

C. Free Masonry

Freemasonry sponsors a number of admirable social programs, such as their Children's Burn Centers and Hospitals, and the Shrine Circus. So why take the time to analyze their beliefs? Primarily because Masons claim Freemasonry and Christianity are totally compatible. But when one compares the "doctrines" of Freemasonry with the Bible, it becomes clear they are not compatible but in fact contradictory. Consider the following statements from their own official literature.

Polytheistic

"Polytheism" means the worship of many gods. Christianity is a "monotheistic" religion, worshipping only the one, true God. As their own literature reveals, Freemasonry is polytheistic, embracing all religions and gods:

The true Mason is not creed-bound. He realizes with the divine illumination of his lodge that as a Mason his religion must be universal: Christ, Buddha, or Mohammed, the name means little, for he recognizes only the light and not the bearer. He worships at every shrine, bows before every altar, whether in temple, mosque or cathedral, realizing with his truer understanding the oneness of all spiritual truth. (The Lost Keys of Freemasonry, Manly P. Hall, 330, p.65, Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., Richmond, VA., 1976)

Masonry, around whose altars the Christian, the Hebrew, the Moslem, the Brahmin, the followers of Confucius and Zoroaster, can assemble as brethren and unite in prayer to the one God who is above ALL the Baalim, must needs leave it to each of its initiates to look for the foundation of his faith and hope to the written scriptures of his own religion. (Morals and Dogma, Albert Pike, 1956, page 226)

Binding Oaths

In the Shrine, the initiate swears a binding oath in the name of "Allah, the God of our Fathers!" Allah is the God of Islam, a false god very different from the God of the Bible. The red Fez itself was originally a badge of honor worn only by Muslims who had actually killed a Christian and dipped his cap in the martyr's blood. Additionally, every Mason is bound by bloody oaths to maintain the secrets of the Lodge. The oath sworn by the Entered Apprentice or first degree is:

Binding myself under no less penalty than that of having my throat cut across, my tongue torn out by its roots, and my body buried in the rough sands of the sea, at low water mark. (Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry, 3rd Ed., pp. 396, David McKay Pub., New York, NY)

If the Mason is a Christian, Christ's admonition to swear no oaths at all (Matthew 5:34) should be all one would need to stay clear. The secrets of Masonry are protected by the most vile of blood oaths, every one of which is an offense to Jesus.

Salvation By Works

Each candidate, upon completion of the initiation, is given a white Lambskin Apron whose pure and spotless surface he is told will be:

An ever present reminder of purity of life and rectitude of conduct, and when at last, after a life of faithful service your weary feet shall have come to the end of life's toilsome journey and from your nerveless grasp shall have dropped forever the working tools of life, may the record of your life be as pure and spotless as this fair emblem which I place in your hands tonight, and when your trembling soul shall stand, naked and alone, before the Great White Throne, there to receive judgment for the deeds done while here in the body, may it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, the welcome words: Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee rule over many things! Enter into the joy of thy Lord.

According to the Bible, there is only one Great White Throne judgment and it is the judgment of the damned (Revelation 20:11). Secondly, salvation comes through the grace of God extended to those who believe in Christ by faith; not by good works (Ephesians 2:1-10).

Idolatry

It is taught in the Royal Arch degree Masonry draws its teachings and powers from three great teachers and gods. The combined deity is represented as a three-headed snake whose name is Joa:Bul:On, which stands for Jehovah, Baal and Osiris. The supposed quest of the Blue Lodge Masons is the search for "The Lost Word," presumed to be this name of God, supposedly lost through the murder of the fictional architect, Hiram Abiff, during the building of Solomon's Temple. Now the Mason who pronounces that name in the Masonic prayer of worship has just simply defiled the Holy name of God.

Clearly Not Christian

Even the most poorly informed Christian can recognize the views of Freemasonry are not Christian. If you are a Christian, and you are Mason, you would do well to heed the word of the Apostle Paul:

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? (2 Corinthians 6:14,15, NIV)

For more information on Freemasonry, I recommend you read THE QUESTION OF FREEMASONRY, by Ed Decker, published by Huntington House Publishers.

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