



## Freemasonry and Christianity

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I called the Masonic Hall and spoke to an officer there. I told him frankly that I was not a Mason and that I desired to obtain some authentic information regarding Freemasonry and its religious position. I told him one would be sufficient and asked him which knew of these books was the best. Without hesitation he answered, "Get the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, by Mackey. It is, without question, our highest and best authority." In the main, my analysis of Freemasonry will be based on its statements and claims. Surely no Mason can question the fairness of this method. This encyclopedia contains about a thousand pages, with articles on almost every conceivable subject that is in any way related to Freemasonry. I shall not assume to speak for Freemasonry tonight - Freemasonry shall speak for itself. By its own utterances, by its own words, Freemasonry must stand justified or condemned. Matthew 12:37 - "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

### ***Masonry Claims To Be a Religious Institution***

This claim is made not once in this encyclopedia but literally dozens of times in different articles. I shall ask you to hear only one. Under the article on "Religion," Dr Mackey discusses fully the right of Masons to be called a "religious institution." He says that some of the more "timid brethren" have been afraid to declare its religious character lest the opponents of Masonry should use this fact against the lodge. But he insists that the truth should be told. I quote from the encyclopedia (pp 618-619):

*"I contend without any sort of hesitation, that Masonry*

*is, in every sense of the word except one, and that its least philosophical, an eminently religious institution - that is indebted solely to the religious element which it contains for its continued existence, and that without this religious element it would scarcely be worthy of cultivation by the wise and the good. But, that I may be fully understood, it will be well first to agree upon the true definition of religion. There is nothing more illogical than to reason upon undefined terms."*

Dr Mackey then gives in full Webster's definition of "religion," proving conclusively that Freemasonry meets every requirement Webster's three primary definitions of religion, and sums up the proof in the following words:

*"Look at its ancient landmarks, its sublime ceremonies, its profound symbols and allegories - all inculcating religious doctrine, commanding religious observance, and teaching religious truth, and who can deny that it is eminently a religious institution? ...."*

Now I desire to lay down a Biblical truth - an axiom of Christianity. Here it is: There is only ONE TRUE religion. That religion is Christianity. All other religions are false. I need not argue that proposition. No Christian has ever denied it. But listen to the word of the Lord Jesus himself on that point. Jesus said, *"I am the door."* The door to what? The door to God; the door to heaven; the door to eternal life. But that is not all. Listen to this same Jesus as He continues: *"All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers."* (John 10:7-8)

We shall now go to Masonry's highest authority and say: "You have told us that your institution is a religious institution. We believe you, but we would ask one more question. Is your religion Christianity or is it not Christianity?" Freemasonry has answered this question. Mark carefully the answer on page 618 of the encyclopedia: "THE RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY IS NOT CHRISTIANITY!" These are not my words! It declares FREEMASONRY has a religion and that religion IS NOT CHRISTIANITY! I have not condemned Freemasonry. Freemasonry has condemned itself. Let us use a little logic here: If the religion of Freemasonry is not Christianity, then it is false! If the religion of Freemasonry is false, then it is not of God! If the religion of Freemasonry is not of God, then it is of the evil one. Does any man care to stand up and say that a Christian can belong to and support an institution which teaches a religion which is not Christianity? If so, let him face the apostle Paul, who said: *"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you let him be accursed."* (Gal 1:8-9) The curse of God is upon every religion outside of

Christianity.

***The God of Masonry is Not the True God.***

Masonry has a god - you cant have a religion without a god. Over and over in the encyclopedia you meet with the initials "G.A.O.T.U." This is the god of Masonry. The initials stand for the name "Great Architect of the Universe." Sometimes other names are applied to him, but according to Mackey, "G.A.O.T.U." is the technical Masonic name for him (pp 290, 310). Now I shall present the Christian doctrine of God: There is one true God. This true God is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Apart from Christ there is no true God. If a man confesses Jesus Christ, he is worshipping the true God. If he refuses to worship Jesus Christ he is refusing to worship the true God.

Now are we ready for the question, "Is the god of Masonry the true God, or is he a false god?" The answer depends absolutely upon Masonry's attitude towards Jesus Christ! If Masonry asks its initiates to acknowledge and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and the true God, then Masonry's god is the true God. But if Masonry does not require its members to confess and acknowledge the true God, then the god of Masonry is not the true God. This Masonic encyclopedia contains articles on almost every false god of the pagan world, but it contains not even the trace of an article on Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This is a significant and ominous omission.

But suppose it is true that Christ is recognized as God in some of the higher degrees, such as the Knights Templar. What of it? Does that clear the skirts of the organization? Let me ask you a question: Can you reach those higher degrees, can you become a Knight Templar without passing through the first three degrees? No, you cannot. But all this discussion is altogether unnecessary. The encyclopedia declares that - "*The germ and nucleus of all Freemasonry is to be found in the three primitive degrees.*" (pp 753). And only last week a thirty third Degree Mason, a friend of mine, said to me; "When a man has taken the first three degrees, he is as much of a mason as he ever can be! All the higher degrees are merely additions, superfluous."

Oh, the insult of it! To exclude Jesus Christ from the main building of Masonry, the foundation and basis of Masonry, and then offer Him a place in a side room along with Mohammed, Buddha, and the rest of the "thieves and robbers." Masonry had better left Him out altogether than to offer Him this crowning insult. Colossians 1:18 declares that "in all things" Christ must have "the preeminence." Masonry refuses Him the place of preeminence, therefore Masonry is a

Christless institution!

You say, "If Masonry is such a terrible institution, why don't other men condemn it?" They do. John Adams condemned it! Also John Quincy Adams, James Madison, Millard Fillmore, Daniel Webster, Charles Summer. Of the great evangelists, Charles Finney condemned it. Dwight Moody condemned it. John Rice roundly blasted it. R.A. Torrey said; "I do not believe it possible for a man to be an intelligent Christian and an intelligent Mason at the same time."

Why do Christian men stay in it? I can think of only four reasons why you find professing Christians affiliated with the Masonic lodge:

*FIRST - Some do not know what Christianity really is.* Many have the prevalent but erroneous opinion that Christianity and religion are one and the same thing. Because they do not know what Christianity is, they see nothing wrong with Masonry.

*SECOND - Some do not know what Masonry really is.* It is possible that some here may scoff at the idea of a Mason not knowing what his lodge stands for. Nevertheless, it is true that there are thousands of Masons who are not acquainted with the religious position of Masonry as an institution

*THIRD - A few professing Christians continue their relation with Masonry in spite of the fact that they know what Christianity is, and also what Masonry is.* Such as these are without excuse. They are living every day in deliberate disloyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for their sins! They deserve blame - not sympathy.

*FOURTH - There are some professing Christians in Masonry who are apostate from the true faith.* Some of the preachers in Masonry belong to this classification. They have relegated such truths as blood atonement and the deity of Christ to the place of the nonessentials. The presence of such men in Masonry is an argument against it, not for it.

"But," you say, "there are good men in it. Washington was a Mason." Yes, and Washington was a slave owner as well. You are not to follow men. If you follow men you are heading for disaster. Christ says to the Christian, "Follow thou me."

By the blood of His cross I plead with you; "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." Be ye not unequally yoked together with the unbeliever; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement

hath the temple of God with idols? ... " (II Cor 6:14-17).

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**Suggested Reading & Study:**

"Masonic Rites And Wrongs" – Steven Tsoukalas  
(P & R 1995)

"Lodges Examined By The Bible" – John Rice  
(Sword Of The Lord 1971)

"Secret Teachings Of The Masonic Lodge"  
John Ankerberg & John Weldon  
(Moody 1987)