

33 DEGREES OF DECEPTION

A Biblical Review of The Meaning of Masonry and Related Works

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FOREWORD:

My grandfather died before I became a Christian. He was a Freemason. I cannot go back in time to witness to him, but I can witness to others. The first step was being attracted to a book in a major bookstore called the Meaning of Masonry. I was compelled to buy it then I wrote in the book my opinions based on Scripture. Later that afternoon, I made conversation with a man, and happened to ask him if he was a Mason. He said he was, and I kindly told him that it was not compatible with Christianity. He did not agree, but I asked if I could write him, and he said I could. That led to a 4 page letter that I sent to both him, and my mother's friend an Eastern Star. My mother's friend liked the thought I put into it, but unfortunately wanted to be "open-minded". But I thought, I could do this more in-depth and purchased the Lost Keys of Freemasonry, History of Freemasonry. Morals and Dogma is hard to get, so I went to a university library and found it. In writing this book I hope to reach people who may be in this group and leave. More importantly, though, I want to point the way to Jesus Christ, the fairest of ten thousand.

INTRODUCTION:

Freemasonry appears like a harmless social group who do good works. At first glance, their charitable work seems Biblical: Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction... [JAMES 1:27]

Yet, Jesus said that one is not to brag about their charity: Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou does thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly. [MATTHEW 6:1-4]

Some Masons I've talked to have nothing but praise for this organization, and say "it's based on the Bible." (Usually meaning the Old Testament and Solomon whom they neglect to say disobeyed God in the end by his idolatry). However, if the Bible is literally TRUE then Freemasonry must be FALSE. They cannot both be true at the same time:

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him... [1KINGS 18:21]

Former Worshipful Master Jack Harris said in his book Freemasonry The Invisible Cult in our Midst after his salvation:

page 112: As the Worshipful Master of the Baltimore Lodge in 1968, I was told by the Grand Secretary of Maryland 'If you want to worship Jesus Christ, go to your church; we worship the Supreme Architect of the Universe Here.

page 136: The belief that good works, represented by the apron, will gain admission into heaven, comes straight from the evil one.

According to Christian author Ray Comfort in The Secrets of Nostradamus Exposed:

page 181: When we compare ourselves to the background of man's standards, we look pretty clean, but when we compare ourselves to the pure snow-white righteousness of God's standard--His Law, we can see ourselves in truth, that we are unclean in His sight.

Jesus took the scriptures (Bible) literally:

He took Jonah being swallowed by the whale literally: But He answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. [MATTHEW 12:39-40] He took the flood literally: But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. [MATTHEW 24:36-39]

Some people think that Sodom and Gomorrha was a myth; not Jesus: And He said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. And they went out, and preached that men should repent. [MARK 6:10-12]

If you do not take the Bible literally, you may try to twist the plain meaning of the Bible to one pleasing to you: As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction.

[2PETER 3:16]

The Masonic books that I am critiquing are books I have in my possession, and the Bible verses come from the The Bible: A Multimedia Experience (King James Version). Anything that is all bold are quotes from Masonic works. Anything quoted in Masonic works [light] among the bold is my addition. Other quotes are not in bold; any [dark] among the light is my addition.

CHAPTER 1:

The Meaning of Masonry, By W.L. Wilmhurst, C. 1927, 1980, 1995

p. 4 (Foreword)

In this new Aquarian age, when many individuals and groups are working in various ways for the eventual restoration of the mysteries, an increasing number of aspirants are beginning to recognize that Freemasonry may well be the vehicle for this achievement.

According to Norman L. Geisler and Ron Rhodes in When Cultists Ask:

page 102: ... it includes participating in spreading the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-4), as opposed to the "Aquarian gospel" which says we are Christ.

This is substantiated in the book: The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ by Levi Dowling. Eva S. Dowling transcribed in the Introduction:

page 10-11: ... The Piscean Age is identical with Christian Dispensation... The human race is to-day standing upon the cusp of the Piscean-Aquarian Ages...The Aquarian Age is pre-eminently a spiritual age...

pages 11-12: What is Meant by 'the Christ', as the Word is Used in This Book? ...The Christ, per se, does not refer to any particular person; every anointed person is christed.

The Bible says otherwise: Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. [MATTHEW 1:23]

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. [MATTHEW 16:16]

When the Bible uses the term Christs, it describes false Christs. Therefore, there can only be one Christ - Jesus: Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. [MATTHEW 24:23-24]

The introduction to the Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ says:

pages 13-14: The word Christ means 'the anointed one', and then it is an official title. It means, The Master of Love. When we say 'Jesus the Christ' we refer to the man and to his office; just as we do when we say Edward, the King, or Lincoln the President. Edward was not always King, and Lincoln was not always President, and Jesus was not always Christ. Jesus won his Christship by a strenuous life, and in the Aquarian Gospel, chapter 55, we have a record of the events of his christing, or receiving the degree of Christ.

It is utter blasphemy to say that Jesus was not always the Christ, especially in light of John 1:1 (The Word was God), and John 1:14 (The Word became flesh **[Jesus]**). Also, the Aquarian Gospel chapter 55 sounds more like an Antichrist:

pages 96-97: Jesus passes the seventh brotherhood test, and in the purple room of the temple receives the seventh, the highest degree, THE CHRIST. He leaves the temple a conqueror.

The work of Jesus in the Chamber of the Dead was done, and in the temple purple room he stood before the hierophant. And he was clothed in purple robes; and all the brother stood. The hierophant rose and said, This is a royal day for all the hosts of Israel. In honor of their chosen son we celebrate the great Passover Feast. And then he said to Jesus, Brother, man, most excellent of men, in all the temple tests you have won out. Six times before the bar of right you have been judged; six times you have received the highest honours man can give; and now you stand prepared to take the last degree. Upon your brow I place this diadem, and in the Great Lodge of the heavens and earth you are THE CHRIST. (Chapter 55:1-7)

I cannot buy that Jesus was given a degree of Christ by sinful men. I also do not believe that He was popular or honoured. Nor do I believe that he ever went away to a distant country such as Egypt: They didn't say, who is this stranger? Quite the opposite:

And He went out from thence, and came into His own country; and His disciples follow him. And when the sabbath day was come, He began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing Him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this Man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto Him, that even such mighty works are wrought by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not His sisters here with us? And they were offended at Him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And He could there do no mighty work, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. [MARK 6:1-5]

Jesus said: Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets. [LUKE 6:26]

Can an office suffer? No. Only a person can suffer: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? [LUKE 24:26]

The Bible uses Christ and Jesus synonymously: Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. [ACTS 17:3]

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is an antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son [1JOHN 2:22]

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They find, of course, a certain religious element in it, but as they are told that religious discussion, which means, of course, secretarian religious discussion, is forbidden in the Lodge, they infer that Masonry is not a religious institution...

Not all religions are equal or compatible. Also, even though Masonry is based on the Old Testament, "religion" is not enough: For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. [HOSEA 6:6]

So, Masons who are 'Christians' are disobeying Jesus' command: And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. [MARK 16:15]

Does this sound familiar? Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD, Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him I declare unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; [ACTS 17:22-25]

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We shall see presently that that philosophy is not only consistent with the doctrine of every religious system taught outside the ranks of the Order, but that it explains, elucidates and more sharply defines, the fundamental doctrines common to every religious system in the world, whether past or present, whether Christian or non-Christian. The religions of the world, though all aiming at teaching truth, express that truth in different ways, and we are more prone to emphasize the differences than to look for the correspondences in what they teach...Allied with no external religious system itself, Masonry is yet a synthesis, a concordat, for men of every race of every creed, of every sect, and its foundation principles being common to them all, admit of no variation.

... and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. [ISAIAH 49:26]

Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but Me: for there is no Saviour beside Me. [HOSEA 13:4]

Jesus meant what He said: Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me. [JOHN 14:6]

Be it know unto you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the

stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. [ACTS 4:10-12]

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ [TITUS 2:13]

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...'the Master of the Lodge' is a symbolic phrase denoting the will-power of man, which should enable him to be master of his own life, to control his own actions...

Willpower' is what got Lucifer into trouble in the first place: How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. [ISAIAH 14:12-15]

A Christian cannot serve both Jesus and Masonry: No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. [MATTHEW 6:24]

Call no one Master but Jesus: But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren...Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ [MATTHEW 23:8,10]

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... so also we receive with acclamation the candidate for Masonry, who symbolically, is seeking for spiritual re-birth; and herein we emulate what is written of the joy that exists among the angels of heaven over every sinner who repents and turns towards the light. The first degree is also eminently the degree of preparation, of self-discipline and purification.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. [JOHN 3:3-7] A Christian already has a spiritual re-birth. To ask for another is denying the salvation of Christ. Also, if one is not a Christian, it will be hard to comprehend that he will need to be saved by Jesus, because he will think he has already been saved: ...for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. [ACTS 4:12]

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. [ACTS 16:31]

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. [ROMANS 10:9, 12-13]

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. [REVELATION 7:10]

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...whence it comes that we wear white gloves and aprons as emblems that we have purified our hearts and washed our hands in innocency. (page 37)

...The unadorned white Apron of the First Degree indicates the purity of soul contemplated as being attained in that Degree. (page 138)

The first aprons only covered (and poorly at that) our sins: And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. [GENESIS 3:7]

If the fig leaves (apron made by man) were so great, why did God replace it? Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. [GENESIS 3:21]

The Bible says we cannot purify ourselves: For by grace you are saved through faith, and not of yourself. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man boast [EPHESIANS 2:8-9]

Do you want to be covered by the apron, or by the blood?: For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling of the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? [HEBREWS 9:13-14]

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Happy then is the Mason who has so far purified and developed his own nature as to realize in its fulness the meaning of the "sacred symbol" of the second degree, and found God present not outside but within himself.

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. [2CORINTHIANS 11:3-4]

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...and that as the rough ashlar can only be squared and perfected by chipping and polishing, so he also can be made perfect only by toil and suffering.

Only Jesus' suffering (not our own) did any good: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? [LUKE 24:26] And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: [LUKE 24:46]

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The name Hiram Abiff signifies in Hebray "the teacher (Guru, or enlightened one) from the Father": a fact which may help you still further to recognize the concealed purpose of the teaching. Under the name of Hiram, then, and beneath a veil or allegory, we see an allusion to another Master; and it is this Master, this Elder Brother...

ALSO - Mystic Masonry, by J.D. Buck - p. 243 - In the third degree the candidate impersonates Hiram, who has been shown to be identical with the Christos of the Greeks, and with the Sun-Gods of all other nations.

And the multitude sat about Him, and they said unto Him, Behold, Thy mother and Thy brethren without seek for Thee. And He answered them, saying, Who is My mother, or My brethren? And He looked round about on them which sat about Him, and said, Behold My mother and My brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother, and my sister, and mother. [MARK 3:32-35]

God is Jesus' Father: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. [JOHN 3:16]

We are only adopted into God's family through accepting Jesus as our Saviour: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons [GALATIANS 4:4-5]

True fellowship (brotherhood) is with Jesus (through His blood): That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. [1JOHN 1:3]

Christian authors John Ankerberg and John Weldon quote new ager John White's definition of enlightenment:

page xv: Enlightenment is realization of the truth of Being. Our native condition, our true self is Being,

traditionally called God, ... the Supreme Being... (John White (Ed.) What is Enlightenment? Exploring the Goal of the Spiritual Path page, cited in page 240 Encyclopedia of New Age Beliefs.)
The costs of "enlightenment" will be discussed later from a first-hand perspective (Randall Baer's book Escaping the New Age Nightmare)

Since there is only one God, any illusions of godhood are inspired by devils: And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. [GENESIS 3:4-5]

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He is now lord of himself; the true Master Mason; able to govern that lodge which is within himself; and as he has passed through the three degree of purifying and self-perfecting, and squared, levelled, and harmonized his triple nature of body, soul, and spirit, he also wears, on attaining Mastership, the triple Tau...

God clearly intended us to obey Him, not be 'masters of ourselves': And they said to one another, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven...And the Lord said, behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language... [GENESIS 11:4-7]

But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. [MATTHEW 23:8,10]

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He begins his Masonic career as the natural man; he ends it by becoming through its discipline, a regenerated perfected man...This-the evolution of man into superman-was always the purpose of the ancient Mysteries, and the real purpose of modern Masonry is, not the social and charitable purposes to which so much attention is paid, but the expediting of the spiritual evolution of those who aspire to perfect their own nature and transform it into a more god-like quality.

Only in Christ do we transform: So also is it the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body... [1CORINTHIANS 15:42-44]

Only Jesus was perfect: For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. [2CORINTHIANS 5:21]

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. [HEBREWS 4:15]

But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot. [1 PETER 1:19]

And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. [1JOHN 3:5]

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"What is that which is lacking to us? "What is that which is lost?" And the answer is "The genuine secrets of a Master Mason," the true knowledge of ourselves, the conscious realization of our divine potentialities. (page 47)

Stated in the simplest terms possible, the theory of Masonic progress is that every Member admitted to the Order enters in a state of darkness and ignorance as to what Masonry teaches, and that later on he is supposed to be brought to light and knowledge. (page 55)

Can a Christian accept another light than Jesus? I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. [JOHN 8:12]

Jesus said: ...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me [JOHN 14:6]

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'Paradise Lost' is the real theme of Masonry no less than that of Milton, as it also of all the ancient systems of the Mysteries.

However, paradise was lost because of Man's rebellion against God, in disobeying Him by listening to Lucifer, and thereby calling God a liar. Satan was offering illicit knowledge (the knowledge of good and evil) to Eve and Adam- and they took it! They also swallowed the following lies: And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. [GENESIS 3:4-5]

Maybe you are thinking "well, they didn't die right away, did they?" But the penalty was indeed death. Before they ate the forbidden fruit, they never aged, never got sick, and were happy. Now, death comes to all of mankind, along with sickness and misery:

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by One, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. [ROMANS 5:12, 17-18]

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. [1CORINTHIANS 15:22]

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...the two pillars were used in the great temples of the Mysteries in Egypt... In one of their aspects they stand for what is known in Eastern Philosophy as the 'pairs of opposites'. Everything in nature is dual and can only be known in contrast with its opposite... Thus we have good and evil; light and darkness...

ALSO - Morals and Dogma - p. 846 - The evil is the shadow of the Good, and inseparable from it.

A very weird website quoted Carl Jung as saying this:

Modern man is obligated to struggle with evil, to confront his own shadow, and to integrate the devil in order to rediscover a deeper source of his own spiritual life.

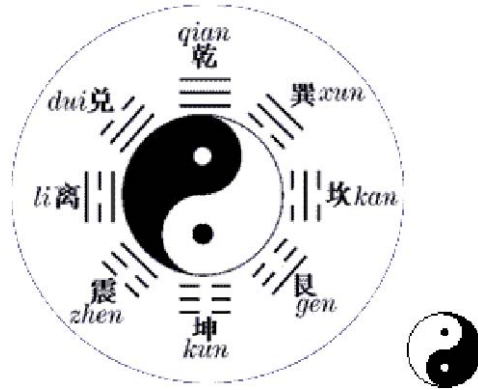
An Introduction to Jung's Psychology by Frieda Fordham says:

page 50: The collective aspect of the shadow is expressed as a devil, a witch, or something similar. In choosing the word shadow to describe these aspects of the unconscious, Jung has more in mind than merely to suggest something dark and vague in outline. There is, as he points out, no shadow without sun, and no shadow (in the sense of the personal unconscious) without the light of consciousness. It is in fact in the nature of things that there should be light and dark, sun and shade. The shadow is unavoidable and man is incomplete without it. Superstition holds that the man without a shadow (using the word in the ordinary sense) is the devil himself, while we ourselves are cautious about someone who seems 'too good to be true', as if we recognized instinctively that human nature needs the leaven of a little wickedness.

Here is a diagram of the Yin and Yang symbol appearing here by Du Feibao' Picture of the Ultimate and the Eight Diagrams on the internet <http://www.chinavista.com/experience/taiji/taiji.html>

(Linking it to the occult I Ching)

(Also appears in as appearing in page 124 of the book Fourteen Things Witches Hope Parents Never Find Out by David Benoit - Could not reproduce)



Man was not intended to know evil: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. [GENESIS 2:17]

God has no evil in Him: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. [PSALM 107:1]

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! [ISAIAH 5:20-21, 23]

There is both good and evil now, but evil will perish: Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. [JEREMIAH 10:11]

Jung might teach that a person without a shadow is the devil himself, but as God is without shadow, Jesus Christ is without sin: For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. [2CORINTHIANS 5:21]

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but [Jesus] was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. [HEBREWS 4:15]

No shadow (evil) in God: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. [JAMES 1:17]

And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. [1JOHN 3:5]

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Now Geometry was one of the "seven noble arts and sciences" of ancient philosophy. It means literally the science of earth measurement. But earth in this sense did not mean this physical planet. It meant the primordial substance, or undifferentiated soul-stuff out of which we human being were created, the "mother-earth" from which we all have sprung and we all will return...Geometry, therefore, is synonymous with self-knowledge, the understanding of the basic substance of our being...when he attains that knowledge he will realize himself to be no longer the separate distinctified individual he now supposes himself to be, but to be a microcosm or summary of all that is and to be identified with the Being of God. (pages 88-89)

No higher level of attainment is possible than that in which the human merges in the Divine consciousness and knows as God knows. (pages 140-141)

O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. [PSALM 139:1, 4, 6]

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. [PROVERBS 1:7]

How can we know as God (omniscience) when there is only one God? I am the LORD, and there is none else,

there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me: [ISAIAH 45:5] An explanation of Mother Earth (Gaia) appears in Christian author David Burnett's book the Dawning of the Pagan Moon:

page 88: The expression "Mother Earth" is not merely an idiom of speech in the English language but is common to many traditional languages reflecting a deeper concept of the worship of the Earth as a female deity of fertility. In Greek mythology the goddess of the earth was called Gaia, while among the Romans Diana was the goddess of fertility. ... In the Old Testament, one reads of the Canaanite worship of Baal, the sky-god, and Ashtaroth, the earth-goddess (1 Sam. 7:3-4)

Non-Christian Louise Hay says this in her 365 Daily Affirmations I can Do It! Calendar:

May 26, 1998 - Mother Earth is a whole, living, breathing, organism, a being unto herself. All her systems work perfectly. I help to heal the planet in many different ways.

A website for Captain Planet had this quote from the show: We are standing at an environmental crossroads at the end of the twentieth century, and young viewers know it,' says Turner. 'For youngsters concerned about the world they will inherit, Captain Planet and the planetees are more than cartoon characters--they represent hope for the future.' Turner's sentiments are embodied in Captain Planet's motto, "The power is yours!"



' Brought together by Gaia (Pictured above and below), the spirit of the Earth, the five Planetees tackle real issues, such as air and water, pollution, loss of biodiversity and the destruction of wetlands.

Here is a diagram of Captain Planet and the Planetees from the Ted Turner Captain Planet website.



Another illustration of Gaia also appears on page 213 of Dawning of the Pagan Moon (Could not reproduce).

Christians are against false gods: Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. [ACTS 19:26-28]

God created the earth to support life, but it is not self-aware: For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. [1CORINTHIANS 10:26]

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created. [REVELATION 4:11]

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The "height" of the Lodge ("even as high as the heavens") implies that the range of consciousness possible to us, when we have developed our potentialities to the full, is infinite. Man who has sprung from the earth and developed through the lower kingdoms of nature to his present rational state, has yet to complete his evolution by becoming a god-like being and unifying his consciousness with the Omniscient-to promote which is and always has been the sole aim and purpose of all Initiation.

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. [GENESIS 11:1-9]

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His ethereal surround, or "aura," is tenuous and invisible, (save to clairvoyant vision). ... The "aura" of the man who has his mentality clean and his passions and emotions well in hand becomes a correspondingly orderly and shapely encasement of clearly defined form and iridescence, regularly striated like the colours of the spectrum or the rainbow. Biblically, this "aura" is described as a "coat of many colours"...

This is definitely a case for taking the Bible literally. There is no way to read a metaphysical interpretation in this: Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. [GENESIS 37:3]

If this coat was a literal coat, it would read - his aura was stripped from him. That would be impossible as he was not killed: And it came to pass when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him. [GENESIS 37:23]

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And, masonically, the "sun" stands for the illuminated human intelligence and understanding, which results from the material brain-mind being thoroughly permeated and enlightened by the Spiritual Principle...

ALSO - Lost Keys of Freemasonry - p. 63 - Every true Mason has come into the realization that there is but one Lodge--that is, the Universe--and but one Brotherhood, composed of everything that moves or exists in any of the planes of Nature. He realizes that the Temple of Solomon is really the Temple of the Solar Man--Sol-Om-On--the King of the Universe manifesting through his three primordial builders.

ALSO - Morals and Dogma - pp. 476-477 - Everything good in Nature comes from Osiris, -order, harmony and the favorable temperature of the seasons and celestial periods... That Osiris and Isis were the Sun and Moon, is attested by many ancient writers; by Diogenes Laertius, Plutarch, Lucian, Siudas, Macrobius, Martianus Capella, and others. His power was symbolized by an Eye over a Sceptre. The sun was termed by the Greeks the Eye over a Sceptre. The Sun was termed by the Greeks the Eye of Jupiter, and the Eye of the World; and his is the All-Seeing Eye in our Lodges.

ALSO: Mystic Masonry - p. 175: The EYE OF SIVA is, in fact, an All-Seeing Eye...



Also appears in page 164 of the Devil's Web, and a compass with eye appears on page 104 of Texe Marrs' Mystery Mark of the New Age (Could not reproduce)

If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing His covenant, And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded...Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die. [DEUTERONOMY 17:2-3, 5]

And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. [2KINGS 23:5]

The sun sometimes stands for God: For the LORD God is a sun and shield... [PSALM 84:11]

Yet: Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light. [PSALM 148:3]

The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. [ISAIAH 60:19]

And He brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then He said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke Me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore will I also deal in fury: Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in Mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them. [EZEKIEL 8:16-18]

Solomon built God an house. Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool: what house will ye build Me? saith the Lord: or what is

the place of My rest? [ACTS 7:47-49]

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. [1CORINTHIANS 2:14]

In my opinion, this is one of the reasons that when the end comes, there will be no more sun: And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. [REVELATION 21:22-23]

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If it is to "contemplate" its own intellectual faculties and trace them from their development" until they are found to "lead to the the throne of God Himself" and to be rooted in Deity, it must discard all its former thought-habits, prejudices and preconceptions, and be prepared to receive humbly the illumination that will flood into it from the Light of Divine Wisdom.

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. [1CORINTHIANS 1:19, 22-25]

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"In strength will I establish My house that it may stand firm." Man's perfected organism is what is meant by "My house." It was the same organism and the same stability that the Christian Master spoke of in saying "Upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of the underworld shall not prevail against it."

The Bible says that Jesus is the solid rock: Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. And ever one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. [MATTHEW 7:24-27]

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"The "secrets" of Freemasonry and of initiation are largely connected with this process of introversion of the soul to its own Centre, and beyond this brief reference to the subject it is inexpedient here to say more. But in confirmation of what has been indicated it may be useful to refer to the 23rd Psalm, in which the Hebrew Initiates speak of both the supreme experience of being passed through "the valley of the shadow of death" and the preliminary phases of mental preparation for that ordeal. Stripping that familiar psalm of the gorgeous metaphor given it in the beautiful Biblical translation, its real meaning may be paraphrased and explained to Masonic students as follows:- "The Vital Immortal Principle within me is my Initiator; and is all-sufficient to lead me to God. It has made me lie down (in self-discipline and humiliation) in "green pastures" of meditation and mental sustenance. It has led me beside "still waters" of contemplation (as distinct from the "rough sea of passion" of my natural self). It is restoring my soul (reintegrating it out of chaos and disorder). Even when I come to pass though the valley of deadly gloom (my own interior veils of darkness) I will fear no evil; for It is with me (as a guiding star); Its directions and disciplines will safeguard me. It provides me with the means of overcoming my inner enemies and weaknesses; It anoints my intelligence with the oil of wisdom; the cup of my mind brims over with new light and consciousness. The Divine Love and Truth, which I shall find face to face at my centre, will be a conscious presence in me all the days of my temporal life; and thereafter I shall dwell in a "house of the Lord" (a glorified spiritual body) for ever."

Shows what can happen when you take the Bible metaphysically. When you let the Bible interpret the Bible, the meaning of the 23rd Psalm becomes clear:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. [PSALM 23:1]

Interpretation-OT: O fear the LORD, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing. [PSALM 34:9-10]

Interpretation-NT: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. [JOHN 10:11, 14]

Interpretation-NT: Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. [REVELATION 7:15-17]

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. [PSALM 23:2]

Interpretation-OT: They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. [PSALM 36:8]

Interpretation-NT: There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give Me to drink. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto Him, Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast Thou that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. JOHN 4:7, 10-14]

Interpretation-NT: I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. [JOHN 10:9]

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. [PSALM 23:3]

Interpretation-OT: Lead me, O LORD, in Thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make Thy way straight before my face. [PSALM 5:8]

Interpretation-NT: To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. [JOHN 10:3]

Interpretation-NT: For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. [2CORINTHIANS 5:21]

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. [PSALM 23:4]

Interpretation-OT: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? [PSALM 27:1]

Interpretation-NT: To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. [LUKE 1:77-79]

Interpretation-NT: And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the First and the Last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. [REVELATION 1:17-18]

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. [PSALM 23:5]

Interpretation-OT: Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows. [PSALM 45:7]

Interpretation-NT: And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them. [MARK 6:12-13]

Interpretation-NT: But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows. [HEBREWS 1:8-9]

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. [PSALM 23:6]

Interpretation-OT: Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O LORD... All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. [PSALM 25:7, 10]

Interpretation-NT: In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [JOHN 14:2]

Interpretation-NT: Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. [JUDE 1:21]

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It matters nothing whether the prototype be one whose historic actuality and identity can be demonstrated, or whether he can be regarded only as legendary or mythical...In Egypt the prototype was Osiris, who was slain by his malignant brother Typhon, but whose mangled limbs were collected in a coffer from which he emerged reintegrated and divinized. In Greece the prototype was Bacchus...In Masonry the prototype is Hiram Abiff...just as the limbs of the risen Osiris were said to reunite into a new whole and as the Christian Master withdrew His mutilated body from the tomb and reassumed it, transmuted it into one of supernatural substance and splendour.

While legend may say otherwise, Hiram finished his work on the temple: And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God. [2CHRONICLES 4:11]

However, Jesus resurrection was not a legend; He was seen by 500 people: For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. [1CORINTHIANS 15:3-8]

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In theological language, God has become man, and man has become divinized.

ALSO - Lost Keys of Freemasonry - p. 92 - Man is a god in the making, and as in the mystic myths of Egypt, on the potter's wheel he is being molded. When his light shines out to lift and preserve all things, he receives the triple crown of godhood, and joins that throng of Master Masons who, in their robes of Blue and Gold, are seeking to dispel the darkness of night with the triple light of the Masonic Lodge.

ALSO - Mystic Masonry - p. 128 - The Hand of Providence is always a human hand. Humanity is both the vehicle and the agent of what man has called the Providence of God. Humanity in toto, then is the only Personal God; and Christos is the realization, or perfection of this Divine Persona, in Individual conscious experience. When this perfection is realized, the state is called Christos, with the Greeks, and Buddha, with the Hindoos.

ALSO - Mystic Masonry - pp. 243-244 - The superiority of Masonry at this point over all exoteric Religions consists in this: All these religions take the symbol for the thing symbolized. Christ was originally like the Father. How He is made identical with the Father. In deifying Jesus the whole of humanity is bereft of Christos as an eternal potency within every human soul, a latent Christ in every man. Thus in deifying one

man, they have orphaned the whole of humanity!

See Helena P. Blavastky's the Key to Theosophy: The Fundamental Teachings of Theosophy as appearing on <http://www.spiritweb.org/KeyToTheosophy/keytheos-07.html>

Q. To whom, then, do you pray when you do so?

A. To "our Father in heaven"-in its esoteric meaning.

Q. Is that different from the one given to it in theology?

A. Entirely so. An Occultist or a Theosophist addresses his prayer to his Father which is in secret, not to an extra-cosmic and therefore finite God; and that "Father" is in man himself.

Q. Then you make of man a God?

A. Please say "God" and not a God. In our sense, the inner man is the only God we can have cognizance of. And how can this be otherwise? Grant us our postulate that God is a universally diffused, infinite principle, and how can man alone escape from being soaked through by, and in, the Deity?

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. [ISAIAH 9:6]

But now, O LORD, Thou art our Father; we are the clay, and Thou our Potter; and we all are the work of Thy hand. [ISAIAH 64:8]

This prophesy relates to Jesus, not to us: Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off [Killed on the cross], but not for Himself... [DANIEL 9:25-26]

There is only one Messiah, Christ: One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. [JOHN 1:40-41]

I and My Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. [JOHN 10:30-31]

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word [Jesus-John 1:1, 14], and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. [1JOHN 5:7]

It seems that Freemasonry has something in common with Catholicism. The Catholic Catechism says:

Paragraph 460, page 129: 'For the Son of God became man so that we might become God'. 'The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods.'

In fact, our desire to be 'god' is what got us in trouble in Eden in the first place, and was Satan's lie: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. [GENESIS 3:5]

However, the when the Bible says that we are 'gods', people often quote only the first part of the verse: I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the Most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. [PSALM 82:6-7]

For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. [PSALM 96:5]

This is what happens to those who think they are gods: How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. [ISAIAH 14:12-15]

I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me: [ISAIAH 45:5]

Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou

hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: [EZEKIEL 28:2]

Sharing in the divine nature does not mean becoming divine: The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as [like] his master, and the servant as [like] his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? [MATTHEW 10:24-25] And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. [ACTS 12:21-23]

Christians are upset when they are called gods: And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent **[tore]** their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: [ACTS 14:11, 14-15]

What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye would have fellowship with devils. [1CORINTHIANS 10:19-20]

Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. [GALATIANS 4:8]

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. [2PETER 1:4]

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Again, the squaring of the circle-that problem which has baffled so many mathematicians - is an occult expression signifying that Deity, symbolized by the all-containing circle, has attained form and manifestation in a "square" or human soul.

ALSO - Lost Keys of Freemasonry - p. 19 - The Masonic order is not a mere social organization, but is composed of all those who have banded themselves together to learn and apply the principles of mysticism and the occult rites.

According to William Alnor's Christian book, Heaven Can't Wait:

page 76: The word occult literally means "things hidden or secret". Biblically, to dabble in the occult is strictly forbidden by God in his Word. Occult practices include astrology, dowsing, tarot cards, fire walking, witch-craft, fortune-telling, palm reading, magical arts, ouija boards, parapsychology and ESP, numerology, cabala, pyramidology, crystal ball reading, spiritism, mediumship and channeling, and a host of other practices.

A similar definition is also found in the Theosophical Glossary originated by Helena P. Blavatsky and updated by the non-Christian <http://www.spiritweb.org> website:

Occult Sciences - The science of the secrets of nature-physical and psychic, mental and spiritual...These sciences are, and have been for ages, hidden from the vulgar...the facts of Occult Science are of so abstruse a nature, that in most cases no words exist in European languages to express them. Finally our "jargon" is a double necessity-(a) for describing clearly these facts to one who is versed in the occult terminology; and (b) for concealing them from the profane.

The Bible made no distinction between black and white magic: When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times [David Hunt-astrology], or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer [Strong's-spell casting], or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD... [DEUTERONOMY 18:9-12]

And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? [ISAIAH 8:19]

Here it shows what born again 'magicians' should (and did) do: And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds.

Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. [ACTS 19:17-19]

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. [1CORINTHIANS 4:5]

Eliphas Levi at times called Freemasonry Occult Masonry in his book Transcendental Magic (pages 67, 304) but we are told to leave the occult alone: But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: [2CORINTHIANS 4:2-3]

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It is also spoken of as universal cosmic consciousness, since the percipient, transcending all sense of personal individualization, time and space, is co-conscious with all that is. He has entered the bliss...

Similarly, the Bhagavad-Gita translated and purported by A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada says:

page 111: Krsna consciousness is the development of love of Krsna...It is the stage after self-realization, at which the devotee becomes one with Krsna...

page 112: Krsna consciousness is the highest state of trance in yoga practice.

page 157: For the intelligent person, it is essential to be in Krsna consciousness ...in order to achieve a permanent, blissful abode for eternal happiness... No one, therefore, can be barred from Krsna consciousness, because it is so easy and universal.

It seems that so-called Christ Consciousness is just Krsna consciousness in disguise: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada in his book The Science of Self-Realization says: page 299: ...[W]hen you say 'Krsna consciousness,' is there any difference between that and Christ consciousness? ...No, there is no difference. Christ came to preach the message of God. If you actually become Christ conscious, you become Krsna conscious.

There are differences between Christ and Krishna: For one thing, Krsna had many wives while Jesus had none:

page 20: ... When Krsna was present on this earth He had 16,108 wives...

Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away... [DEUTERONOMY 17:17]

And He answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain [both] shall be one flesh? [MATTHEW 19:4-5]

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; [1TIMOTHY 3:2]

Also, it seems that only Jesus has died for us: But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. [ROMANS 5:8-9]

Prabhupada says he reveres Jesus as a guru:

page 135: Jesus Christ was such a great personality-the son of God. The representative of God. He had no fault.

Further down he says:

pages 135-136: Once, in Melbourne, a group of Christian ministers came to visit me. They asked, 'What is your idea of Jesus Christ?' I told them, 'He is our guru...

Yet Jesus has violated the most basic of their commands: Prabhupada and a reporter talks:

page 71: Q: If I wanted to be initiated into your society, what would I have to do? A ...You'd also have to give up eating meat, eggs, and fish...unless you gave up these four sinful activities, you could not be initiated.

In the Old Testament, God said: Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. [GENESIS 9:3-4]

Jesus says here that what comes out of a person is more important than what goes in: And He saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And He said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: [MARK 7:18-22]

Since Jesus was without sin, eating fish is not sinful: And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. [LUKE 24:41-42]

For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs [vegetables]. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. [ROMANS 14:2-3]

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: [1TIMOTHY 4:1-4]

Former New-Ager turned Christian says that bliss has its dark side in his book, Beyond the New Age Nightmare:

page 54: In my New Age days, I was quite adept at inducing and expanding the limits of mystical and out-of-body experiences-this was one of the big reasons for much of my success. I would mount myself up with all kinds of New Age inventions and crystals, and then thrust myself into trance- induced higher states of consciousness. It would feel like I was being transported by winged angels and living forces to an incredible variety of dazzling extra-natural domains. The sensation of my spirit being released from Earthbound, bodily restrictions and free to roam the unlimited expanses of the cosmos was breathtaking. Here it was, the freedom, the light, and the truth that I have been searching for all my life. I had found the keys that opened the heavens before my very eyes.

pages 54-55: But the ultimate seduction had overtaken me: What I thought was "up" was actually "down". What I thought was "heaven" was actually "hell" wrapped in Satan's finest counterfeit garments. What I thought were Ascended Masters, extraterrestrials, and angels were actually demons in cunning, glowing disguises. ... Yes, I was actually getting a guided tour of some of the "spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" by demons masquerading as "servants of righteousness".

Possession by demons would have been the price of bliss had not Jesus intervened:

page 55: One night, while in the Ascension Chamber, my spirit was roaming some of the farthest reaches of "heavenly light" that I had ever perceived. That night I had an experience that would change my life forever. During this experience I was surrounded by a virtually overwhelming luminosity-it was as if I was looking straight into the sun. Waves of bliss radiated through my spirit. I was totally captivated by the power. Suddenly, another force stepped in. It took me by complete surprise. In the twinkling of an eye, it was like a supernatural hand had taken me behind the scenes of the experience that I was having. I was taken behind the outer covering of the dazzling luminosity and there I saw something that left me literally shaking for a full week. What I saw was the face of devouring darkness! Behind the glittering outer facade of beauty lay a massively powerful, wildly churning face of

absolute hatred and unspeakable abominations-the face of demons filled with the power of Satan. For a moment that seemed like an eternity, I realized that I was in major league trouble, for this devouring force was now closing in on me. In absolute, stark terror I felt powerless to stop what appeared to be inevitable doom. Horror filled me like a consuming flame. Then, miraculously, the same supernatural hand as before delivered me from the jaws of this consuming darkness...

page 56: What I didn't know at the time that it was JESUS who had intervened by His greater grace into my life. At this point, though, I only knew that some force greater than that of the devouring darkness had done two things: 1) it had shown me the real ace of the New Age "heavens" and "angels" that I was so deeply involved with, and 2) it had delivered me from certain doom.

What freed him from his bondage? What is better than so-called enlightenment?

pages 63-64: As the prayer progressed I felt the hand of Jesus reach deep into my innermost being with an almighty power that was both piercing to the core yet completely gentle at the same time. By the end of the prayer I was so filled to overflowing with the power of His presence that a powerful but gentle quaking in the Spirit happened in every fiber of my being. ... The Lord had cut through my horrific Satanic bondage and set me free as He received me into His Body as He washed my scarlet sins as white a snow. I was captive, but now I was free. With an absolute certainty, I knew that this was what I had been looking for all my life and never had found till now. This made even the most powerful mystical New Age experience completely pale in comparison of our Heavenly Father's infinitely greater power and glory. Satan's glowing counterfeit fineries are as cheap, filthy rags compared to the Truth.

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Similarly the displayed banners of the twelve Israelites tribes are again but figure of their prototypes, the twelve zodiacal sections of those heavens...

God hates astrology and forecasting the future: When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times [David Hunt-astrology], or an enchanter, or a witch, [DEUTERONOMY 18:9-10]

And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. [2KINGS 23:5]

Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. [ISAIAH 47:13]

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From that "fall", which was not due to the transgression of an individual, but to some weakness or defect in the collective or group-soul of the Adamic race, and which was not the matter of a moment but a process covering vast time-cycles, it was necessary and within the Divine counsels and providence that humanity should be redeemed and restored to its pristine state; that it should be brought back one more into into vital association with the Divine Principle from which by its secession it became increasingly detached, as its materialistic tendencies overpowered and quenched its native spirituality.

Sin (rebellion against God) caused the fall. Satan said: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. [GENESIS 3:5-7]

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: [ROMANS 3:10]

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. [1CORINTHIANS 15:22]

CHAPTER 2:

The Lost Keys of Freemasonry, By Manly P. Hall, C. 1923, 1976

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He must not lightly regard his vows, and if he would not bring upon himself years of suffering he just cease to consider Freemasonry solely as a social order only a few centuries old. He must realize that the ancient mystic teachings as perpetuated in the modern rites are sacred, and that powers unseen and unrecognized mold the destiny of those who consciously and of their own free will take upon themselves the obligations of the Fraternity. Freemasonry is not a material thing: it is a science of the soul...

Former Worshipful Master Jack Harris in his book Freemasonry 'The Invisible Cult in our Midst shows some Masonic oaths:

page 35: ...I [insert name], of my own free will and in accord in the presence of almighty God and this right worshipful Lodge erected to Him and dedicated to the Holy Saint John, do hereby and heron, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear I will always hail, forever conceal and never reveal any of the secret arts...binding myself under no less a penalty than that of having my throat cut from ear to ear, my tongue torn out by its roots, and with my body buried in the rough sands of the sea...

page 57: ... Binding myself under no less a penalty, than that of having my left breast torn open, my heart plucked out, and with my body left to the vultures of the air, should I ever knowing or willingly, violate this my most solemn obligation, as a Fellowcraft, so help me God...

Freemasons say that these are "ancient symbolic oaths". If that is so, why make them at all? The Bible says: If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth. [NUMBERS 30:2]

Jesus said: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. [MATTHEW 5:34-37]

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: [1TIMOTHY 6:20] But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. [JAMES 5:12]

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He must realize that his duty is to build and evolve the sacred teachings in his own being: that nothing but his own purified being can unlock the door to the sealed libraries of human consciousness, and that his Masonic rites must eternally be speculative until he makes the operative by living the life of the mystic Mason. His karmic responsibilities increase with his opportunities.

Christian Watchman Fellowship's 1997 Index of Cults and Religions -<http://www.watchman.org/cat952.htm> says:

Karma - The Hindu principle of cause and effect. Representing neither good nor evil, all actions and events are balanced with corresponding actions and events in the past or future (including past and future lives through Reincarnation).

The Theosophical Glossary originated by Helena P. Blavatsky and updated by the non-Christian website has a similar definition:
<http://www.spiritweb.org/KeyToTheosophy/keytheos-18.html>

Karma (Sans.) - Physically, action; Metaphysically, the Law of Retribution; the Law of Cause and Effect or Ethical Causation...There is the Karma of merit and the Karma of demerit. Karma neither punishes nor rewards; it is simply the one Universal Law which guides unerringly and, so to say, blindly, all other laws productive of certain effects along the grooves of their respective causations.



<http://www.buddhanet.net/wheel1.htm>

Here is a diagram of the Wheel of Life and death, representing the perpetual cycle of life, death, and rebirth. *It also appears in page 18 of Lucy Lidell's book: The Sivananda Companion to Yoga (Could not reproduce)*

Karma basically says that your good deeds must outweigh your bad. Yet, in reality, one bad deed outweighs a million good deeds as God cannot look upon sin approvingly: Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest Thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest Thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he? [HABAKKUK 1:13]

The Bible says that our 'reaping' and 'sowing' happen in this life, not the next: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. [GALATIANS 6:7-8]

Karma cannot save, and has no mercy: According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; [EPHESIANS 1:4-7]

Karma is based on works: Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: [2TIMOTHY 1:9-10]

Also: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: [HEBREWS 9:27]

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [1JOHN 1:8]

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The court of the tabernacle of the ancient Jews was divided into three parts: the outer court, the holy place, and the most Holy of Holies. These three divisions represent the three grand divisions of human consciousness.

And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the Most Holy. [EXODUS 26:33]

The veil that was torn was the veil between the holy place and most holy place. It is more logical to believe it tore because we now have direct access to God through Jesus than to believe that a division in our own consciousness split apart: Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; [MATTHEW 27:50-51]

For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All. ...Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? [HEBREWS 9:2-3, 6-14]

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Man can only expect to be entrusted with great power by proving his ability to use it constructively and selflessly. When the Mason learns that the key to the warrior on the block is the proper application of the dynamo of living power, he has learned the mystery of his Craft. The seething energies of Lucifer are in his hands and before he may step onward and upward, he must prove his ability to properly apply energy.

ALSO - Morals and Dogma - p. 321 - The Apocalypse is, to those who receive the nineteenth Degree, the Apotheosis of that Sublime Faith which aspires to God alone, and despises all the pomps and works of Lucifer. LUCIFER, the Light-Bearer! Strange and mysterious name to give to the Spirit of Darkness! Lucifer, the Son of the Morning! Is it he who bears the Light, and with its splendors intolerable blinds feeble, sensual, or selfish Souls? Doubt it not! for traditions are full of Divine Revelations and Inspirations: and Inspiration is not of one Age nor of one Creed. Plato and Philo, also, were inspired.

The Lucifer of the Kabbalah might have been what Albert Pike was alluding to. Eliphaz Levi, in Transcendental Magic says:

page 231: The Lucifer of the Kabbalah is not an accursed and ruined angel; he is the angel who enlightens, who regenerates by fire...

God does not (and never did) want us to "properly use" evil forces. He said of Satan through Isaiah: How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. [ISAIAH 14:12-15]

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. [MATTHEW 28:18]

Jesus' powers are stronger than Satan's: And He [Jesus] said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. [LUKE 10:18-19]

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created. [REVELATION 4:11]

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. [REVELATION 20:10]

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But all of these expressions of the human heart must become transmuted into the emotionless compassion of the gods, who despite the suffering of the moment, gaze down upon mankind and see that

it is good.

The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works. [PSALM 145:8-9]

So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him [MATTHEW 20:34]

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, He groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto Him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how He loved him! [JOHN 11:33-36]

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. [1PETER 4:15-16]

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...The transmutation of personal affection into impersonal compassion shows that the Fellow Craftsman truly understands his duties and is living in a manner worthy of his order. Personalities cannot bind the true second degree member, for having raised one point of the compass he now realized that all personal manifestations are governed by impersonal principles. (page 51)

The true disciple of ancient Masonry has given up forever the worship of personalities. (page 64)

If we are personal, God must be personal too: And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. [GENESIS 1:26-27]

The author of the Christian book Fourteen Things Witches Hope Parents Never Find Out had a point when he said: page 34: One thing a person must understand, there cannot be a law without a law-giver... without a personal God as a law-giver, there can be no law.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to Me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. [EXODUS 24:12-13] Can an impersonal God lovingly create us one by one? Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, and He that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by Myself; [ISAIAH 44:24]

To Jeremiah God said: Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. [JEREMIAH 1:5]

We are treated as individuals by God: And He spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. [LUKE 15:3-7]

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: [2PETER 1:1]

Not just anyone can be worshipped: And I [John] fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. [REVELATION 19:10]

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The glorious privileges of a Master Mason are in keeping with his greater knowledge and wisdom... The voice speaks from the Heavens, its power thrilling the Master until his own being seems filled with its divinity, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The ancients taught that the sun was not a source of light, life, or power, but a medium through which life and light were reflected into physical substance. The Master Mason is in truth a sun, a great reflector of light, who radiates through his organism, purified by ages of preparation, the glorious power which is the light of the Lodge. He, in truth has become the spokesman of the Most High. He stands between the glowing fire light and the world. Through him passes Hydra, the great snake, and from its mouth there pours to man the light of God.

ALSO - Morals and Dogma - p. 734 - ... It is the body of the Holy Spirit, the universal Agent, the Serpent devouring his own tail...

Here are diagrams of dragons obtained through <http://www.ditto.com>



<http://www.dragonrealm.com/>

<http://www.rockstarhq.com/tshirts/tiedye/fantasy.htm> (Also on page 115 of Texe Marrs' *Mystery Mark of the New Age* (Could not reproduce))

See also a serpent like a circle appearing on the Launceston Theosophical Society's site



<http://www.tased.edu.au/tasonline/theolaun/emblem.htm>

Only Jesus was called God's Son: And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lightning upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. [MATTHEW 3:16-17]

The Bible says: ... If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! [MATTHEW 6:23]

The person who is not serving God serves Satan: And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. [REVELATION 12:9]

And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. [REVELATION 12:15]

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. [REVELATION 16:13]

p. 59 The Word is found when the Master himself [not Jesus] is ordained by the living hand of God, cleansed by living water, baptized by living fire, a Priest-King after the Order of Melchizedek, who is above the law.

This psalm does describe Jesus: and no one else The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit Thou at My right hand, until I

make thine enemies Thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of Thy strength out of Zion: rule Thou in the midst of Thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning; thou hast the dew of thy Youth. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. [PSALM 110:1-4]

For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit Thou on My right hand, Until I make Thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. [ACTS 2:34-36]

So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art My Son, to day have I begotten thee. As He saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. [HEBREWS 5:5-10]

Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. [HEBREWS 6:20]

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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. All true Masons know that they only are heathen who, having great ideals, do not live up to them. They know that all religions are but one story told in divers way for peoples whose ideals differ but whose great purpose is in harmony with Masonic ideals... No true Mason can be narrow, for his Lodge is the divine expression of all broadness.

ALSO - Morals and Dogma - p. 163 - Masonry cannot in our age forsake the broad way of life.

Being a heathen is incompatible with being a Christian: But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. [MATTHEW 6:7]

No true Christian can be broad: Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. [MATTHEW 7:13-15]

... but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. [MATTHEW 18:17]

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is [He] worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed any thing, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things [ACTS 17:24-25]

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord [unity] hath Christ with Belial? ... [2CORINTHIANS 6:14-15]

It is important to distinguish between true and false light: And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. [2CORINTHIANS 11:14]

Note to any minister who is a Mason - a preacher is supposed to preach to heathen, not be one: To reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: [GALATIANS 1:16]

The existence of God does not depend on our creed: If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself. [2TIMOTHY 2:13]

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have

eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. [1JOHN 5:13]

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From him pour forth streams of light, and a great aura of multi-colored fire bathes him with its radiance. The sacred flame of the gods has found its resting place in him, and through him renews its covenant with man. He is then truly a Freemason, a child of light. This wonderful garment, of which all earthly robes are but symbols, is build on the highest qualities of human nature, the noblest of ideals, and the purest of aspirations. Its coming is made possible only through the purification of body and unselfish service to others in the name of the Creator. When the Mason has build all these powers into himself, there radiates from him a wonderful body of living fire, like that which surrounded the Master Jesus, at the moment of His transfiguration. This is the Robe of Glory, the garment of Blue and Gold which, shining forth as a five-pointed star of light, heralds the birth of the Christ within.

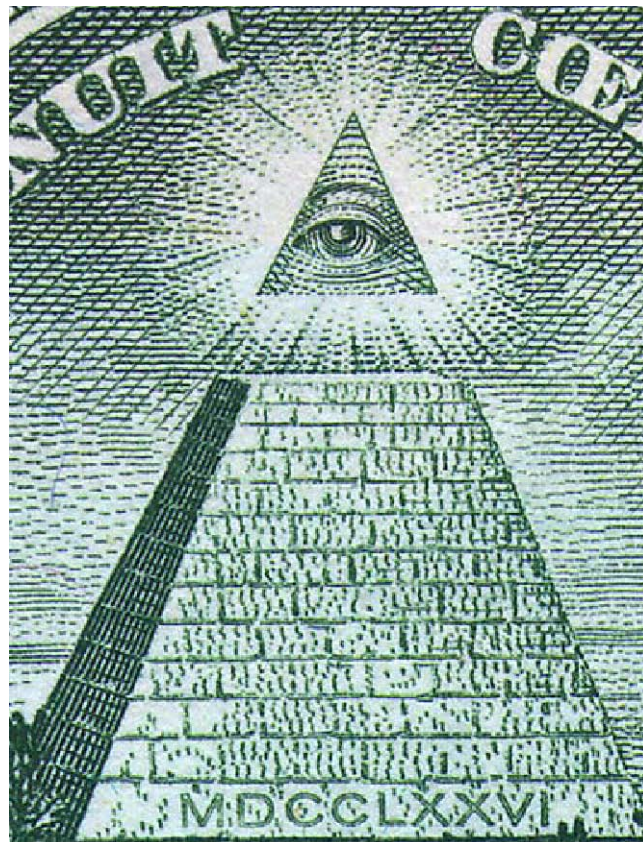
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. [ISAIAH 61:10]

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [REVELATION 7:13-14]

But you may say, 'He was not a Freemason when he wrote this book'. Here is what the website for the Philosophical Research Society has to say about him (<http://www.prs.org/manly.htm>):

In 1934 Mr. Hall founded the Philosophical Research Society, dedicating it to the ensoulment of all arts, sciences, and crafts, and devoted to the one basic purpose of advancing the brotherhood of all that lives. ... Mr. Hall was recognized as a high-ranking Mason. In 1990 he became one of the twenty-four 33° Masons (the highest rank possible). To understand this honor we observe that others on this list are former President Gerald Ford, Norman Vincent Peale, Senator J. Strom Thurmond, and Gene Autry! No doubt this honor is due to Mr. Halls lifelong study of the philosophical basis of Freemasonry, writing several books on the subject, *The Lost Keys of Freemasonry*, *Masonic Orders of Fraternity*, *Freemasonry of the Ancient Egyptians*, *The Secret Destiny of America*, and his belief our continent was set aside for a great experiment of enlightened self-government by ancient philosophers, and that the seeds of this plan for the founding of America were planted one thousand years before the Christian era and is partly revealed in the symbolism of the Great Seal of the United States and the and the mysterious stranger who swayed the signers of the Declaration of Independence. 'Thousands of years ago, in Egypt, these mystical orders were aware of the existence of the western hemisphere and the great continent which we call America. The bold resolution was made that this western continent should become the site of the philosophic empire. Just when this was done it is impossible now to say, but certainly the decision was reached prior to the time of Plato for a thinly veiled statement of this resolution is the substance of his treatise on the Atlantic Islands.' (from his book, *The Secret Destiny of America*). This is pure Masonry of the highest order. However to allay any conspiracy enthusiasts, it should be clearly stated that PRS (Philosophical Research Society) is an entirely separate and independent organization with no links to the Masonic movement. Surely it must be a measure of the man, that Mr. Hall never used PRS as a recruiting station for Masonic membership, and what he held important was the inner philosophical tradition of Masonry.

Here are diagrams of the Great Seal of the United State



If Freemasons had not approved of his works (including the Lost Keys of Freemasonry), they would not have let him join. In my opinion, this also goes for Morals and Dogma and other Masonic works. If those books were full of lies, they would have been kicked out of the order.

CHAPTER 3:

Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Society of Freemasonry, By Albert Pike, C. 1871, 1966

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It means this,-that all truths are Truths of Period, and not truths for eternity... (page 37)

Not one man in ten thousand knows anything about the proofs of his faith. We believe what we are taught; and those are most fanatical who know least of the evidences on which their creed is based... What is truth to me is not truth to another. (page 165)

We are all of us, though not equally, mistaken. The cherished dogmas of each of us are not, as we fondly suppose, the pure truth of God; but simply our own special form of error, our guesses at truth, the refracted and fragmentary rays of light that have fallen upon our minds. Our little systems have their day, and cease to be; they are but broken lights of God; and He is more than they. Perfect truth is not attainable anywhere. (page 223)

Does that make Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God the Father liars?: He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He. [DEUTERONOMY 32:4]

But the LORD is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting King: at His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. [JERIMIAH 10:10-11]

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. [PSALM 12:6-7]

If the Truth-givers, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit do not change and are eternal, Truth does not change. For I am the LORD, I change not... [MALACHI 3:6 (God does not change)]; How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? [HEBREWS 9:14]; Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. [HEBREWS 13:8 (Jesus does not change)]

Jesus Himself said He would be resurrected: But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. [MATTHEW 26:32]

Then answered the Jews and said unto Him, What sign showest Thou unto us, seeing that Thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But He spake of the temple of His body. When therefore He was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this unto them; and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. [JOHN 2:18-22]

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. [JOHN 4:23-24]

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. [JOHN 8:31-32]

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. [JOHN 14:6]

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [JOHN 14:16-17]

Our proof is the Holy Spirit: But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. [JOHN 14:26]

And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. [JOHN 17:3]

...yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That Thou mightest be justified in Thy sayings, and mightest overcome when Thou art judged. [ROMANS 3:4]

It is God the Holy Spirit who reveals Jesus to us: Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. [1CORINTHIANS 12:3]

Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. [1CORINTHIANS 15:12-17] Christians are not instructed to believe blindly but to: Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. [1THESSALONIANS 5:21-22]

That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. [2THESSALONIANS 2:12]

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. [1TIMOTHY 3:16]

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. [2PETER 1:16]

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. [REVELATION 3:19]

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Catholicism was a vital truth in its earliest ages, but it became obsolete, and Protestantism arose, flourished, and deteriorated. The doctrines of ZOROASTER were the best which the ancient Persians were fitted to receive; those of CONFUCIUS were fitted for the Chinese; those of MOHAMMED for the idolatrous Arabs of his age. Each was Truth for the time.

God's message is for the whole world, and for all times: And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. [MARK 16:15]

But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him. [1JOHN 2:27]

Religions other than Christianity have the spirit of error; hence they were never right for a particular time: We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. [1JOHN 4:6]

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, [REVELATION 14:6]

The only reason Catholicism deteriorated is because it has strayed from the truth of God in many ways. Any Church or person not following the Bible and not having Jesus as their Lord and Saviour will have this problem. To paraphrase F.C. Dreyer and E, Weller authors of the book Roman Catholicism in the Light of Scripture: a church building cannot give eternal life-only believing on Jesus can. Catholicism and Proestantism have much in common, but they also have many differences. I'm not saying that all Catholics hold to these; many Catholics have been saved by accepting Jesus as their personal Saviour (the only way to be saved), and many more being saved have felt moved by the Holy Spirit to leave the Catholic Church. Some people I've talked to in the Catholic Church today feel free to

reject what they do not believe (mainly because of ignorance of what the Catholic Church teaches). That was not an option in earlier days when one could be declared 'Anathema' for not believing the following non-Biblical doctrines:

Another Christ?

In My Way of Life by Saint Thomas the following is said:

page 571: WHEN A MAN BECOMES A PRIEST, he becomes another Christ.

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. [MATTHEW 24:23-24]

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. [2CORINTHIANS 11:2-4]

For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus; [1TIMOTHY 2:5]

Celibacy:

The Catholic Catchesism says:

Paragraph 1579, page 440: All the ordained ministers of the Latin Church, with the exception of permanent deacons, are normally chosen from among men of faith who live a celibate life and who intend to remain celibate 'for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.' [Ref. 70 - Mt. 19:12]

Paragraph 1580, page 440: In the Eastern Churches a different discipline has been in force for many centuries: while bishops are chosen solely from among celibates, married men can be ordained as deacons and priests. ... In the East as in the West a man who has already received the sacrament of Holy Orders can no longer marry.

Yet, Jesus does not order celibacy, just that some people have chosen it: For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it. [MATTHEW 19:12]

The apostle Paul said that bishops could be married and have children: This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; [1TIMOTHY 3:1-4]

Communion with the dead:

Paragraph 958, page 272: ... and 'because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her

suffrages for them. Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective. There shall not be found among you any one that ... useth divination ... or a consulter with familiar spirits ... or a necromancer (one who communicates with the dead and/or has the dead communicate with him/her). For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD... [DEUTERONOMY 18:10-12]

Howbeit in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men... And He said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. [MARK 7:7-9]

Creation:

Catholic Answers, Inc. -http://www.catholic.com/answers/tracts/_genesis.htm had this opinion on Creation and Genesis:

Fundamentalists often make it a test of Christian orthodoxy to believe that the world was created in six 24-hour days and that no other interpretations of Genesis 1 are possible. They claim that until recently this view of Genesis was the only one there was. The writings of the Fathers, who were much closer than we are in time and culture to the original audience of Genesis, show that this was not the case. There was wide variation on how long creation took. Some said only a few days; others a much longer, indefinite period. Those who took the latter view appealed to the fact 'that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day...' Catholics are at liberty to believe creation took a few days or a much longer period, depending how they see the evidence, subject to the future judgment of the Church ...

Do they think that God would tell us 'fables'? [2Peter 1:16]. God wanted us to take the 7 days literally-He does not lie [See Romans 3:4].

The Answers Book by Ken Ham, Andrew Snelling and Carl Weiland has this to say:

pages 13-14: ... it is quite obvious that the days of creation in Genesis must be taken as literal solar days of approximately 24 hours in length. For instance,

Exodus 20:11, which is the basis of the fourth commandment, tell us that God created everything in six days and rested for one, and that man was to copy that pattern. This, in fact, is where the seven-day work week comes from. God didn't work for six million years and rest for one million years. How could He then tell us we should do the same? He worked for six days and rested for one, and this is the pattern which we copy today.

page 92: Some people say that the word day in Genesis may have been used symbolically, and so we are not meant to take it literally. However, an important point that many fail to consider is that a word can never be used symbolically the first time it is used! In fact, a word can be used symbolically only when it first has a literal meaning.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. [GENESIS 1:5]

Eucharist:

Paragraph 1365, page 380: Because it is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. ... In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he 'poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'

Paragraph 1366, page 380: The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross...

The book, My Way of Life by Saint Thomas says:

pages 571-572: By the agency of His priests, Christ still offers Himself to His Father as the eternal Victim of the sacrifice of the Mass ...

Here is a diagram of the monstrance that holds the Eucharist (*Also in worshippers kneeling in adoration of the Eucharist from page 151 of Rebecca Brown's book, Prepare for War - Could not reproduce*)



Contrary to what sites like <http://www.therealpresence.org/> say:

Jesus was not present in the wine and the bread because He was alive at the time He offered it: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. [MATTHEW 26:26-28]

If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame [HEBREWS 6:6]

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the Holy Place every year with blood of others; For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation. [HEBREWS 9:24-28]

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. [HEBREWS 10:10-12, 18]

Mary:

Paragraph 411, page 116: ... she [Mary] was preserved from all the stain of original sin and by a special grace of God committed no sin of any kind during her whole earthly life.

Paragraph 469, page 275: ... Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix.

A small book called the Marian Prayer Book shows the following under the heading Sunday Evening Pray: The Coronation of Mary:

page 55: This evening I praise my Lord and Saviour who made the Virgin Mary queen of heaven and earth, and I pray: Lord of heaven and earth, You crowned Mary and set her as queen at Your right hand. Make me worthy to share in the glory of heaven.

See diagrams of Mary being crowned queen of heaven. The websote is called Catholic Pictures - <http://www.thewebdesk.com/catholic/pictures/> which links to others pictured below: There are also similar diagrams in my copy of the Imitation of Christ by Thomas Kempis, Plate #5 before page 97, and a book cover The Woman Shall Conquer



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Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger. [JEREMIAH 7:17-18]

Only a sinner could admit needing a savior: And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour [LUKE 1:46-47].

If Mary was without original sin, she would not be considered unclean after given birth to Jesus:

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses [Leviticus 12:2 - Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.] were accomplished, they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord; [LUKE 2:21-22]

Jesus is the only mediator: For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus; [1TIMOTHY 2:5]

All believers will get crowns, and that includes Mary, although she will not be crowned 'Queen of heaven': Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. [2TIMOTHY 4:8]

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. [HEBREWS 12:2]

Mary, like us would not have called herself sinless, and wearing her scrap of cloth will not get you out of purgatory: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [1JOHN 1:8]

Purgatory:

Read the Catholic Catechism paragraphs 1030-1032. This is the simplified version found on the internet <http://www.catholic.com/answers/tracts/purgator.htm>:

In 1769 James Boswell had this exchange with Samuel Johnson:

Boswell: "What do you think, Sir, of purgatory, as believed by the Roman Catholics?"

Johnson: "Why, Sir, it is a very harmless doctrine. They are of the opinion that the generality of mankind are neither so obstinately wicked as to deserve everlasting punishment, nor so good as to merit being admitted into the society of blessed spirits; and therefore that God is graciously pleased to allow a middle state, where they may be purified by certain degrees of suffering. You see, Sir, there is nothing unreasonable in this."

Boswell: "But then, Sir, their Masses for the dead?"

Johnson: "Why, Sir, if it be at once established that there are souls in purgatory, it is as proper to pray for them, as for our brethren of mankind who are yet in this life."

Although Johnson was no "Catholic," he recognized that the doctrine of purgatory is not at odds with other tenets of Christianity. In fact, as he may have known, there is considerable scriptural warrant for it, even if the doctrine is not explicitly set out in the Bible. The doctrine can be stated briefly. Purgatory is a state of purification, where the soul which has fully repented of its sins, but which has not fully expiated them, has removed the last elements of uncleanness. In purgatory all remaining love of self is transformed into love of God. At death one's soul goes to heaven, if it is completely fit for heaven; to purgatory, if it is not yet ready for heaven, but not worthy of condemnation; or to hell, if it is completely unfit for heaven. But purgatory is a temporary state. Everyone who enters it will get to heaven, and, after the last soul leaves purgatory for heaven on Judgment Day, purgatory will cease to exist. There will remain only heaven and hell.

The conclusion of their article says what the real issue is:

Catholics hold that Christ empowered the Church to give infallible interpretations of the Bible. "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (John 16:12-13). This Jesus said to the apostles. Later, the apostle Paul taught that the Church is "the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). This takes us, of course, to the rule of faith--Is it to be found in the Bible alone or in the Bible and Apostolic Tradition, as handed down by the Church (2 Thess. 2:15, 2 Tim. 2:2)? That is a theme that must be handled elsewhere, but the reader should be aware that the controversy about purgatory is really a controversy about much more than purgatory. Purgatory has just been a convenient battle ground. The ultimate disagreement concerns the doctrine of sola scriptura. If Fundamentalists understood why that doctrine won't wash--why, in fact, it's contrary to Scripture--they would have little difficulty in accepting purgatory and other Catholic beliefs which are not explicitly set forth in the Bible.

1 Timothy 3:15 is being misquoted here. The Church is not the Roman Catholic Church, as they have changed their minds on some issues. The Church talked about is the body of all believers (alive and dead), otherwise known as the bride of Christ. Who is the head of the Church, the Pope? No. Jesus Christ! Also, the Holy Spirit has always been the Spirit of Truth. Moreover, to say that belief in Scripture is contrary to Scripture is a self-contradictory statement. Scripture is either true or not:

I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified thy Word above all Thy name. [PSALM 138:2]

And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. [2TIMOTHY 3:15-16]

The Internet Bible Church has a chart that refutes the doctrine of purgatory:

Jesus purifies from ALL sin: Jesus is Enough and His one-time sacrifice alone saves us to an eternity with God. Jesus nailed our sins to the cross. He took care of business and left none of it undone. ...Nowhere in Scripture does it say one will have to undergo "purification" after death. There is no detour to heaven. ...Should you worry about a place called "purgatory?" Can it be found in the Bible? No. The Church ADMITS that it is their own invention. The Council of Trent took place in 1545 and approved this belief along with many others. The decrees were made by the council of MEN, not the God of the Bible. And those who would refuse to believe the decrees of Rome were under the threat of "anathema," and the curse not yet been lifted to this day while they cry for unity with Bible believing Christians. ...The dead are either in heaven or hell. Is the wrath of God abiding on you today? Which will you choose? The real Jesus or the false christ of Romanism?

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. [MATTHEW 25:46]

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. [JOHN 3:36]

..He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed death to life [JOHN 5:24]

Jesus said: ... It is finished... [JOHN 19:30]

Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we be saved from the wrath through him. [ROMANS 5:9]
[Jesus] Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross. [COLOSSIANS 2:14]

In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. [COLOSSIANS 1:14]

... when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. [HEBREW 1:3]

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement. [HEBREWS 9:27]

For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. [HEBREWS 10:14]

...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from **all** sin. [1JOHN 1:7]

Born again Christians can sing: 'Blessed assurance Jesus is mine'. If you do die and wake up in a very unpleasant place, its too late - it's not purgatory. However, If you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you will go to heaven - no doubts! If you just go through the motions, Jesus will say: Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesized in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?', And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity [MATTHEW 7:21-23]

Sainthood:

The Toronto Star on September 10, 1997 said this regarding Mother Theresa:

page A28: She [Mother Theresa] is already considered a saint - if not a goddess - by many in Calcutta. But the Vatican said yesterday it would take time to determine her official status in the Roman Catholic Church. ... To name her a saint, the Vatican must be convinced Mother Theresa has performed miracles. They can come after her death, such as curing an ill believer or answering a supplicant's prayers.

If the dead are allowed to contact or heal us, that means we would be allowed to contact the dead. But, the Bible stresses that we are never to contact any of the dead - good or evil. Also, the dead are not allowed to contact us: When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that ... useth divination ... or a consulter with familiar spirits ... or a necromancer (one who communicates with the dead). For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD... [DEUTERONOMY 18:9-12]

King Saul went to the witch of Endor to conjure up Samuel but the witch was shocked. Wow, it appears here that the real Samuel appeared because she was surprised and scared. Maybe God made an exception. But in my opinion, her fear seemed to have more to do with recognizing Saul (who had vowed to kill witches) than at 'Samuel': And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? [1SAMUEL 28:9]

Here it appears that God made the demon impersonating Samuel speak: And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself. And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the

Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David: [1SAMUEL 28:12-17]

One of the reasons I suspect it was not the real Samuel is that when Saul bowed to this spirit, it did not rebuke him: And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying Stand up; I myself also am a man. [ACTS 10:25-26]

Moreover, every believer is called a saint: Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: [1CORINTHIANS 1:2]

Read your Bible, and match up the creeds of any organization that you belong to with the Scriptures; the Holy Spirit will help you to discern between good and evil.

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God is the absolute of Faith; but the absolute of Reason is BEING..."I am that I am," is a wretched translation.

If I AM is a wretched translation, why did Jesus say: Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast Thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM. Then took they up stones to cast at Him... [JOHN 8:56-59]

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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 get 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 Teachers, even of Christianity, are, in general, the most ignorant of the true meaning of that which they teach. There is no book of which so little is known as the Bible. To most who read it, it is as incomprehensible as the Sohar. (pages 104-105)

These Degrees are also intend to teach more than morals. The symbols and ceremonies of Masonry have more than one meaning. They rather conceal than disclose the truth. They hint it only, at least; and their varied meanings are only to be discovered by reflection and study. (page 148) [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 he understands them. Their true explication is reserved for the Adepts, the princes of Masonry...It is well enough for the mass of those called Masons, to imagine that all is contained in the Blue Degrees; and whoso attempts to undeceive them will labor in vain, and without any true reward violate his obligations as an Adept. Masonry is the veritable Sphinx, buried to the head in the sands heaped round it by the ages.] (page 819)

ALSO - Lost Keys of Freemasonry - pp. 13-14 - The initiated brother realizes that his so-called symbols and rituals are merely blinds fabricated by the wise to perpetuate ideas incomprehensible to the average individual.

Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One. [JOB 6:10]

For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad. [LUKE 8:17]

Lies and concealment are not from God: Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he

speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father if it. [JOHN 8:44]

The Bible is understandable to the Christian because: But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. [JOHN 14:26]

Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. [JOHN 18:20]

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. [2CORINTHIANS 4:3-5]

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. [2TIMOTHY 2:7]

And there shall no wise enter into it [the new heaven and new earth] any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life [REVELATION 21:27]

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No evil hath so afflicted the world as intolerance of religious opinion...Merely to tolerate, to bear with an opposing opinion, is to assume it to be heretical...The Mason's creed goes farther than that. No man, it holds, has any right in any way to interfere with the religious belief of another. (pages 166-167)

To respect all forms of worship, to tolerate all political and religious opinions; not to blame, and still less to condemn the religion of others: not to seek to make converts; but to be content if they have the religion of Socrates; a veneration for the Creator, the religion of good works, and grateful acknowledgment of God's blessings: (page 333)

Tolerance of this source sends people to an everlasting hell: And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. [MATTHEW 5:29]

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both body and soul in hell. [MATTHEW 10:28]

Sin separates us from God. Jesus said: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. [MATTHEW 25:46]

To be tolerant is to ignore the 'Great Commission': Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. [MATTHEW 28:19]

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. [LUKE 16:23-25]

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth... [ROMANS 1:16]

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His might angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power. [2THESSALONIANS 1:7-9]

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The Supreme, Self-Existent, Eternal, All-Wise, All-Powerful, Indefinitely Good, Pitying, Beneficent, and

Merciful Creator and Preserver of the Universe was the same, by whatever name he was called, to the intellectual and enlightened men of nations. The name was nothing, if not a symbol and representative hieroglyph of his nature and attributes. The name AL represented his remoteness above men, his inaccessibility; BAL and BALA, his might; ALOHIM, his various potencies; IHUH, existence and the generation of things. None of his names, among the Orientals, were the symbols of a divinely infinite love and tenderness, and all-embracing mercy. As MOLOCH or MALEK he was but an omnipotent monarch, a tremendous and irresponsible Will; as ADONAI, only an arbitrary LORD and Master; as AL SHADAI, potent and a DESTROYER.

Moloch is not another name for God but is another "god": Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. [EXODUS 20:3]

And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. [LEVITICUS 18:21] And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. [JUDGES 2:12-13]

And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. [1KINGS 11:6-7]

For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. [PSALM 96:5]

I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me: [ISAIAH 45:5]

What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye would have fellowship with devils. [1CORINTHIANS 10:19-20]

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The Lion that guarded the Ark and held in his mouth the key wherewith to open it, figuratively represents Solomon, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, who preserved and communicated the key to the true knowledge of God, of His laws, and of the profound mysteries of the moral and physical Universe.

Jesus was the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, not Solomon: And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. [REVELATION 5:4-6]

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation [REVELATION 5:9]

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain... [REVELATION 5:12]

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That Rite raises a corner of the veil, even in the Degree of Apprentice; for it there declares that Masonry is a worship. ... "It [Masonry] is the universal, eternal, immutable religion such as God planted it in the heart of universal humanity. No creed has ever been long-lived that was not built on this foundation. It is the base and they [Individual religions] are the superstructure. ... The ministers of this religion are all Masons who comprehend it and are devoted to it; its sacrifices to God are good works... (page 219)

Masonry is a worship; but one in which all civilized men can unite; for it does not undertake to explain or dogmatically to settle those great mysteries, that are above the feeble comprehension of our human intellect. (page 526)

And this Equilibrium teaches us, above all, to reverence ourselves as immortal souls, and to have respect

and charity for others, who are even such as we are, partakers with us of the Divine Nature, lighted by a ray of the Divine Intelligence, struggling, like us toward the light; capable like us, of progress upward toward perfection... (page 861)

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags... [ISAIAH 64:6]

Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesized in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?', And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity [MATTHEW 7:21-23]

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. [MATTHEW 9:13]

For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. [MATTHEW 10:35]

Jesus says: But I say unto you That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. [MATTHEW 12:36]

And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the thing which I say? [LUKE 6:46]

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. [JOHN 14:6]

Reverence is worship which belongs to God alone. Jesus accepted worship: And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen; and yet have believed. [JOHN 20:28-29]

Godly men do not accept worship: And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying Stand up; I myself also am a man. [ACTS 10:25-26]

Division usually comes from: For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I here that there be divisions among you and I partly believe it. For there must also be heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. [1CORINTHIANS 11:19]

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. [1CORINTHIANS 3:11]

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. [2CORINTHIANS 11:13-15] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. [EPHESIANS 2:8-9]

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? [HEBREWS 9:14]

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; [HEBREWS 10:10, 12]

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: [HEBREWS 12:28]

The mystery has already been revealed to us: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. [1TIMOTHY 3:16]

Angels do not accept worship: And I [John] fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. [REVELATION 19:10]

It [Masonry] is philosophical, because it teaches the great Truths concerning the nature and existence of one Supreme Deity, and the existence and immortality of the soul. It revives the Academy of Plato, and the wise teachings of Socrates. It reiterates the maxims of Pythagoras, Confucius, and Zoroaster, and reverentially enforces the sublime lessons of Him who died upon the Cross. The ancients thought that universal humanity acted under the influence of two opposing Principles, the Good and the Evil: of which the Good urged men toward Truth, Independence, and Devotedness; and the Evil toward Falsehood, Servility, and Selfishness. Masonry represented the Good Principle and constantly wars against the evil one. It is the Hercules, the Osirus, the Apollo, the Mityhras, and the Ormuzd, at everlasting and deadly feud with the demons of ignorance, brutality, baseness, falsehood, slavishness of soul, intolerance, superstition, tyranny, meanness, the insolence of wealth, and bigotry.

While Masonry says that good and evil are in everlasting conflict, God says that good will win over evil: And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

[REVELATION 20:10, 14-15]

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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.

According to biblebelievers.org:

The word, Baalim, is simply defined as 'false god or idol.' The Masonic author has included the God of the Christian in that category.

However, only the God of the Bible is above and against Baalim: And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and He delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and He sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. [JUDGES 2:10-14]

Any 'god' that did not make the heavens and the earth is not a true God: Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. [JEREMIAH 10:11]

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord [unity] hath Christ with Belial? ... [2CORINTHIANS 6:14-15]

Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. [GALATIANS 4:8]

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The first Masonic Legislator whose memory is preserved to us by history, was Buddha, who, about a thousand years before the Christian era, reformed the religion of Manous. He called to the Priesthood all men, without distinction of caste, who felt themselves inspired by God to instruct men.

Buddha believed in reincarnation: In Autobiography of a Yogi Paramahansa Yogananda said:

page 484: *Lord Buddha was once asked why a man should love all persons equally. 'Because,' the great teacher replied, 'in the very numerous and varied life-spans of each man, every other being has at one time or another been dear to him.'

Yet the Bible says: Also: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: [HEBREWS 9:27]

In some selections from the book by Edith Holland called: 'The Story of the Buddha' you can see the differences between Buddha and Christ:

page 104: A woman had a dead child who she wanted raised back to life. One of the monks said: 'You must bring me some mustard seed,' he answered, 'but it is necessary that it should come from a house where neither parent, child, or any relation of slave has died.'

page 105: So Kisagotami left her dead child in a forest and returned to the Buddha. 'My Master,' she said, 'I have not brought the mustard seed, for the dead are many, and I can find no house where Death is not known.' Then the Buddha comforted the poor mother and taught her the truth of sorrow.

How different is that from Jesus raising people from the dead! Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. [MATTHEW 11:4-5]

While He yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. And He suffered no man to follow Him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And He cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when He was come in, He saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. But when He had put them all out, He taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with Him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And He took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. [MARK 5:35-42]

Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? [ACTS 26:8]

page 107: Nothing can release a man from the penalty of sin.

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord [ROMANS 6:22-23]

page 108: The Buddhists, however, do not believe any punishment to be eternal; and when a being has paid the just debt of his evil deeds he may still work out his salvation. It is to this task, the working out of his salvation, that the monk applies himself when he has renounced all the comforts and pleasures of life.

Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh. [COLOSSIANS 2:20-23]

Page 109: 'I take the vow not to destroy life.' This is the first commandment; a good Buddhist will not hurt or kill any living creature...

Yet God killed animals for Adam and Eve: Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. [GENESIS 3:21]

After His resurrection, Jesus helped the disciples catch fish: As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask Him, Who art Thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. This is now the third time that Jesus showed Himself to His disciples, after that He was risen from the dead. [JOHN 21:9-14]

page 139: Indeed when the Buddha heard that one of his disciples had performed a miracle, he expressly forbade the use of any wonder-working powers...

And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying... Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. [MATTHEW 10:1, 5, 8]

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. [LUKE 10:17, 19-20]

page 140: The Buddhists imagine heaven to be a place where the righteous are reborn to enjoy an age of bliss-but an age which has an ending, for the glories of heaven, like those of the earth, must fade and pass away, and nought but the Peace of Nirvana shall remain.

The heavens mentioned here are the starry heavens, not the abode of God; however, even if it did refer to the heaven of God the Bible clearly teaches that it will be re-built: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. [2PETER 3:10, 13]

page 146: For nothing but his own efforts after right-doing can avail a man; he cannot get rid of his sins by making innocent creatures suffer.

But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; [TITUS 3:4-5]

There may be some surface similarities between the teachings of Buddha and Jesus, but the differences outweigh the similarities. Also, while Buddha physically died and did not physically come back, Jesus was resurrected:

page 176: The night wore on as the disciples watched beside their dying Master in the quiet sala grove. And in the third watch of the night the Buddha passed away. ...When the body had been consumed by fire and all the ceremonies duly performed, the ashes were placed in the council hall.

And as they thus spake, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they

were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And He said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have. And when He had thus spoken, He showed them His hands and His feet. [LUKE 24:36-40]

Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto Him, Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. [JOHN 20:27-29]

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. [1CORINTHIANS 15:20]

Share International on the internet describes Buddha and Shamballa -http://www.shareintl.org/background/glossary/g_main.htm :

Buddha -- Last Avatar of the age of Aries. Previous World Teacher who manifested through the Prince Gautama around 500 BC. The Embodiment of Wisdom, He currently acts as the 'Divine Intermediary' between Shamballa and Hierarchy. Buddhists expect their next great teacher under the name Maitreya Buddha.

Sanat Kumara -- The Lord of the World; the etheric-physical expression of our Planetary Logos who dwells on Shamballa. A great Being, originally from Venus, who sacrificed Himself to become the personality vehicle for the ensouling deity of our planet 18.5 million years ago. The nearest aspect of God that we can know.



Here is a diagram of Sanat Kumara

from <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/AnotherYourSelf/sanat1.htm> It also says:

"... it is important to note that the number of those who have not awakened to their **Divinity** far outweighs the numbers of those who have ... These energies **MUST** be transmuted into Light or they will continue to reek havoc on those who are working so diligently to raise the Vibration of ALL ... These energies also prevent you from breaking through the illusions of ego and Duality and becoming fully anchored into the Fifth Dimension. They are very, very strong at this time. **WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Now, we come to our 'Special Request.' Of course you always have the choice whether to participate or not, but it is our sincere hope that for your sakes as well as for the Good of ALL, you will choose to assist us in transmuting the energies from the "Mass Consciousness" which are no longer appropriate for an Ascending Planet ..."

.Sanat Kumara sounds a lot like Satan. This verse bears repeating: And the **serpent** said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as **gods**, knowing good and evil. [GENESIS 3:4-5]

,The Bible says Satan is the god of this world: But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. [2CORINTHIANS 4:3-4]

Shamballa -- A center of energy; the major center in the planet. It is located above the Gobi Desert on the two highest etheric planes. From it and through it flows the Shamballa Force -- the energy of Will or Purpose. It corresponds to the crown center (chakra).

The Ascension Research Center at www.all-natural.com says:

O Gautama Buddha standing now in the Heart of the Flame at Shamballa, send forth the Arc of Our Love and let It traverse the earth! Let It pass through the center of the earth; and let this Light coalesce as a Mighty Chain of Fiery Love that shall bind mankind not to hatred, not to fear, but to Divine Love in all.

Shamballa seems suspiciously like hell: And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. [REVELATION 19:20]

It is better to leave Masonry who reveres Buddha and other false teachers because: Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. [MATTHEW 18:8]

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No one Mason has the right to measure for another, within the walls of a Masonic Temple, the degree of veneration which he shall feel for any Reformer, or the Founder of any Religion. We teach a belief in no particular creed, as we teach unbelief in none. (page 308)

We teach the truth of none of the legends we recite. They are to us but parables and allegories, involving and enveloping Masonic instruction; and vehicles of useful and interesting information. They represent the different phases of the human mind, its efforts and struggles to comprehend nature, God, the government of the Universe, the permitted existence of sorrow and evil. To teach us wisdom, and the folly of endeavoring to explain to ourselves that which we are not capable of understanding, we reproduce the speculations of the Philosophers, the Kabalists, the Mystagogues and the Gnostics. Every one being at liberty to apply our symbols and emblems as he thinks most consistent with truth and reason and with his own faith, we give them as such an interpretation only as may be accepted by all. (page 329)

We do not undervalue the importance of any Truth. We utter no word that can be deemed irreverent by any one of any faith. We do not tell the Moslem that it is only important for him to believe that there is but one God, and wholly unessential whether Mahomet was His prophet. We do not tell the Hebrew that the Messiah whom he expects was born in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago; and that he is a heretic because he will not so believe. And as little do we tell the sincere Christian that Jesus of Nazareth was but a man like us, or His history but the unreal revival of an older legend. To do either is beyond our jurisdiction. Masonry, of no one age, belongs to all time; of no one religion, it finds its great truths in all. (page 524)

It would be dangerous to make the assumption that all religions are equal. Or that a sincere Hindu, Buddhist, etc. would get into Jesus' heaven as other religions worship other gods: Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God. [LEVITICUS 19:4]

God does not accept idolatry: The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall be upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven. [DEUTERONOMY 29:20]

He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He. [DEUTERONOMY 32:4]

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. [PSALM 31:5]

These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD. [ZECHARIAH 8:16-17]

Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven. [MATTHEW 10:32-33]

The woman saith unto Him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when He is come, He will tell us all

things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He. [JOHN 4:25-26]

Jesus said: I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins [JOHN 8:24]

Jesus is the way: ...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. [JOHN 14:6]

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship **[unity]** hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? [2CORINTHIANS 6:14]

And holds the keys to hell: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. [REVELATION 1:18]

Anyone neither accepting or denying Jesus is lukewarm: I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: [REVELATION 3:15-17]

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Nor is it within its Province to determine how the ultimate triumph of Light and Truth and Good, over Darkness and Error and Evil, is to be achieved; nor whether the Redeemer, looked and longed for by all nations, hath appeared in Judea, or is yet to come. It reveres all the great reformers. It sees in Moses, the Lawgiver of the Jews, in Confucius and Zoroaster, in Jesus of Nazareth, and in the Arabian Iconoclast [Mohammed], Great Teachers of Morality, and Eminent Reformers, if no more: and allows every other brother of the Order to assign to each such higher and even Divine Character as his Creed and Truth require.

Thou shalt have none other gods before Me. [DEUTERONOMY 5:7]

For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: [JOB 19:25]

Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the First, and I am the Last; and beside me there is no God. [ISAIAH 44:6]

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11]

The Bible says that the battle has already been won: And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself... [COLOSSIANS 1:20]

And Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances [charges of sin] that was against us, ...and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross. [COLOSSIANS 2:14]

Paul said that Jesus' death on the cross defeated Satan: Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. [HEBREWS 2:14]

The Bible says: ... and without shedding of [Jesus'] blood there is no remission [of sin]. [HEBREWS 9:22]

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. [1JOHN 4:14-15]

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the First and the Last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of Hell and of Death. [REVELATION 1:17-18]

p. 718 No dispensation of God's Providence, no suffering or bereavement is a messenger of wrath: none of its circumstances are indications of God's Anger. He is incapable of Anger; higher above any such feelings than the distant stars are above the earth. Bad men do not die because God hates the. They die because it is best for them that they should do so; and bad as they are, it is better for them to be in the hands of the infinitely good God, than anywhere else.

Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth. [DEUTERONOMY 6:14-15]

For all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. [1KINGS 16:13]

God cannot look on sin, and had to turn away from Jesus at the moment He took on all our sins: And about the sixth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabach thani? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? [MATTHEW 27:46]

God's anger against unbelief: He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. [JOHN 3:36]

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said unto the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? [REVELATION 6:15-17]

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If every man were a perfect imitator of that Great, Wise, Good Teacher, clothed with all His faith and all His virtues, how the circle of Life's ills and trials would be narrowed... Divine or human, inspired or only a reforming Essene, it must be agreed that His teachings are far nobler, far purer, far less alloyed with error and imperfection, far less of the earth earthy, than those of Socrates, Plato, Seneca, or Mahomet, or any other of the great moralists and Reformers of the world.

Jesus asked a rhetorical question: And, behold, one came and said unto Him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And He said unto him, Why callest thou Me good? there is none good but One, that is, God... [MATTHEW 19:16-17]

The Bible (Scriptures) call themselves inspired and inerrant: Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. [MATTHEW 22:29]

Here Jesus does call Himself good: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. [JOHN 10:11, 14]

Pike implies through his statement that Jesus has error in Him: Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven [error] leaveneth the whole lump? [1CORINTHIANS 5:6]

Jesus had no error (sin) in Him: Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. [2CORINTHIANS 5:20-21]

But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. [GALATIANS 1:11-12]

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. [1THESSALONIANS 2:13]

And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness [2TIMOTHY 3:15-16]

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. [2PETER 1:21]

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Masonry is a search after Light. That search leads us directly back, as you see, to the Kabbalah. (page 741)

All truly dogmatic religions have issued from the Kabbalah and return to it ... all the Masonic associations owe to it their Secrets and their Symbols. The Kabbalah alone consecrates the alliance of the Universal Reason and the Divine Word; it establishes, by the counterpoises of two forces apparently opposite, the eternal balance of being; it alone reconciles Reason with Faith, Power with Liberty, Science with Mystery; it has the keys of the Present, the Past, and the Future. The Bible, with all the allegories it contains, in an incomplete and veiled manner only, the religious science of the Hebrews. (page 744)

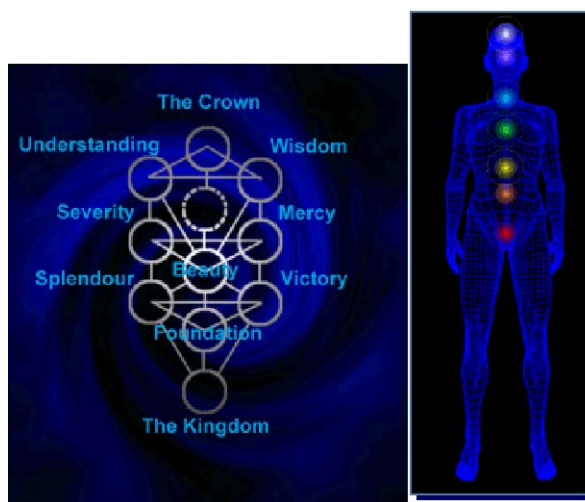
A ray of Light, shot from the Deity, is the cause and principle of all that exists. It is at once Father and Mother of All, in the sublimest sense. It penetrates everything; and without it nothing can exist an instant. (page 267)

The Kabbalah is a form of divination, and can also be seen as a pair of opposites with one side being male and another, female. The book, Tarot Classic, by Stuart R. Kaplan says:

page 58: Thus, The Tree of Life, depicted by Kabbalists as the manifestations of God expressed in the ten Sephiroth and the twenty-two connecting paths, correspond to the twenty-two Major Arcana cards of the tarot pack.

Here is a diagram of the Tree of Life from <http://home.hkstar.com/~patrickn/eva/sephiroth.htm> (also on page 59 of the occult book Tarot Classic by Stuart Kaplan, & Jewels of the Wise by the Holy Order of Mans & page 265 of Cathy Burn's Hidden Secrets of the Eastern Star - could not reproduce)

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<http://www.myss.com/myss/chakras.asp>

There appears to be similarities between the Kabbalah and Kundalini (serpent power that runs through 7 sacred channels [Chakras] up the spine) On the internet in Old Secrets & New Discoveries: 'Dr.' Dee's Channel 7 <http://old-mage.com/d7dne.htm> says:

Kabbalah (other spellings, Cabala, Kabaka and Qabalah) - "Kabbalah" means "that which is received" in Hebrew.

This oral tradition is based on the Torah. Gnosticism and Neoplatonism may have influenced the Kabbalah as it developed from theosophical and mystical lore. The earliest writings in this tradition were by the Merkabah mystics about 100 B.C. to A.D. 1000. The true historical (written) origin was with the Sefer Yetzirah (Book of Creation) that said God created the world with the 10 sephirot (numbers) and 22 sounds (letters) of the Hebrew alphabet. The sephirot became interpreted as emanations by which all reality is structured. This evolved into a practical Kabbalism then into German Kabbalism (or early Hasidism) using gematria, notarikon and temura. Classical Kabbalah was developed by French and Spanish Jews in thirteenth century based on Sefer ha-Zohar (Book of Splendor). The sephirot then became God's attributes described by God's names. This form of Kabbalistic meditation is the Tree of Life and can lead to kundalini-like awakenings...

Kundalini - When kundalini is aroused, the universal life force travels up the chakra system through the sushumna.



Picture from: http://www.renature.com/KRF/about_krf.html

Tree of Life - Esoteric tradition of classification of spiritual energies. Also, referred to as the Kabbalah. The lower section is comparable to the chakras.

However, experimenting with this can be very dangerous: C.W. Leadbeater in his book *The Chakras* said:

page 81: No one should experiment with it without definite instruction from a teacher..for the dangers connected with it are very real and serious. Some of them are purely physical. Its uncontrolled movement often produces intense physical pain, and it may readily tear tissues and even destroy physical life. This however, is the least of the evils of which it is capable, for it may do permanent injury to vehicles higher than the physical.

Christian author Dr. Cathy Burns in her book, *Hidden Secrets of the Eastern Star* says:

pages 264, 265: When Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, God put them out of the Garden of Eden so that they would not partake of the Tree of Life, yet this is the Tree that the Cabalists use for their drawings. They believe that by advancing through the different stages of this tree of Life, an individual can partake of Godhood.

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of Us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. [GENESIS 3:22-24]

Divination was and still is evil in the eyes of the Lord: And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. [2KINGS 17:17]

God's word (the Bible) is the only light we need; not the false light of occultism: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. [PSALM 119:105]

Jesus is the only way, not the Kabbalah: I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. [JOHN 14:6]

This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. [1JOHN 1:5-7] The only way to have the tree of life is to obey God: I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For

without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the Bright and Morning Star. [REVELATION 22:13-16]

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Adam is the human Tetragram, which is summed up in the' mysterious Yod of the Kabalah, image of the Kabalistic Phallus. Add to this Yod [Phallus], the ternary name of Eve, and you form the name of Jehovah, the Divine Tetragram, the transcendent Kabalistic and magical word.

Eliphas Levi says the same thing in his book Transcendental Magic:

page 46 -Adam is the human tetragram, summed up in the mysterious Jod, type of the kabalistic phallus. By adding to this Jod the triadic name of Eve, the name of Jehova is formed ...

Phallus worship has more to do with Hinduism than with Christianity: The book by R.C. Zaehner, called Hinduism says:

page 85: In the full figure of Siva, however, the male and female principles are united, and he himself is said to be half man and half woman. The emblem under which he particularly delights to be worshipped is the lingam or phallus which is always erect.

CHAPTER 4:

History of Freemasonry: Its Legendary Origins, By Albert G. Mackey, C. 1996 Random House Ed.: (Selections from Chapter XXVI: Freemasonry and the ancient mysteries pages. 166-198)

pp. 174, 179, 186 & 197-198

Ancient mysteries linked to paganism: But before we can properly appreciate the theory which associates Freemasonry with the Pagan Mysteries, we must make ourselves acquainted with the nature and the design as well as with something of the history of those mystical societies. Among all the nations of antiquity in which refinement and culture had given an elevated tone to the religious sentiment, there existed two systems of worship, a public and a private one. "Each of the pagan Gods," says Warburton, "had (besides the public and open) a secret worship paid unto him, to which none were admitted but those who had been selected by preparatory ceremonies called INITIATION. This secret worship was called the MYSTERIES." (page 174)

As the Mysteries were a secret society, whose members were separated from the rest of the people by a ceremony of initiation, there resulted from this form of organization, as a necessary means of defense an of isolation, a solemn obligation of secrecy, with severe penalties for its violation, and certain modes of recognition known only to those who had been instructed in them. There was what might be called a progressive order of degrees, for the neophyte was not at once upon his initiation invested with a knowledge of the deepest arcana of the religious system. (page 179)

While Hutchinson strongly contends for the direct derivation of Freemasonry from Adam, through the line of the patriarch to Moses and Solomon, he does not deny that it borrowed much from the initiations and symbols of the Pagans. Thus he unhesitatingly says, that "there is no doubt that our ceremonies and Mysteries were derived from the rites, ceremonies and institutions of the ancients, and some of them from the remotest ages." (page 186)

For myself, I can only arrive at what I think is a logical conclusion; that if both the Mysteries and Freemasonry have taught the same lessons by the same method of instruction, this has arisen not from a succession of organizations, each one with a link of a long chain of historical sequences leading directly to another, until Hiram is simply substituted for Osiris, but rather from those usual and natural coincidences of human thought which are to be found in every age and among all people. It is, however, hardly to be denied that the founders of the Speculative system of Masonry, in forming their ritual, especially of the third degree, derived many suggestions as to the form and character of their funereal legend from the rites of the ancient initiations. (pages 197-198)

ALSO: Morals and Dogma pp. 23 & 634 - Though Masonry is identical with the ancient Mysteries, it is so only in this qualified sense: that it presents but an imperfect image of their brilliance...

A definition of paganism appears on <http://www.earthspirit.com/qframes/ans.html> An Introduction to Witchcraft and Paganism, by Andras Corban Arthen:

...Paganism is one of the oldest systems of religion known to humanity. Its origins lie in European pre-history, and its traditions are premised on a view that Nature is sacred, an attitude which was widely represented in the deification of the Earth as the Great Mother Goddess. The term "pagan" comes from the Latin pagani, meaning "people of the fields" or "people of the land", since the ancient traditions of Goddess-worship and Nature spirituality were held longest by the rural populations of Europe.

...There are three fundamental principles: a) animism--the belief that everything is imbued with life and consciousness; b) polytheism--the belief that divinity manifests in a multiplicity of ways; and c) pantheism--the belief that divinity resides in everything that exists. Some extensions of these principles include a theology that posits both female deities (the Earth Mother) as well as male (the Stag God, or God of the Hunt); a belief in the sacredness of Nature; a perception of divinity as both immanent and transcendent; the celebration of diversity; and an attitude of deep respect toward all that exists.

Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. [JOHN 18:20]

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. [ROMANS 2:16]

But I say, that the things which the Gentiles [pagans] sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. [1CORINTHIANS 10:20]

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work... [2THESSALONIANS 2:7]

CHAPTER 5:

Mystic Masonry. By J.D. Buck, C. 1896

p. 121 - In the Early Church, as in the Secret Doctrine, there was not one Christ for the whole world, but a potential Christ in every man.

If there were many Christs, John would not have denied thusly: John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before Him. [JOHN 3:27-28]

And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. [JOHN 4:42]

The Holy Spirit is in Christians when we accept Christ as our Saviour: What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? [1CORINTHIANS 6:19]

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us. [2TIMOTHY 1:12-14]

And He is the propitiation [payment] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. [1JOHN 2:2]

p. 130 - It is far more important that men should strive to become Christs than that should believe that Jesus was the Christ.

The only time the word Christs appears is in reference to false Christs: Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect [MATTHEW 24:23-24]

He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [JOHN 3:18]

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. [1JOHN 2:22-23]

p. 137 - Drop the theological barnacles from the Religion of Jesus, as taught by Him ... and it becomes Masonry.

They are basically saying: "If you drop salvation by faith, the resurrection of Jesus, the sinlessness of Him, his exclusive claims, etc. it would no longer be Christianity". Of course, that is what the Jesus Seminar is doing. However, someone could also say this about Masonry: "If you drop the oaths, tolerance, paganism, secrecy, universalism, cabala, etc. from Masonry, it becomes Christianity." But that isn't really true as the 'barnacles' of these two different systems are actually the support beams without which they cannot exist.

Paul rightly said: Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men

most miserable. [1CORINTHIANS 15:12-19]

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 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. [GALATIANS 1:6-9]

CHAPTER 6:

An Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences: Comprising the Whole Range of Arts, Sciences and Literature as Connected With the Institution, By Albert G. Mackey, C. 1875

p. 114 - BIBLE

The Bible is used among Masons as the symbol of the will of God, however it may be expressed And therefore, whatever to any people expresses that will may be used as a substitute for the Bible in a Masonic Lodge. This, in a Lodge consisting entirely of Jews, the Old Testament along may be placed upon the altar, and Turkish Masons make use of the Koran. Whether it be the Gospels to the Christian, the Pentateuch to the Israelite, the Koran to the Mussulman, or the Vedas to the Brahma, it everywhere Masonically conveys the same idea--that of the symbolism of the Divine Will revealed to man.

The Divine Will cannot contradict itself: Islam says God has no son. Brahmism says God is impersonal. Christians say God has a Son - Jesus, a person who is the Messiah. The Jews say the Messiah has not come yet. Buddha forbids his disciples to do miracles while Jesus did not forbid that. In the Bible, God did not make a harem for Adam, He gave him only one wife-Eve, yet Krishna had ten thousands wives. These are irreconcilable differences! They can all be wrong, but they cannot all be right.

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. [1CORINTHIANS 14:33]

Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. [JAMES 3:11-12]

pp. 162-163 - **CHRISTIANIZATION OF FREEMASONRY** The interpretation of the symbols of Freemasonry from a Christian point of view is a theory adopted by some of the most distinguished Masonic writers...Hutchinson, and after him Olivers,-profoundly philosophical as are the Masonic speculations of both, have, I am constrained to believe, fallen into a great error in calling the Master Mason's degree a Christian institution...The principles of Freemasonry preceded the advent of Christianity. Its symbols and its legends are derived from the Solomonic Temple and from people even anterior to that...If Masonry were simply a Christian institution, the Jew and the Moslem, the Brahman and the Buddhist could not conscientiously partake of its illumination. But its universality is its boast. In its language citizens of every nation may converse; at its altar men of all religions may kneel; to its creed disciples of every faith may subscribe.

Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils [1CORINTHIANS 10:21]

pp. 198-199 - CRUX ANSATA

This signifies, in Latin, the cross with a handle. It is formed by a tau cross surmounted by a circle or, more properly, an oval. It was one of the most significant of the symbols of the ancient Egyptians, and is depicted repeatedly on their monuments borne in the hands of their deities, and especially Phtha. Among them it was the symbol of life, and with that meaning it has been introduced into some of the higher degrees of Masonry. The crux ansata, surrounded by a serpent in a circle, is the symbol of immortality, because the cross was the symbol of life, and the serpent of eternity.

ALSO - Mystic Masonry, by J.D. Buck - pp. 240-241 - The perfect equilibrium of spirit and matter, is symbolized by the six-pointed star, which is again only another form of the Square and Compass, each now having a base-line from which to form a triangle. Inclose the star in a circle, which symbolized Infinity, and you symbolize the harmony, or at-one-ment of the Spirit that descended, and the body, now purified, with Divinity, or the Over-Soul. Place within the Star thus inclosed, the Egyptian emblem of Life, [Ankh], and we symbolized Immortality, as the result of regeneration. Transform the circle into a serpent and it now symbolized Wisdom, as the crown or result of equilibrium; and is also a double glyphic of the return of matter to its source in spirit. Separate the tongue and tail of the serpent by a Thor's Hammer or Svastica

[Swatistka] **inclosed within a circle, and it symbolized regeneration through conquest of animal sense, precisely as taught in the Lodge, under the spiritual meaning of the symbol of the Compass.**

This description fits the diagram from the Launceston Theosophical Society website. Theosophy has nothing in common with Christianity or Christ. See Helena P. Blavastky's the Key to Theosophy: The Fundamental Teachings of Theosophy as appearing on <http://www.spiritweb.org/KeyToTheosophy/keytheos-07.html>

On God and Prayer:

Q. Do you believe in God?

A. That depends what you mean by the term.

Q. I mean the God of the Christians, the Father of Jesus, and the Creator: the Biblical God of Moses, in short.

A. In such a God we do not believe. We reject the idea of a personal, or an extra-cosmic and anthropomorphic God, who is but the gigantic shadow of man, and not of man at his best, either. The God of theology, we say-and prove it- is a bundle of contradictions and a logical impossibility. Therefore, we will have nothing to do with him.

If people do not want fellowship with a holy God, He will not force them. This is real love; that He give us free will to choose good from evil. However, if a person does not want to be in heaven with Jesus, the only alternative is hell, and after the great white throne judgement, the lake of fire meant for the devil and his angels.

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/6917/symbols.html>

ANKH: (also known as the crux ansata) is an ancient Egyptian symbol resembling a cross with a loop at the top. It symbolizes the power of life and cosmic knowledge, and is the oldest and most popular amulet/religious symbol used by the Egyptians. When worn or carried, the ankh brings good health, promotes fertility, and strengthens the psychic powers.

The following diagrams could not be reproduced - hexagram & swatiska, from p.163 of the Devil's Web, ankhs from p. 112 Texe Marrs' Mystery Mark of the New Age, & the Theosophical Society emblem

Problems with Theosophy and many other New Age religions include the following:

Exalting knowledge for its own sake:

True knowledge is: But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. [2PETER 3:18]

Power:

Man may think they are all-powerful, but only God is: Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. [MATTHEW 28:16-20]

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen. [JUDE 1:25]

... for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. [REVELATION 19:6]

Reincarnation:

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: [HEBREWS 9:27] Serpent as the symbol of life:

In the Bible, the serpent is the deceiver: But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. [2CORINTHIANS 11:3]

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. [REVELATION 12:9]

pp. 314-315 - GNOSTICS

The favorite opinion of scholars is that the sect of Gnostics arose among the philosophers who were the converts of Paul and the other Apostles, and who sought to mingle the notions of the Jewish Egyptian school, the speculations of the Kabbalists, and the Grecian and Asiatic doctrines with the simpler teachings of the new religions which they had embraced ... the same fundamental doctrine was everywhere held by the chiefs of Gnosticism. This was, that the visible creation was not the work of the Supreme Deity, but of the Demiurgus, a simple emanation, and several degrees removed from the Godhead. ...The architects and stone-masons of the Middle Ages borrowed many of the principles of ornamentation, by which they decorated the ecclesiastical edifices which they constructed, from the abstruse [esoteric] symbol of the Gnostics. So, too, we find Gnostic symbols in the Hermetic Philosophy and in the system of Rosicrucianism; and lastly, many of the symbols are still used by Freemasonry-such as, for instance, as the triangle within a circle, the letter G, and the pentacle of Solomon-have been traced to a Gnostic source.

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/articles/05163.html> by Columbia University Press says:

Gnosticism - Dualistic religious and philosophical movement of the late Hellenistic and early Christian eras. The term designates a variety of sects, all promising salvation through an occult knowledge...that they claimed was revealed to them alone. Christian ideas were quickly incorporated into these syncretistic systems, and by the 2d cent. A.D. several posed a serious threat to Christianity; much of early Christian doctrine was formulated in reaction to this danger. Gnosticism taught that the spirit was held captive by evil archons but that through the use of secret formulas it could be freed at death and restored to the heavenly abode.

Here is a diagram of a Masonic compass http://www.eskimo.com/~daylight/Pix/Sq_Com/sm-sq_com-pov.gif



In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. [GENESIS 1:1]

And God saw every thing that He had made, and behold, it was very good... [GENESIS 1:31]

For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible... [COLOSSIANS 1:16]

The world was created out of nothing: Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. [HEBREWS 11:3]

p. 315 - GOD

The religion of Masonry is cosmopolitan, universal; but the required belief in God is not incompatible with this universality; for it is the belief of all peoples. "Be assured," says Godfrey Higgins, "that God is equally present with the pious Hindoo in the temple, the Jew in the synagogue, the Mohammedan in the mosque, and the Christian in the Church." There has never been a time since the revival of Freemasonry, when this belief in God as a superintending power did not form a part of the system.

People who do not accept God's Son are not accepted by God as shown in this parable: But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto Him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men... [MATTHEW 21:37-41]

Religious people that worship idols do not worship God, but demons: But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. [1CORINTHIANS 10:20]

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. [JAMES 2:19]

p. 469 - LIGHT

It does not simply mean as it might be supposed, truth or wisdom, but it contains within itself a more abstruse allusion to the very essence of Speculative Masonry, and embraces within its capacious signification all the other symbols of the Order. Freemasons are emphatically called the "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 who have not received this knowledge are, by a parity of expression, said to be in darkness.

Ye are the light of the world... [MATTHEW 5:14] refers to Christians. For people who do not accept Jesus as their Saviour the Bible says: And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. [JOHN 3:19]

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. [JOHN 8:12]

pp. 640-641 - RELIGION No disbeliever in the existence of a God can be made a Mason...Freemasonry is not Christianity, nor a substitute for it...But the religion of Masonry is not sectarian. It admits men of every creed within its hospitable bosom, rejecting none and approving none for his peculiar faith. It is not Judaism, though there is nothing in it to offend a Jew; it is not Christianity, but there is nothing in it repugnant to the faith of a Christian. Its religion is that general one of nature and primitive revelation,- handed down to us from some ancient and patriarchal priesthood,-in with all men may agree and in which no men can differ. It inculcates the practice of virtue, but it supplies no scheme of redemption for sin...Masonry, then, is, indeed a religious institution; and on this ground mainly, if not alone, should the religious Mason defend it.

With no 'scheme' for the redemption of sin, we perish: Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities [sins] have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness [ISAIAH 59:1-3]

Jesus said: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. [MATTHEW 25:46]

There is no forgiveness of sin without Jesus: For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent Him. [JOHN 5:22-23]

Sinful people who do not accept Jesus as their Saviour are not united with God but separated from Him: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. [ROMANS 6:23]

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. [1CORINTHIANS 15:56]

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [1JOHN 1:8]

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. [1JOHN 1:10]

And there shall no wise enter into it [the new heaven and new earth] any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life [REVELATION 21:27]

p. 701 - SECRECY AND SILENCE

These virtues constitute the very essence of all Masonic character; they are the safeguard of the Institution, giving to it all its security and perpetuity, and are enforced by frequent admonitions in all degrees, from the lowest to the highest. ...The same principle of secrecy and silence existed in all the ancient mysteries and systems of worship.

For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. [MARK 4:22]

CONCLUSION:

Is any religion other than Christianity worth being separated from Jesus for all eternity? Should Masonry be acceptable to Christians?

Christian Jack Harris makes a passionate plea for coming out of Masonry in Freemasonry The Invisible Cult in our Midst:

page 144: If you are a Mason, but not a Christian, I urge you to consider your stand before Almighty God. Confess your sinful condition, receive Christ as your personal Saviour, and begin a new life in Christ. Put the past behind you and reach forward to a bright new future. ...If you are a Mason who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and wants to serve Him effectively as His child, please study the evidences again. Allow God's word to be the judge and jury. Compare Christ's teachings with Freemasonry. You really can only make one choice.

If you think that God, as represented in Christianity is unfair, think of the following analogy: One of His titles is God the Father. Any parent seeing their children about to put their hand on a hot stove will do anything to stop them-even "punishing" them if necessary. The punishment, is far less severe than the pain of the fire. God, is trying to keep us away from the fires of hell. If hell does not exist, Jesus Himself is a liar for He says: And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell [MATTHEW 10:28]

If you are not saved, it is time to consider asking Jesus to come in to your heart. If you are saved, you should do the following:

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, [2CORINTHIANS 6:17]

Unite in truth (Jesus) and come out from error: And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, [Babylon] my people, that ye be not partakers of **[share in]** her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. [REVELATION 18:4]

The pamphlet, Have You Heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?, By Bill Bright, 1965, 1994 excellently presents God's Salvation plan through Jesus (I changed NIV, etc. to KJV):

(LAW 1) GOD LOVES YOU AND OFFERS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE:

God's Love

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

God's Plan

[Christ speaking] "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they have it more abundantly." [that it might be full and meaningful (John 10:10)].

Why don't most people experiencing this abundant life? Because...

(LAW 2) MAN IS SINFUL AND SEPARATED FROM GOD. THUS HE CANNOT KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR HIS LIFE:

Man is Sinful

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23).

Man was created to have fellowship with God; but, because of his stubborn self-will, he decided to go his own independent way, and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is an evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

Man Is Separated

"For the wages of sin is death; [spiritual separation from God] but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23).

The third law explains the only way to bridge this gulf...

LAW 3) JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S ONLY PROVISION FOR MAN'S SIN. THROUGH HIM YOU CAN KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

He Died in Our Place

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8).

He Rose From the Dead

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures: And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:3-6).

He Is the Only Way to God

"Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me'". (John 14:6).

It's not enough just knowing these three laws...

LAW 4) WE MUST INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD; THEN WE CAN KNOW AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND PLAN FOR OUR LIVES

We Must Receive Christ

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:" (John 1:12).

We Receive Christ Through Faith

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9).

When We Receive Christ, We experience a New Birth. (Read John 3:1-8).

We receive Christ by Personal Invitation

[Christ speaking] "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20).

You can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer (Prayer is talking with God)

God knows your heart and is not so concern with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

How to know that Christ is in your life:

Did you receive Christ into your life? According to His promise in Revelation 3:20, where is Christ now in relation to you? Christ said that He would come into you life. Would He mislead you? On what authority do you know that God has answered your prayer? (The trustworthiness of God Himself and His word.)

If you accept Christ as your Saviour, there is no reason to fear death. Still not convinced? Calculate the odds:

If you accept God's Son, Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and He exists, you do not go to hell. If you do not accept God's Son, Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and He does not exist, you do not go to hell.

If you do not accept God's Son, Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and He exists, you DO go to hell. If you accept God's Son, Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour and He does not exists, you do not go to hell.

So the odds are more than 50% in your favour of going to hell by not accepting Jesus. Besides, other religions will let you down in the end. Also, it is GUARANTEED that if you invite Jesus Christ into your heart, accept Him as your Saviour, repent of your sins, He will give you ASSURANCE that you are saved by the Holy Spirt residing in your heart. For example when you begin to read the Bible, and verses that you could not understand will become clear. Or maybe when you go to Church and start singing those old fashioned hymns, you will realized that the message of the hymn comes right from the Bible. This happened to me; I accepted Jesus as my Saviour, a little while later some Bible verses stood out:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. [JOHN 5:24]

The Catholic Church (and many other religions) say we have no assurance of salvation, but Jesus says: All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. [JOHN 6:37]

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. [ROMANS 8:1]

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. [ROMANS 10:9, 13]

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory. [EPHESIANS 1:13-14]

Mind you, this is not a licence to sin. Sins must still be confessed **[to God, not in a confessional to a priest]** and repented of. Repenting does not mean you will never sin, nor does it mean you do penance such as saying the Hail Mary, but it means that you see your sin as God would see it. Also, we have to be careful of what we say. A person who teaches a wrong idea, could repent and go to heaven suffering loss, but many more unsaved people who follow him could go to hell.

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation [payment] for our sins. and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. [JOHN 2:1-3]

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleans us from all unrighteousness. [1JOHN 1:9]

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Addendum 1

I was reading a Christian book co-authored by Ed Decker and Ron Carlson called: Fast Facts on False Teachings with a section on Freemasonry. One of the authors quoted something that I just didn't buy:

page 85: Each candidate, upon completion of the initiation, is given a white lambskin apron whose pure and spotless surface, he is told, would be **[Quoting a lecture given to every Mason in the Blue Lodge Ceremony]** '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 the words from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, the welcome words: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make rule over many things! Enter thou into the joy of the Lord.' **[The author continues]** While the words sound noble, it is actually to the pit of hell that the candidate has been assigned in the subtle words of the message. The promise is that the apron represents the works of the flesh when the Mason stands before God at the Great White Throne Judgment. But there is only one Great White Throne Judgment in the Bible, and it is found in Revelation 20:11-15, it is the judgment of the *lost* ...

I thought, where's the documentation? Yet, about 6 months later, I found a book that appeared to say something similar. The Masonic book was called Beyond the Pillars, quoting an oath from a manuscript from 1696. This proved to me that similar words were said then (by Masons), and probably still said now:

page 75: By God himself-and you shall answer to God when you shall stand **naked** before him at that Great Day-you shall not reveal any part of what you shall hear or see at this time, neither by word nor write, nor put it in write at any time, nor draw it with the point of a sword, or any other instrument, upon the snow or sand, nor shall you speak of it but with an entered Mason... So help you God.

That Great Day, seems to be the Great White Throne Judgment, especially since he's naked. Also, in the Bible, being naked is nothing to be proud of. The redeemed are not naked, they are in robes made white by the blood of the Lamb:

He that overcometh, the same shall be **clothed** in white raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels. [REVELATION 3:5]

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be **clothed**, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. [REVELATION 3:17-18]

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk **naked**, and they see his shame. [REVELATION 16:15]

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. [REVELATION 19:7-8]

Addendum 2:

Many Catholics (and others) practice necromancy without even knowing it by praying to Mary and/or to the saints. Perhaps no one ever taught them otherwise. For example, before I married my husband, he used to be a 'psychic' (nothing supernatural). Many of his clients were Catholics who thought there was nothing wrong with that. Some even thought it was a gift from God. When we gave our lives to Jesus Christ, we got married and he stopped his 'psychic' (tea leaf) practice. The Holy Spirit would not have it otherwise.

I do not mean to imply that a Catholic is going to hell simply because s/he's Catholic. Nor do I mean to imply that a Mason will go to hell because he's a Mason (Or she's in the Eastern Star, etc.) **If you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, you will go to heaven.** However, your goal is to put Jesus first in this life and to spread His gospel. (JOY - Jesus First, Others Next, Yourself Last) When you listen to people (even me) instead of reading the Bible (God's Word) you are in error. Many cults for example, push out the Bible for their own writings. The Book of Mormon, for example (*FYI - 2 Nephi 5:21 1962 Ed. And he had caused the cursing to come upon them, yea, even a sore cursing, because of their iniquity. For behold, they had hardened their hearts against him, that they had become like unto a flint; wherefore, as they were white, and exceedingly fair and delightsome, that they might not be enticing unto my people the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them.*) Or some cults may say (paraphrasing) 'Vaccines are evil' then later, 'Vaccines are not evil' (Jehovah Witnesses) or 'Joseph Smith has been superceded by Brigham Young' Brigham Young has been superceded by someone else - do not take his words in the Journal of Discourses seriously. 'The Adam God theory has been discredited' (Mormonism). Ten years from now will we see Christian Scientists going to the doctor or Jehovah Witnesses accepting blood transfusions? Who knows. However often cultish doctrines may change, God and Jesus do not change. Rely on them instead of man.

Before accepting Jesus into my heart, I was not (in my own mind) wicked or deceived. After accepting Him, I realize how sinful and close to hell I really was. Now, in some ways I feel more sinful than I was before being saved, simply because I see my sins the way Jesus does. Before, I did not see them at all. More importantly, my sins are forgiven and yours can be too.

On the internet, Guy Malone <http://www.seekye1.com/mary.html> makes a good point:

... nowhere does the Bible state that Mary ascended before dying, but the Bible does state that both Enoch and Elijah did so (Gen 5:21 and 2King 2:11) and we don't pray to them, nor assign them special status; if they were mentioned in the Bible as having ascended, would not Mary's ascension be important enough to mention? According to the Bible, it never happened, and neither her, nor Joseph's death are recorded in the New Testament. We must assume that they died, or assume that anybody not specifically stated as dying, ascended, which would be absurd. Even trying to argue that it is not witchcraft to pray to these saints does not change the fact that the Bible says that only Christ is our mediator.

You might want to check out an excellent apologetic tract on the internet by John Blanchard called Ultimate Questions:

<http://www.student.uwa.edu.au/student/mlwager/ultmqst.htm>

<http://www.vbe.com/~tdg/salvation/marycom.html> is an interesting tract called: Mary's Commands for Catholics:

Mary's Command

In the gospel of St. John we read of the marriage feast at Cana. Here Mary emphasizes the importance of Jesus, her son, and the words that He speaks.

Realizing that the wine was gone, and that she herself could not do anything, she tells Jesus, the only One who could do something. Mary then gives the servants A COMMAND, one that we all should consider. "His mother saith unto the servants, WHATSOEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU, DO IT." JOHN 2:5. This is the only recording in the Bible where Mary gives a command, so most certainly all Roman Catholics should take heed to her words... "WHATSOEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU, DO IT." Since the goal of all

good Roman Catholics is to get to heaven, let us look in the Bible and do what Mary said to do; see what Jesus says and do it.

JESUS SAYS ... He is the ONLY one that can be your Saviour. "Jesus saith unto him, I AM THE WAY, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, BUT BY ME." JOHN 14:6

HE DID NOT SAY ... to trust in saints, the pope, or even His mother, Mary, to save you. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is NONE OTHER

NAME under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." ACTS 4:12.

JESUS SAYS ... FAITH IN HIM, is the only kind that can save you. "He that BELIEVETH ON THE SON hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the

Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." JOHN 3:36.

HE DID NOT SAY ... special sacrifices or good works were needed to help save you. "But to him THAT WORKETH NOT, but believeth ON HIM that

justifieth the ungodly, HIS FAITH IS COUNTED for righteousness." ROMANS 4:5.

JESUS SAYS.. . EVERLASTING life is the only kind He gives. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth MY word, and believeth on him that sent

me, hath EVERLASTING life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

JOHN 5:24.

HE DID NOT SAY ... it was probationary life which depended on our keeping it or we'd lose it. "And I give unto them ETERNAL life; and they shall

NEVER PERISH, neither shall any man pluck them out of MY hand." JOHN 10:28

JESUS SAYS ... GOD'S words are the only authority to follow. "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not MY words, hath one that judgeth him: THE WORD

THAT I HAVE SPOKEN, the same shall judge him in the last day." JOHN 12:48.

HE DID NOT SAY ... traditions or the commandments of men were HIS words. "Howbeit IN VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the

commandments of men." "Making the word of God of none effect THROUGH YOUR TRADITION, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do

ye." MK 7:7&13.

Friend, you can RIGHT NOW be saved and KNOW that you have ETERNAL life, if you will put your "complete" faith in Jesus Christ, and stop relying on

yourself, church, sacraments, or anything else to save or help save you. Jesus is the Saviour. Do you believe He can save you, or don't you? "These things

have I written unto you that BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD; that ye may KNOW THAT YE HAVE ETERNAL: LIFE, and that ye may

believe on the name of the Son of God." I JOHN 5:13 The very moment you COMPLETELY TRUST Jesus Christ as YOUR Saviour and Lord ... THAT

VERY MOMENT ... you are saved FOREVER!

Addendum 3:

Jahbulon is a combination of Jehovah, the one True God and 2 false ones. Jah stands for Jehovah, Bul stands for Baal: The Bible says that serving Baal is forsaking Jehovah:

And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim; And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, for the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD and served Baal and Ashtharoth. [JUDGES 2:11-13]

And Elijah came unto all the people and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him, And the people answered him not a word. [1KINGS 18:21]

Baal could not set even dry wood on fire - God, through Elijah burned soaking wet wood:

And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that Thou art the LORD God, and that Thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. [1KINGS 18:33-38]

Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than He? [1CORINTHIANS 10:18-22]

"ON" may or may not be Osiris, however, I do not believe that "ON" '... was the name by which JEHOVAH was worshipped among the Egyptians.' (Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry page 226 - Footnote 1[3]) 'The WORD of the Royal Arch Degree, as worked in England, is Jao-Bul-On' (Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry page 250 - Top of footnote 1)

If Egypt was worshipping Jehovah under that name it couldn't have pleased God that much as He led Moses and his people out of Egypt, Furthermore, if "ON" could also be translated "Aum", and could be understood as Brahma, Visnu, and Siva ((Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry page 226 - Top of footnote 1) (three gods; $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$) - that is a far cry from the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (1 God in 3 persons - or if you will, God to the power of 3; $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$))

Moreover, we do know that Egypt worshipped Orirus (And Horus)

http://windows.arc.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/tour_def/mythology/horus_sun.html

Horus was a fierce and proud ancient Egyptian god. He was the son of Osiris, the god of air and the Earth, and the goddess Isis. Osiris was killed by his brother Seth in order to seize the throne. To protect his power, Seth tried to prevent Osiris from having any children. However, Isis hid her pregnancy from Seth and saved her child. Horus grew up in secrecy determined to avenge the death of his father. When he grew up, Horus challenged Seth. The violent fight, where Horus lost one eye, lasted until the assembly of the gods decided to intervene and declare the throne to Horus. Seth was ordered to replace Horus' eye. But to honor the memory of Osiris, Horus offered the recovered falcon-eye to his father, and covered his wound with a divine serpent, Uraeus. Ever since, the serpent has been considered the emblem of the Egyptian pharaohs. At last, Osiris transferred his power to his son Horus, and retired to the world of the blessed to become an underworld god. Horus became the new king of Egypt, ruling under the sun-god Re.



The image above comes from the "Book of the Dead"(13th century B.C.) which was a collection of spells, hymns, and prayers intended to secure a safe passage to the underworld for the deceased. Horus is depicted as a man with the head of a falcon. Here, Horus is wearing the costume of a king and the double crown of Upper and Lower Egypt. He leads the soul of the scribe Ani into the presence of Osiris.

Addendum 4:

Do you want to be judged by your works at the Great White Throne Judgment, or do you want to be saved by Jesus? Freemasons appear to be in the category of men trying to get approval from men. Christian author, C.S. Lewis said this in Mere Christianity:

page 61: That is why the Christian is in a different position from other people who are trying to be good. They hope, by being good, to please God if there is one; or - if they think there is not - at least they hope to deserve approval from good men. But the Christian thinks any good he does comes from the Christ-Life inside him. He does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us ...

Also, on page 124-125 of that book, C.S. Lewis implies that we are only giving back to God what He gave to us in the first place. However, the Bible clearly shows that works do not save us.

The saved go to the Judgment Seat of Christ to be judged for rewards: For we **[Christians]** must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. [2CORINTHIANS 5:10]

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. [EPHESIANS 2:8-10]

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, **not according to our works**, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: [2TIMOTHY 1:8-10]

Again, the Great White Throne Judgment is the judgment of the damned - their punishment is according to their works: And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works**. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. [REVELATION 20:11-15]

However, Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry shows that God (as the all-seeing eye) will judge Masons by their works (page 129):

... and although our thoughts, words, and actions may yet be hidden from the eyes of man, yet that ALL SEEING EYE! whom the sun, moon, and stars obey ... will reward us according to our works.

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