

## Freemasons and the Bible

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This booklet is dedicated to those who hunger to know God. Therefore, we have searched the Masons own books and laid their teachings side by side with what the Bible has to say. It is our profound hope that as you consider these words, you will come to know the truth and that the truth will set you free. (John 8: 31-32)

### FREEMASONRY SAYS:

#### 1. THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GOD

“In his private petitions a man may petition God or Jehovah, Allah or Buddha, Mohammed or Jesus; he may call upon the God of Israel or the Great First Cause. In the Masonic Lodge he hears petition to the Great Architect of the Universe, finding his own deity under that name. A hundred paths may wind upward around a mountain; at the top they meet.”<sup>1</sup>

“The one Great God looked down and smiled and counted each His loving child; for Turk and Brahmin, monk and Jew had reached Him through the Gods they knew.”<sup>2</sup>

“Masonry does not limit an applicant to his choice of a name for a Supreme Being. I can believe in Allah, or Buddha, or Confucius or Mithra, or Christ, or Brahma, or Jehovah and be a good Mason. If I believe in a Supreme Being, a Great Architect, that is all Masonry demands of me; my brethren do not care what I name Him.”<sup>3</sup>

### THE BIBLE SAYS:

#### 1. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO GOD

“Jesus answered, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father EXCEPT THROUGH ME.” John 14:6 (NIV)

“...It is by the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST of Nazareth...Salvation is found in NO ONE ELSE, for there is NO OTHER NAME under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:10-12 (NIV)

“...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son, Jesus. He who has the Son has life: HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SON OF GOD DOES NOT HAVE LIFE.” 1 John 5:11-12 (NIV)

### FREEMASONRY SAYS:

## 2. JESUS WAS ONLY A MAN

“Jesus of Nazareth was BUT A MAN, or his history the revival of an older LEGEND.”<sup>4</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

### 2. JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

“Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that JESUS IS THE CHRIST. Such a man is the Anti-Christ--he denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.” 1 John 2: 22-23 (NIV)

“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the SON OF GOD, God lives in him and he in God.”

1 John 4:15 (NIV)

FREEMASONRY SAYS:

### 3. JESUS IS ONLY A TEACHER

“And the Divine Wise Intellect sent TEACHERS unto men....Enoch, and Noah, and Abraham, and Moses the Son of Imran, and the Prophets and Pythagoras and Plato, and YESUS the son of Joseph, the Lord, the Messiah, and his Apostles, and after these Mohammed the Son of Abdulla, with his law, which is the law of Islam; and the DISCIPLES OF THE TRUTH FOLLOWED THE LAW OF ISLAM.”<sup>5</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

### 3. JESUS IS MUCH MORE THAN A TEACHER

“Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him, the NAME THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME, that at the NAME OF JESUS every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2: 9-11 (NIV)

FREEMASONRY SAYS:

### 4. AS MAN GETS BETTER, GOD GETS BETTER

“A people’s idea of God is its God; and therefore it is true to say that as man makes progress, the excellence of his God increases; as Humanity elevates itself, its God becomes greater and more exalted.”<sup>6</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

#### 4. GOD DOES NOT CHANGE

“I the Lord DO NOT CHANGE,” Malachi 3:6 (NIV)

“Jesus Christ is THE SAME yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)

FREEMASONRY SAYS:

#### 5. MASONS ARE THE SOURCE OF TRUE LIGHT

“In Masonry, the darkness, which envelops the mind of the uninitiated [the non-Mason], is removed by the effulgence of Masonic Light. Masons are appropriately called the ‘Sons of Light.’”<sup>7</sup>

“Freemasons are emphatically called ‘Sons of Light,’ because they are, or at least entitled to be, in possession of the true meaning of the symbol; while the profane or uninitiated [non-Mason] who have not received this knowledge, by a parity of expression, are said to be in darkness.”<sup>8</sup>

“Worshipful Master – The head and chief of the lodge, the source of light, of knowledge and instruction in Masonry.”<sup>9</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

#### 5. JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF TRUE LIGHT

“...He (Jesus) said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever FOLLOWS ME will never walk in darkness, but will have the LIGHT of life.” John 8:12 (NIV)

“...Christ will give you light.” Ephesians 5:14 (TLB)

FREEMASONRY SAYS:

#### 6. SATAN DOES NOT EXIST

“The Devil was created by Human imagination.”<sup>10</sup>

“...the STRANGE ERROR that there exists a Power or Principle of Evil, antagonistic to the Deity, a fallen Angel, the rival of God...”<sup>11</sup>

“...there are NO hostile forces...”<sup>12</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

## 6. SATAN DOES EXIST

Jesus, the SON OF GOD, said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." Luke 10:18 (NIV)

"...the reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work." 1 John 3:8 (NIV)

"...Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

"...Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:11 (NIV)

FREEMASONRY SAYS:

## 7. REJECT GOD'S WRATH AGAINST SIN

"The disbelief in evil spirits [is better than believing] the WRATH AGAINST SINFULNESS and against error in doctrine, that makes men intolerant and sour."<sup>13</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

## 7. BELIEVE GOD DOES PUNISH SIN

"...sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry, BECAUSE OF THESE, THE WRATH OF GOD IS COMING." Colossians 3:5-6(NIV)

"THE WRATH OF GOD IS BEING REVEALED from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness." Romans 1:18 (NIV)

FREEMASONRY SAYS:

## 8. HELL IS ONLY TEMPORARY

"If hell is eternal in principle like liberty, it can in fact be but a TEMPORARY torment for souls."<sup>14</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

## 8. HELL IS ETERNAL

".....Hell, where the fire NEVER GOES OUT."

"....Hell, where the fire IS NOT QUENCHED." Mark 9:43, 47-48 (NIV)

FREEMASONRY SAYS:

## 9. THE BIBLE IS FAULTY

“...any ritual which permits a man to name his god as he pleases, but demands that a BOOK WHICH REVERES ONE PARTICULAR GOD, BE USED, IS FAULTY.”<sup>15</sup>

“Scriptures; the literal meaning is for the vulgar only.”<sup>16</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

### 9. THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED BY GOD

“All Scripture is given by INSPIRATION OF GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” 2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)

FREEMASONRY SAYS:

### 10. THE CREATION IS A MYTH

“To say that the world came forth from nothing is to PROPOSE A MONSTROUS ABSURDITY.”<sup>17</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

### 10. THE CREATION IS TRUE

“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.” Hebrews 11:3 (NIV)

FREEMASONRY SAYS:

### 11. WITHHOLD THE TRUTH

“To disclose the Absolute Truth never profits the common people.”<sup>18</sup>

“The danger is not merely in violating truth, but in telling the truth.”<sup>19</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

### 11. PRESENT THE TRUTH

“Then you will know the truth, and the TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.” John 8:32 (NIV)

“Therefore each of you must PUT OFF FALSEHOOD and speak TRUTHFULLY with his neighbor...” Ephesians 4:25 (NIV)

FREEMASONRY SAYS:

### 12. GOD IS VOICELESS

“God...is VOICELESS AND COMMUNICATES ONLY WITH THE INTELLECT...”<sup>20</sup>

THE BIBLE SAYS:

## 12. GOD IS NOT VOICELESS

“...We have HEARD His VOICE from the fire. Today we have seen that a man can live even if God speaks with him.” Deuteronomy 5:24 (NIV)

“We ourselves HEARD THIS VOICE that came from heaven..” 2 Peter 1: 17-18 (NIV)

“He fell to the ground and HEARD A VOICE say to him...the men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they HEARD the sound..” Acts 9: 4,7 (NIV)

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The preceding Scriptures have shown that there is a clear contradiction between many of the teachings of the Bible and the teachings of Freemasonry.

Also, the Bible is opposed to the type of secrecy that is practiced in Freemasonry.

“Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, SO THAT IT MAY BE SEEN PLAINLY that what he has done has been done through God.”

John 3: 20-21

“What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, PROCLAIM FROM THE ROOFTOPS’—Jesus. Matthew 10:27 (NIV)

Concerning the Masonic Potentate, the Bible says:

“...JESUS CHRIST...who is the blessed and ONLY POTENTATE...”

1 Timothy 6: 14-15 (KJV)

In the first degree of Freemasonry, as an Entered Apprentice, one is required to place a curse on himself and swear an oath. The swearing of this oath (“I do most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, binding myself under no less penalty that to have my throat cut across, my tongue torn out by the roots...so help me God..” is in direct disobedience to the Biblical command “Do not swear at all;...simply let your “Yes” be “yes” and your ‘No,” “No”; ANYTHING BEYOND THIS COMES FROM THE EVIL ONE.” (Matthew 5:34-37 NIV). One of the first things that one is required to do to become a Freemason is to disobey God and break one of His commands.

If someone embraces the teachings of Freemasonry, he thus rejects some of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Concerning anyone who rejects Jesus or His teaching, Jesus says:

“...He who rejects me rejects Him who sent me.” Luke 10:16 (NIV)

“There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; ...for I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it.” John 12:48-49 (NIV)

If someone really desires to accept Jesus Christ and His teachings, he should:

- 1) Acknowledge, as the Bible does, that Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to reach God.
- 2) Ask forgiveness of God for having received and believed teachings that were in opposition to His Word (1 John 1:9);
- 3) Cease to pay dues and membership fees to Masonic lodges;
- 4) Resign his membership from his local lodge or temple;
- 5) Destroy the items in his possession that are associated with Freemasonry (lambskin apron, rings, pins, books, etc) to show that he has actually separated himself from Freemasonry.

Concerning this fifth area God says:

“Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you will be set apart for destruction, even as it is. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.” Deuteronomy 7:26 (NIV)

Clear Masonic things and Masonic related things out of your home and hold **TOTALLY** to Jesus Christ and God’s word, the Bible.

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<sup>10</sup> *Legenda, 28<sup>th</sup> degree, op.cit.*, p. 127.

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<sup>17</sup> *Legenda, 28<sup>th</sup> degree, op.cit.* p. 116.

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<sup>19</sup> Pike, 26<sup>th</sup> degree, op.cit., p. 545.

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