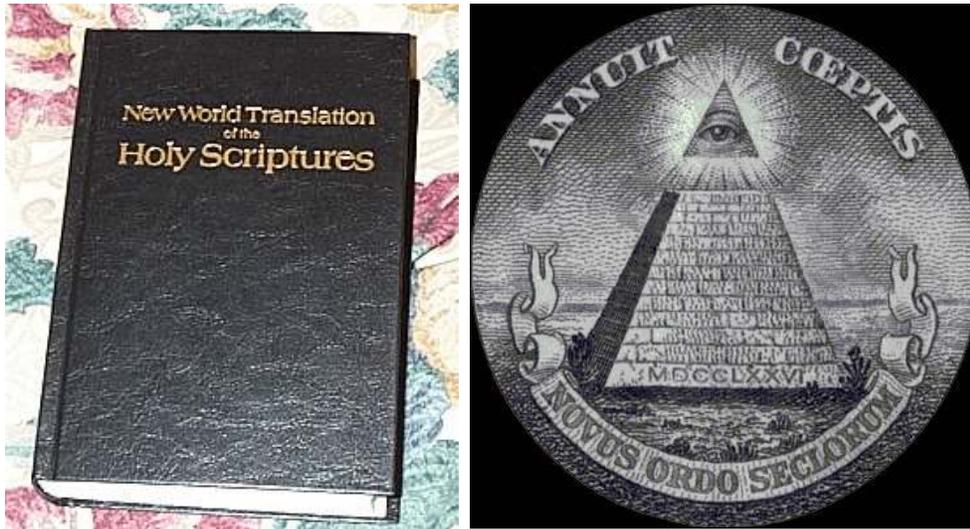
I am placing these two pictures side by side to demonstrate something about Freemasonry. As we have been observing, Freemasonry intentionally misleads those at the lower levels. As one progresses to the higher degrees of Freemasonry they are given more “light” concerning the true doctrines of “the Craft.” Thus we see that the “all seeing eye” is at the very top of the Pyramid on the back of the United States dollar bill, as well as at the top of the Structure of Freemasonry diagram pictured here, which is itself a stylized pyramid.

Even as a pyramid is very broad at its base, we find that in Masonry that the greatest number of its members are the furthest away from the truths of its actual symbols, rituals and principles. As one progresses further up the pyramid the number of people at each level decreases, until it is only a relatively small percentage who attain to the knowledge of “the Luciferian doctrines” of which Albert Pike spoke.

Note, however, how high up the Knights Templar seal is on the side of the York Rite of Freemasonry, from which emerged The Jehovah’s Witnesses under Charles Taze Russell. Also note how high up the 33rd degree is on the Scottish rite side, where Joseph Smith Sr., as well as many leaders of the Mormon church attained to.

Russell took a slightly different tack when forming the religious organization than did Joseph Smith. Whereas Smith wrote an entirely new book to be read alongside the Bible, Russell simply re-wrote the Bible, creating his own peculiar translation which is known as the “New World Translation.”

(Slide - New World Order)



It is widely known that the symbols on the back of the money used by the United States is filled with Masonic Symbols. One of the most prominent is the pyramid topped by the all seeing eye. Underneath are the Latin words *Novus Ordo Seclorum*, which is translated "New Order of the Ages." This is a reference to the New World Order that is written and spoken about to such a great extent today.

Masonry at its highest levels, those that are associated with the Illuminati, or The Enlightened Ones, are very much interested in bringing about a New World Order. We can trace this back to the working of Satan, even as we can trace the doctrines of the highest levels of Masonry to the work of Satan.

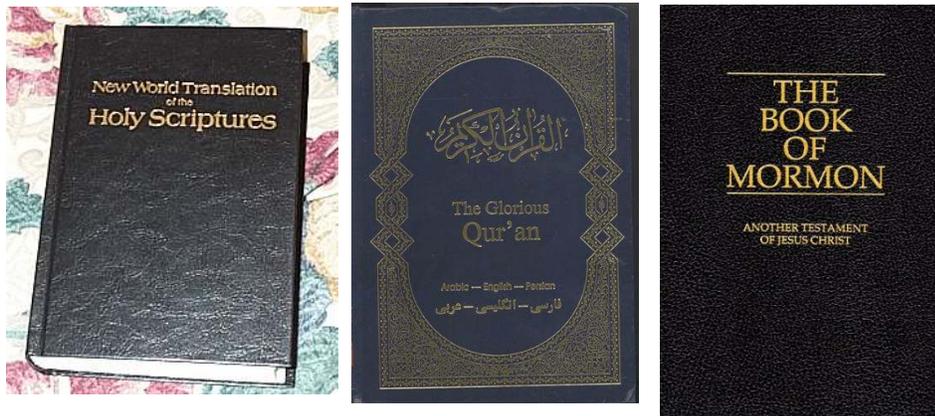
In the Scriptures we are told that in the last days before the return of Christ that a man referred to as the Anti-Christ will arise, and will establish a government over the entire world. He will institute the use of a mark that will be required to buy and sell, and he will also take his seat in the Temple and demand to be worshiped.

This government that will extend over the entire world is what is referred to as the New World Order, and it will include not only a political domination of the world, and an economic domination, but a religious domination as well. It will seek to mold into one all of the religions of the world. From what we have already looked at, it is not difficult to see how Masonry is being used as an instrument to bring forth this unity of all religions, for it declares that ALL religions are acceptable, and all gods are but varying forms of the one true god.

What are we to think then when men who have reached the highest levels of Freemasonry begin to form religions that seek to modify the teachings of Scripture? Are they not in a great way preparing the masses of Christendom to accept alterations to the teachings of Scripture, particularly as they relate to the person of Christ and His exclusivity as being the only way to reconciliation and oneness with the Father?

It seems more than coincidental then that Charles Taze Russell was buried in a Masonic cemetery under a pyramid, and that the name he chose for the Bible used by all Jehovah's Witnesses is the "New World Translation."

(Slide - Three Books)



Babylon: Confusion

Possibly the most controversial doctrinal differences relate to the nature of God and of Jesus, particularly the Jehovah's Witnesses' rejection of the Trinity. In contrast with trinitarian doctrine, they believe that Jesus was not God in a human body, but rather that he was created by God. The beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses about hell, the immortality of the soul, the return of Jesus to the earth, and salvation are also controversial.

Some scholars have criticized the New World Translation, the translation of the Bible published by Jehovah's Witnesses, stating that the group has changed the Bible to suit their doctrine and that the translation contains a number of errors and inaccuracies.

[Source: Wikipedia]

Both the Mormon church and Jehovah's Witnesses claim that the church became corrupted early on, and that they are restoring the character and teachings of early Christianity. In actuality, both of these false religions are leading millions of people into error, and they are undermining confidence in the validity of ancient Biblical manuscripts. These religions are setting up millions of people to readily accept further reinterpretations of the truths of the Bible until there is no firm foundation of truth left to stand upon.

We see in all of the three religions we have just looked at the same spirit of Babylon, which is a spirit of confusion. It was at Babel that God confused the languages of men, and in each of these religions we see presented a different testimony that claims to hold the ultimate truths of God, but in actuality they lead only to confusion and disorder.

(Slide - An Appearance of Good)



How has Satan been able to deceive so many concerning the true nature of Freemasonry? How is it that so many men of note, even in the higher degrees of Masonry have the appearance of being good men carrying forth a laudable work? We read in Scripture of one of Lucifer's true practices.

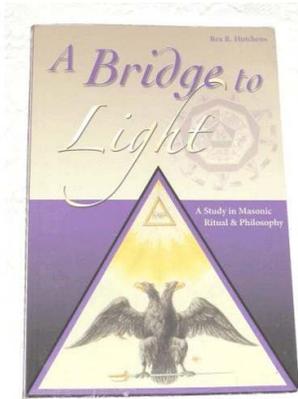
II Corinthians 11:13-15

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

The Masons support many charitable works. The Shriners are renowned for their hospitals for children. The Mormons are revered for their emphasis on family life and education. Satan knows the value of deception. Many men shake their heads in disbelief when they hear the truth concerning these organizations because they have been presented with an image of virtue and good works. Perhaps even now you are thinking, "I don't believe my lodge would have anything to do with works of darkness."

A Freemason does not have to look far at all to see the spirit of Babylon. Have you truly understood all the symbols that surround Masonry? Do you really understand the rites and oaths that are associated with the various degrees? Have you not noticed the pervasiveness of elements from other religions and the mention of other deities?

(Slide - A Bridge to Light)



Until 1988 Albert Pike's book "Morals and Dogma" was used widely as an instruction book on Freemasonry. The book is over 800 pages in length and spends a large percentage of its pages exploring the history of various world religions, many of them ancient. Pike draws upon many of the symbols, practices and doctrines of these religions to instruct the Freemason in "the mysteries" and to lead them on a path toward "light."

Beginning in 1988 the Scottish rite began using the book "A Bridge to Light" by Rex Hutchens as their primer to be given to all initiates who were applying to take the degrees of Freemasonry, though this book continues to cite Albert Pike in numerous places. The book describes the initiation rites of the 33 degrees of Freemasonry, and it is filled with references and lessons from a variety of religions.

"A Bridge to Light" is given to all candidates for Scottish Rite degrees at the direction of The Supreme Council, 33rd degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America. The book was unanimously approved by the Scottish Rite Committee on Rituals and Ceremonial Forms. It would be disingenuous therefore to suggest that those things written therein do not express the thoughts of Freemasonry's leaders.

"A Bridge to Light" provides an overview of Freemasonry as it looks at each of the degrees and their associated rituals and symbols. A person could hardly find a book filled with more information on pagan religions and false deities than this one. The reason is evident. Freemasonry is not Christian, but manifests the spirit of Babylon that has gone mad in its pursuit of idols.

On pages 112-113 of the book, Rex Hutchens declares that Jesus Christ was just one messiah among many. When mentioning a list of false gods, he includes “Jesus of the Christians” as just one more among a list of many.

“We see references to Dionysius of the Greeks, Sosiosch of the Persians, Krishna of the Hindus, Osiris of the Egyptians, Jesus of the Christians. The purpose of these varying cultures’ messiahs was to find in human form a source of intercession with Deity; in particular one who, as a human, had been tempted and suffered the daily pangs of life and so could be expected to possess a particular sympathy and understanding; in a word, the messiahs expressed hope.”

Hutchens does not try to distinguish Jesus Christ from the list of false gods, but rather to obscure His uniqueness. In another section he writes of the concept of a divine trinity, and once again he seeks to portray other religions as having similar teachings to Christianity in order to lead the reader to the conclusion that the differences between religions is mainly one of names, yet essentially they are all leading mankind to a discovery of truth.

“A Bridge to Light” openly reveals that many of the symbols and rituals of Freemasonry are derived from occult sources and stories of pagan gods and goddesses. If any thoughtful Christian carefully examined what is being disclosed, he should be appalled. Is it a small thing to deny the uniqueness of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah? Will we provoke Yahweh to jealousy by declaring that there is essentially no difference between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit of the Bible and Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu of the Hindus?

Exodus 20:3-5

“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God...”

(Slide - 911 Prayer)



We are now approaching the final portion of this presentation, and I wish to reveal to you the great influence of Freemasonry upon America as a nation, and to show you clearly how the spirit of Babylon is even at this hour coming to maturity.

I will begin by mentioning three signs revealing the prevalence of the spirit of Babylon over America.

The picture seen here was taken during the national prayer service held in the National Cathedral in Washington, DC a few days after the events of September 11, 2001. You can see the current President of the United States, as well as four former Presidents in this photo. In addition to them were many other leaders from Congress and the Judiciary.

An event occurred at this prayer service that had never been publicly observed before in America. As the leaders of this nation bowed their heads in prayer, a Muslim Cleric led them in a prayer to Allah, the false god of Islam. Right after the prayer was offered to Allah, Billy Graham led the same people in another prayer, this time to the God of the Bible.

The spirit of Babylon is a spirit of mixture and confusion, and it is reaching a very high state in America in this very hour. There was no great outcry over the abomination that occurred in mixing prayers to Yahweh with prayers to

Allah, even though there is tremendous Biblical condemnation of such a practice. The lack of protest by the Christians of America is a symptom of how far they have come under the influence of the spirit of Babylon.

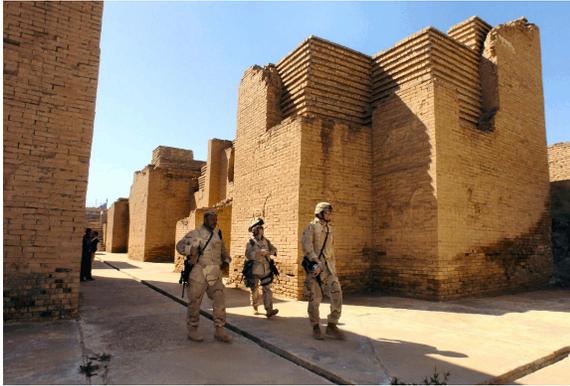
(Slide - Presidential Candidates)



As I write this the United States is well into the contest for the next president, and we are seeing things that have never been seen before. One of the leading contenders for the Democratic nomination is the son of a Muslim (Barack Hussein Obama). One of those vying for the Republican nomination is a Mormon (Mitt Romney).

Of all the Presidents elected until now, all have been professing Christians, and all but one have been Protestant (John F. Kennedy was Catholic). America's adoption of false religions and ideologies has created a much different environment than once existed. She has become more like ancient Babylon which pursued many idols. No longer is there a consensus that her leaders should be those who espouse that Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah, is the sole path to God.

(Slide - America Rules Babylon)



An unusual testimony of America being under the influence of the spirit of Babylon is revealed when one understands where the ancient city of Babylon is located. All that is now left of the city is ruins, for as Yahweh testified through the prophet Jeremiah, the once prosperous city would be made a desert place, a habitation of the ostrich and the jackal, and no man would dwell there ever again throughout mankind's generations.

Babylon was located in what is now the country of Iraq. Since 2003, when America invaded Iraq, the ancient city of Babylon has been under American control. This is a spiritual parable indicating that the spirit of Babylon is now centered in America.

(Slide - President Bush, Skull and Bones)



There are numerous societies that share the same spirit of Babylon and Luciferian doctrines as Freemasonry, whose intent is to bring forth a “New World Order” that will combine the governments of the world into one. As was mentioned, this New World Order also includes a unifying of all of the world’s financial institutions and a merging of all the world’s religions.

One can recognize that this is a manifestation of the spirit of Babylon when they consider that it was at Babel that all mankind was last unified. It was at Babel that Yahweh confused the languages of man and divided them up over the face of the earth. A return to a one world government is a return to Babel, and the spirit of Babylon.

Among the societies and organizations that have as their goal the establishment of the “New World Order” are The Council on Foreign Relations, The Trilateral Commission, The Bildebergers, The Bohemian Grove, The Illuminati, etc.. Also included in this group is the secret society formed at Yale University called “Skull and Bones.”

Each year Skull and Bones selects 15 men in their junior year at Yale to join their organization. Pictured here just to the left of the clock is the current President, George W. Bush in a group photo showing those chosen during his junior year at Yale.

(Slide - Iftaar Dinner)



President George W. Bush has manifested the spirit of Babylon to a greater extent than any President before him. During his presidency he initiated a practice that has continued every year since he has been in office. During the month of Ramadan, Islam's holiest month, Muslims fast during the day and after sundown they break their fast by eating a meal which is called an Iftaar Dinner. President Bush has hosted an Iftaar dinner in the White House every year, at which he addresses those Muslim leaders who are gathered there. The transcripts of these speeches can be read at the government website: www.whitehouse.gov .

At President Bush's direction, a copy of the Qu'ran, the Islamic holy book, has been placed in the White House library.

This President that claims to be a Christian has done nothing to further the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ during his tenure in office. Instead, he has brought confusion as he has brought the idolatry of false religions into the White House.

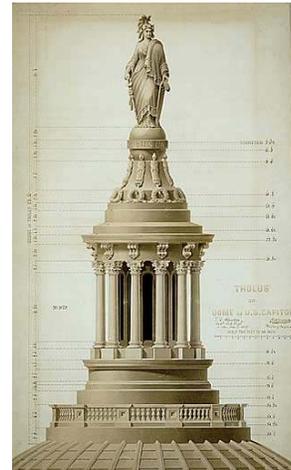
A person who has carefully examined the influence of false religions and pagan deities throughout the history of America should not be surprised that America is now openly manifesting the spirit of Babylon.

Following are some prominent signs of the spirit of Babylon in the nation's capital.

(Slide - Statues in Congress)



Statue atop the Tholos
on the Capitol Building



Washington DC, the Federal City of the United States was laid out by Pierre L'enfant, a French Mason. L'enfant imbued the plan of Washington, its streets and its buildings, with a multitude of Masonic symbols, as well as symbols relating to the worship of pagan deities.

Pictured here is the statue of Freedom atop the Capitol Building where Congress meets. The structure that the statue rests upon is called the Tholos, which is a shortened version of "Tholos Tomb." Translated to English this is a Beehive Tomb. The beehive is a symbol well known in Freemasonry, as well as in the Mormon church. The flag of the state of Utah, the seat of the Mormon religion contains a Beehive.

In ancient Greece and Rome, there was a Tholos at Athens, Olympia and Ephesus, all centers for the worship of false gods.

The statue above the Tholos on the Capitol Building is referred to as the Statue of Freedom, but one must remember that it is ever the practice of Freemasonry to mislead those at the lower levels as to the symbols used. The statue is in fact that of Persephone, the goddess of the dead, the goddess of the underworld, or the goddess of hell.

Persephone was often known as Libera (“Liberty”), so the sculptor called his statue over the U.S. Capitol, “Freedom.” She stands 19 feet 6 inches, which works out to $6 + 6 + 6$ feet, and $6 + 6 + 6$ inches.

(Slide - Apotheosis)



Around the same time that the statue of Persephone was placed atop the Capitol Building, Constantino Brumidi arrived from Rome to do the artwork for the Dome of the Capitol. He painted what is called the "Apotheosis of Washington." This phrase means "the deification of Washington." According to Webster's Dictionary, Apotheosis means "*the act of placing a prince or other distinguished person among the heathen deities.*" What is pictured on the dome is George Washington ascending to the heavens to take his place among the heathen gods.

This is a manifestation of the doctrines of the Freemasons at the highest levels who teach that man can become a god as he ascends through the degrees of Masonry to arrive at perfect enlightenment. This is also a teaching of the Mormon church, who contend that all men are called to ascend to the status of a god. This was also Satan's original lie to man as he declared to Eve and to Adam that in eating of the forbidden fruit that they could "be like God." Satan has not changed his strategy, for he has found it to be very effective. He is still offering forbidden fruit to mankind with the same false promise of becoming like God.

Another detail of this painting is seen at the bottom of the photo where the goddess Persephone is seen with an eagle beside her. The eagle represents Roman justice and Persephone (also called Minerva) is seen as the mediator

between those on earth and the gods in the heavens.

The official motto of the Justice Department is “Qui Pro Domina Justitia Sequitur.” This translates to “He who follows the Goddess Justitia.” The Justice Department's motto encircles the eagle. Persephone, when judging the dead in Hades was referred to as Justitia.

There is much more symbolism here, but I will leave that to your own study.

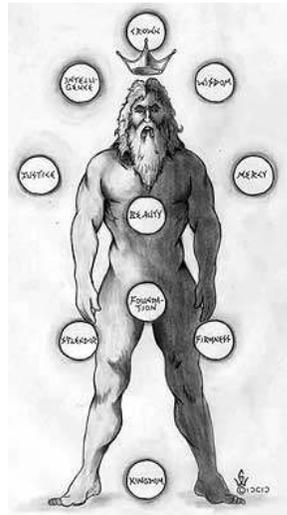
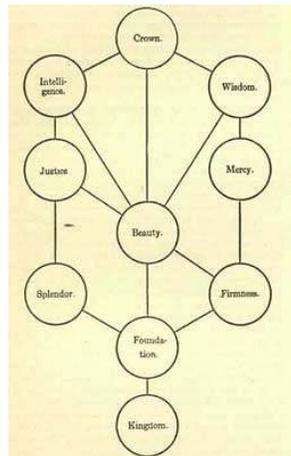
(Slide - Washington Masonic Memorial)



Pictured here is the Washington Masonic Memorial in the nation's capital. Notice the Masonic symbols on the ground in front of the building. The building is topped by a pyramid, and the front of the building contains 13 windows, nine on the tower and four on the base. The number 13 is a very prevalent number throughout Freemasonry, and is also widely used in the occult.

There is a tremendous, and pervasive influence of Freemasonry throughout the nation's capital.

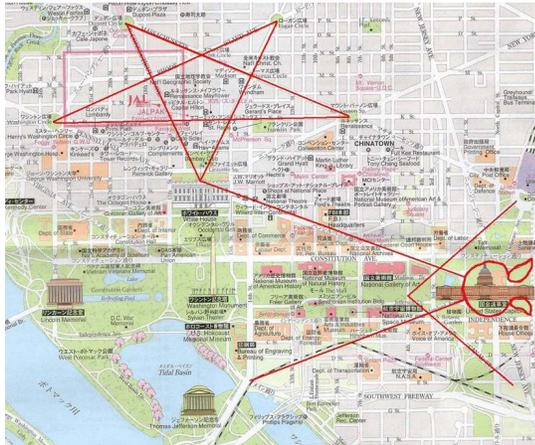
(Slide - The Mall)



Pictured here is one more illustration of the occult influence of Freemasonry that “L’Enfant” drew upon as he laid out the city plan of this nation’s capitol. Pictured at the left is an old map showing the layout of “The Mall” which has the Capitol Building at the lower end and the Washington Monument at the top. It is laid out after the pattern of the Sephiroth Tree of Life, a symbol familiar to occultists.

Albert Mackey, another renowned Freemason who wrote much on the topic speaks at length on the Sephiroth Tree of Life in his book “The History of Freemasonry.” Its origins come from the Jewish book of mysticism “The Kabbala,” which is itself just one more writing that explores the ancient mystery religions and the doctrines of Lucifer.

(Slide - Goat Head of Mendes)



L'enfant, the French Mason, laid out within the street plan of Washington DC numerous Masonic symbols. You can observe here both the compass and the square of Freemasonry, as well as the five pointed star which is prominently depicted in the Order of the Eastern Star.

One must remember that the masses within these organizations are misled as to the true meaning of these symbols. The five pointed star when inverted actually stands as a symbol called the goat head of Mendes which occultists are familiar with in its association with the worship of Satan.

According to occultic/Satanic doctrine, the upper four points of the Goathead(left) represent the four elements of the world, Fire, Water, Earth, and Air. The bottom fifth point represents the spirit of Lucifer. In the above photocopy of the Goathead Pentagram, the fifth point extends down into the mind of the goat, who represents Lucifer.

[Source: www.freemasonrywatch.com]

L'Enfant strategically placed this pentagram so that the fifth point, that representing the mind of Satan, would rest upon the White House. This symbolizes that the mind of Satan is in control of the government of America.

Note also that at the top of the star resting on the goat head is a candle. This is a symbol for the light of Satan, which correlates to the Luciferian doctrines of which Albert Pike spoke. If one were to travel exactly 13 blocks up from the point of the map where the candle would arise, they would find the headquarters of Freemasonry for all of North America.

(Slide - Supreme Council 33 Degrees)



The national headquarters of Freemasonry is strategically located in Washington DC right where the light of the flame would appear that rests upon the pentagram atop the goats head. Freemasonry sees itself as the keeper of the Mysteries, and instructors of “The Craft,” a term also associated with Witchcraft and Satanism. Yet the deep mysteries of Freemasonry are simply Luciferian doctrines.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Revelation 2:20-24

“But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them -- I place no other burden on you.”

Those involved in Freemasonry should take these words of Jesus Christ to heart. Jezebel brought the worship of Baal and Ashteroth to Israel, and she stands today as a symbol of those who lead the children of God into the worship of false deities. The phrase “she teaches and leads them...to eat things sacrificed to idols” is a spiritual picture of teaching and leading others to embrace false doctrines and the worship of false gods. This Freemasonry does as it sets before men a table to feast from that is filled with the doctrines of demons.

God has warned that He will bring a severe judgment upon all who commit adultery (spiritual unfaithfulness) as a result of Jezebel’s influence, unless they repent. The Lord Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah, then makes reference to these teachings as “the deep things of Satan.” This also is a fitting reference to Freemasonry for it holds to the Luciferian doctrines.

In a prophetic sign, Hurricane Isabel reached its peak of intensity on September 11, 2003 with top winds of 165 miles per hour, and it made landfall on the Outer Banks of North Carolina on September 18, 2003. The number 18 is significant to occultists as it is $6 + 6 + 6$. The name Isabel is a variation of the name Jezebel. I wrote about the significance of this storm in the book “Babylon Burning.” [<http://www.heart4god.ws/id493.htm>]

Isabel shut down the nation’s government in Washington DC for two days as it toppled many ancient trees and cut power to 120,000 residents in the city, and approximately 6 million people on the East Coast. A news article reporting on the results of Hurricane Isabel stated that the lights were out at The

Supreme Court. This was at a time when the nation's highest court was making rulings to remove the Ten Commandments from all court houses and was also making numerous rulings in favor of homosexuality. The lights were truly out at the Supreme Court.

I found the lead article on AOL's website to be pregnant with meaning as it was titled, "Death, Destruction Follow in Isabel's Wake." Yahweh will judge the spirit of Babylon, which is the spirit of Jezebel.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Revelation 18:2-4

And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her..." I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues..."

We live in an hour when Satan is bringing his plans to maturity through those agents and agencies that are within his employ. Many have been deceived in order to entice them to join organizations that are under the rule and guidance of Lucifer. He has filled the world with the spirit of Babylon, and Yahweh has testified:

Revelation 18:8

For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.

Do not be found inside of Babylon when her judgment comes. Heed the cry of the Spirit of Christ in this hour which is calling, "Come out of her, My people."

(Slide - Bush, Ruler of Babylon)



Pictured here is President George W Bush with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki. President Bush is in effect the ruler of Babylon. This is true not just politically, but spiritually as well.

In August of 2006 I wrote an article titled “SLEEPER, AWAKE!” In that article I recounted how even in this hour the plans of Satan are moving forward and that he is using key individuals to introduce great apostasy to the church.

Following is an excerpt from that article:

A false prophet is not merely someone who claims to have a prophetic gift. It is anyone who “professes” to be someone, or something they are not. The President can proclaim the name of the Lord repeatedly, but this will not gain him access to the kingdom of heaven. Only those who do the will of the Father will enter in. Has George W. Bush done the will of the Father?

The first of the ten commandments states, “You shall have no other gods before Me.” More literal translations render this, “You shall have no other gods in my presence...”

Christian, I ask you to exercise the most basic level of spiritual discernment. The first commandment given by God to Moses was one that directed His people to have no other gods. Yahweh alone was to be named among them, worshiped among them, honored among them. An Israelite who served any other god was to be cut off from among the true followers of Yahweh. Yahweh would not accept those who served Him and served Baal. He would not accept

those who served Him and Ashtoreth, or Molech, or any of the gods of Egypt...

Islam is a religion that does not recognize Yahweh. Instead they recognize a god that is no god at all, whose name is Allah. Islam teaches that there is a way to god other than through Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah. Yahshua, in contrast said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by Me..."

What was played out during the national prayer service following the events of September 11, 2001 was a re-enactment of what occurred thousands of years ago when the priests of Baal stood shoulder to shoulder with the priests of Yahweh. It brought judgment then, and it will invite the judgment of God today. Tell me, if I am wrong, "What was different from this prayer service and what happened years ago in Israel? What difference is there in a prophet of Baal and a minister of Allah?"

What I am asking for is the most basic level of discernment. Has Yahweh changed His mind concerning the first commandment? Will He now tolerate other gods being worshiped alongside Him? Is He no longer a jealous God? Are there now many ways to approach Him, outside of His Son, Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah? Or are those who come another way still thieves and robbers?...

At a press conference held in England, a reporter asked President Bush if he believes that Christians and Muslims worship the same god. Bush's answer was an emphatic "Yes." The transcript can be viewed on the Internet if any are inclined to look it up.

Much more is revealed in the President's speeches given at the Muslim Iftar dinners for the past five years. The seeds of the coming persecution of faithful Christians are observed as the President's words are examined. President George W. Bush is the first president to have hosted a Muslim Iftar Dinner in the White House. An Iftar dinner is eaten in the evening, after sunset, during the Muslim religious month of Ramadan. The Muslims fast during the day, and break their fast in the evening with an Iftar Dinner.

In reading these speeches given by the President, certain themes can be seen. First, there is the false teaching that the Christians and Muslims serve the same god. Bush speaks of God, and of the Almighty God, but he never gives a

name to God. He further supports this argument by suggesting that there is a commonality to the faith of Jews, Christians, and Muslims as they all hearken back to God's call on Abraham. He made the following two statements at different dinners. "We see in Islam a religion that traces its origins back to God's call on Abraham." "As we celebrate this special Iftaar, we renew the ties of friendship that bind all those who trace their faith back to God's call on Abraham."

No one should think that any of the statements made at these dinners, which were carefully scripted, were not made with tremendous forethought, and specific design...

The second theme evident in Bush's speeches is that of religious tolerance. This is made much of, and Bush speaks of honoring the Muslim faith. No true follower of Jesus Christ can give such honor to a religion that is false, which serves a pagan god, and which declares that there is another way to God than through Jesus Christ. The Muslim religion states that Jesus was a prophet, while adamantly denying that He is the Son of God. The Muslim religion teaches that Mohammed was a greater prophet than Jesus. In what way can a true Christian believer, one who is born of the Spirit of Christ, and who walks in the Spirit, give any honor to that which denies the deity of Christ? Such teaching is antichrist.

In his speeches Bush also condemns religious bigotry, and lays the evil of the terrorists as the fruit of religious bigotry. In doing so, Bush is laying the groundwork for persecution for those Christians who insist that Jesus Christ alone is the way, the truth, and the life, and that all others are false, deceivers, and thieves and robbers. Such Christians will themselves be labeled as bigots, and as extremists, and will be lumped together with the terrorists of Islam.

What the Spirit has shown me is that there will come great pressure both from the political arena, and the civilian arena, to compromise the truth regarding the person of Christ, His deity, and His uniqueness as the Savior of all men. This pressure is already being applied, as the President repeatedly asserts that the Muslims and Christians serve the same God. Fear will be used as a great tool of the enemy, for multitudes of nominal Christians will fear being labeled as bigots and extremists. They will compromise the truth, accepting lies and deception in order to avoid persecution, whether in the form of public opinion for being "haters" or "narrow-minded," or in more overt forms.

There is a grand design behind the speeches of the President, and only the naive would believe otherwise. He is the lead spokesman for the most powerful nation on Earth. He has tremendous power to shape public opinion, and from the start of his tenure as president he has consistently used his influence to declare to the world that the Muslim religion is a religion to be honored. The impact on the thinking of Americans has been profound. Over and over the message is heard that Muslims are not the enemy, but that religious extremists are the enemy. Religious extremists can be members of any religion, and the definition of an extremist is repeatedly given as someone who does not exhibit tolerance, and even honor, for the beliefs of other religions.

By this standard, Jesus Christ was the biggest bigot of all, and definitely an extremist. He gave no honor to other gods, and proclaimed Himself to be the only way to the Father. As you read the excerpts I have copied from the President's speeches, I ask you to exercise discernment, to be wise as serpents, and to recognize that a day is coming soon when those who stand fast in their confession of Christ as the only way to the Father, and who declare all others to be impostors, and deceivers, will incur the wrath of the world. Jesus declared that this must occur before He returns. The true disciples of Christ will be hated by all nations. Yet be encouraged, for when you see these things happening, know that your redemption draws nigh.

The President hosted a Muslim Iftaar dinner at the White House on November 19, 2001, in which he made the following comments.

THE PRESIDENT: Good evening, and welcome to the White House. I'm so honored to welcome such distinguished guests and ambassadors during the holy month of Ramadan.

America is made better by millions of Muslim citizens. America has close and important relations with many Islamic nations. So it is fitting for America to honor your friendship and the traditions of a great faith by hosting this Iftaar at the White House...

Ramadan is a time of fasting and prayer for the Muslim faithful. So tonight we are reminded of God's greatness and His commandments to live in peace and to help neighbors in need. According to Muslim teachings, God first revealed His word in the holy Qur'an to the prophet, Muhammad, during the month of Ramadan. That word has guided billions of believers across the centuries, and those believers built a culture of learning and literature and science.

All the world continues to benefit from this faith and its achievements.

Ramadan and the upcoming holiday season are a good time for people of different faiths to learn more about each other.

The President hosted a Muslim Iftaar dinner at the White House on November 7, 2002, in which he made the following comments.

In hosting tonight's Iftaar, I send a message to all the nations represented by their ambassadors here tonight: America treasures your friendship. America honors your faith.

We see in Islam a religion that traces its origins back to God's call on Abraham. We share your belief in God's justice, and your insistence on man's moral responsibility...

One of the deepest commitments of America is tolerance. No one should be treated unkindly because of the color of their skin or the content of their creed. No one should be unfairly judged by appearance or ethnic background, or religious faith. We must uphold these values of progress and pluralism and tolerance.

George Washington said that America gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance. This was our policy at our nation's founding; this is our policy today. America rejects all forms of religious intolerance. America grieves with all the victims of religious bigotry. And America opposes all who commit evil in God's name.

The President hosted a Muslim Iftaar dinner at the White House on October 28, 2003, in which he made the following comments.

THE PRESIDENT: Good evening. Ramadan Kareem. Welcome to the White House. I'm pleased to host all of you, our distinguished guests, during this blessed month of Ramadan.

For Muslims in America, and around the world, this holy time is set aside for prayer and fasting. It is also a good time for people of all faiths to reflect on the values we hold common -- love of family, gratitude to God, and a commitment to religious freedom. America is a land of many faiths -- and we honor and welcome and value the Muslim faith...

I want to thank the American Muslim leaders who are here with us today. I appreciate my friends coming. I particularly want to thank Imam Faizul Khan, who will lead us in prayer.

According to the teachings of Islam, Ramadan commemorates the revelation

of God's word in the Holy Koran to the prophet Mohammed. In this season, Muslims come together to remember their dependence on God, and to show charity to their neighbors. Fasting during Ramadan helps Muslims focus on God's greatness, to grow in virtue, and cultivate compassion toward those who live in poverty and hunger...

As we defend liberty and justice abroad, we must always honor those values here at home. America rejects all forms of ethnic and religious bigotry...

Islam is a religion that brings hope and comfort to good people across America and around the world. Tonight we honor the contributions of Muslims and the tradition of Islam by hosting this Iftaar at the White House.

I wish you all a very blessed Ramadan, and may God bless.

The President hosted a Muslim Iftaar dinner at the White House on November 10, 2004, in which he made the following comments.

For Muslims in America and around the world, Ramadan is a special time of reflection, fasting, and charity. It is a time to think of the less fortunate, and to share God's gifts with those in need. It is a time of spiritual growth and prayer -- and the heartfelt prayers offered by Muslims across America are a blessing for our whole nation...

Freedom is not America's gift to the world; freedom is the Almighty God's gift to each man and woman in this world.

The President hosted a Muslim Iftaar dinner at the White House on October 17, 2005, in which he made the following comments.

To promote greater understanding between our cultures, I have encouraged American families to travel abroad, to visit with Muslim families. And I have encouraged American families to host exchange students from the Muslim world. I have asked young Americans to study the language and customs of the broader Middle East. And for the first time in our nation's history, we have added a Koran to the White House Library. (Applause.)...

As we celebrate this special Iftaar, we renew the ties of friendship that bind all those who trace their faith back to God's call on Abraham.

[Source: www.whitehouse.gov]

Conclusion:

The last book of the Bible speaks much about the spirit of Babylon and Yahweh's judgment upon all who join in her harlotry and immorality. Even so, the last days before the return of Christ are to be marked by this same spirit which will spread confusion over the entire world. The call of Yahweh in this hour is to "come out of her My people, lest you participate in her sins and partake of her plagues."

The Lord Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah told His disciples,

Matthew 10:16

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

In order to walk wisely we must examine all things carefully, and not be as children in our thinking. We do live in evil days, yet our Lord has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. Even as Satan the adversary is bringing his plans to maturity, so too is Yahweh. We are not to fear, but to remain expectant as we anticipate the appearing of the Lord.

It is my hope that as you understand the schemes of the enemy that you will prepare your heart to resist all his subtle lies and the pressure that is being applied to compromise your faith in Yahshua as the only source of salvation, and the only way to fellowship with God the Father. We never manifest the Spirit of Christ by compromising with error. The Spirit of Christ is the Spirit of Truth. Christ told His disciples that He did not come to bring peace, but a sword. A sword divides.

May all God's elect be granted grace to stand in the evil day.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding in these days!