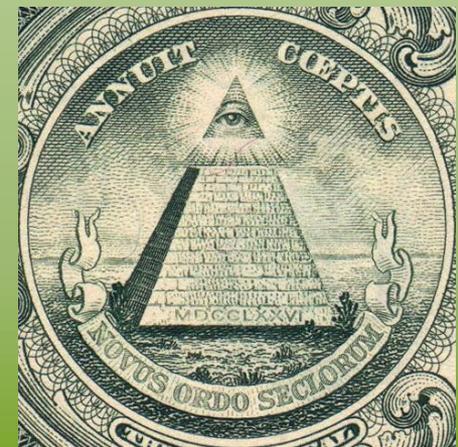




Tracking the Ancient Mysteries from Egypt to the Founding of America

Lecture 14: Freemasonry Cain, Hiram, Templars, America



Outline



- **Lectures 1 – 5:** Conceptual foundations, Egypt, Greece, The Temple Legend, Vanishing of the Mysteries
- **Lectures 6 – 10:** Early Christian Mysteries, Faith versus Knowledge, Charlemagne, Knights Templars, Leonardo
- **Lectures 11 – 15:** Cathars, Rosicrucians and Mystics of the Renaissance, Founding of America, **Freemasonry**, Mysteries for the Future

The Stars Once Spoke to Man



The Stars once spoke to Man.
It is World-destiny
That they are silent now.
To be aware of the silence
Can become pain for earthly Man.

But in the deepening silence
There grows and ripens
What Man speaks to the Stars.
To be aware of the speaking
Can become strength for Spirit-Man.

Rudolf Steiner

3 Keys To Remember



1. Roots of Freemasonry are clouded but it absorbed much from the Mystery Streams
2. Masons bring spirit to rock (Earth) – they build the Temple
3. By the 18th C, anyone of character could join
4. Role in political and commercial organizations is unmistakable forming a New World Order

Brief Review for this Lecture



- Fall of Mankind
 - Fall to “Earth” – end of within-the-bosom, human freedom
 - Legend of Light and Dark
- Story of Cain and Abel: Two Streams of Mankind
 - Cain: male, king, masonry: spiritualize Earth, knowledge-passion
 - Abel: female, priest, faith in the Spirit, piety
- Church, school, art, science, religion: one in Ancient Mysteries
- The Temple Sleep – initiation
 - Mystery of the 9-fold human being
 - Oh Man, Know Thou Thyself (Delphi)
- Hellenism and Gnosticism to understand Mystery of Golgotha
- Arthur stream, Parcifal and the grail stream, K.T.
 - For no one may approach the Grail alone; he must achieve the quest for the sake of the whole human race, thus he must take his brother with him
- Mani: Son of the Widow, unite religions, overcome evil
 - Cathars, Bogomils, Paulicians, and more “heretics”

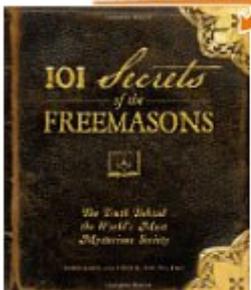
Recorded History – very little



- Present day Freemasonry is but a shadow of its former
- Masonry can be traced back a few centuries with relative ease, but then the thread suddenly vanishes from sight in a maze of secret societies and political enterprises
- “Dimly silhouetted in the mists that becloud these tangled issues are such figures as
 - Alessandro Cagliostro
 - Count Saint Germain
 - St. Martin”

– Manly P. Hall

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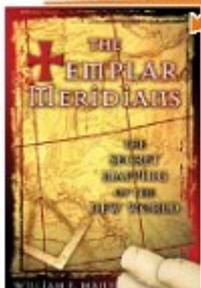
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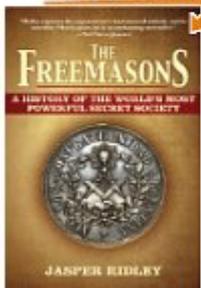
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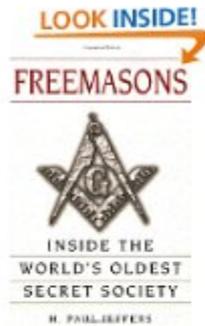
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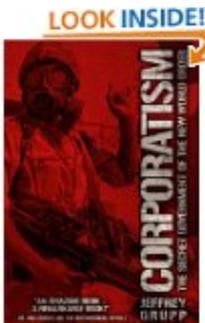
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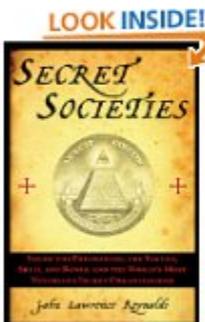
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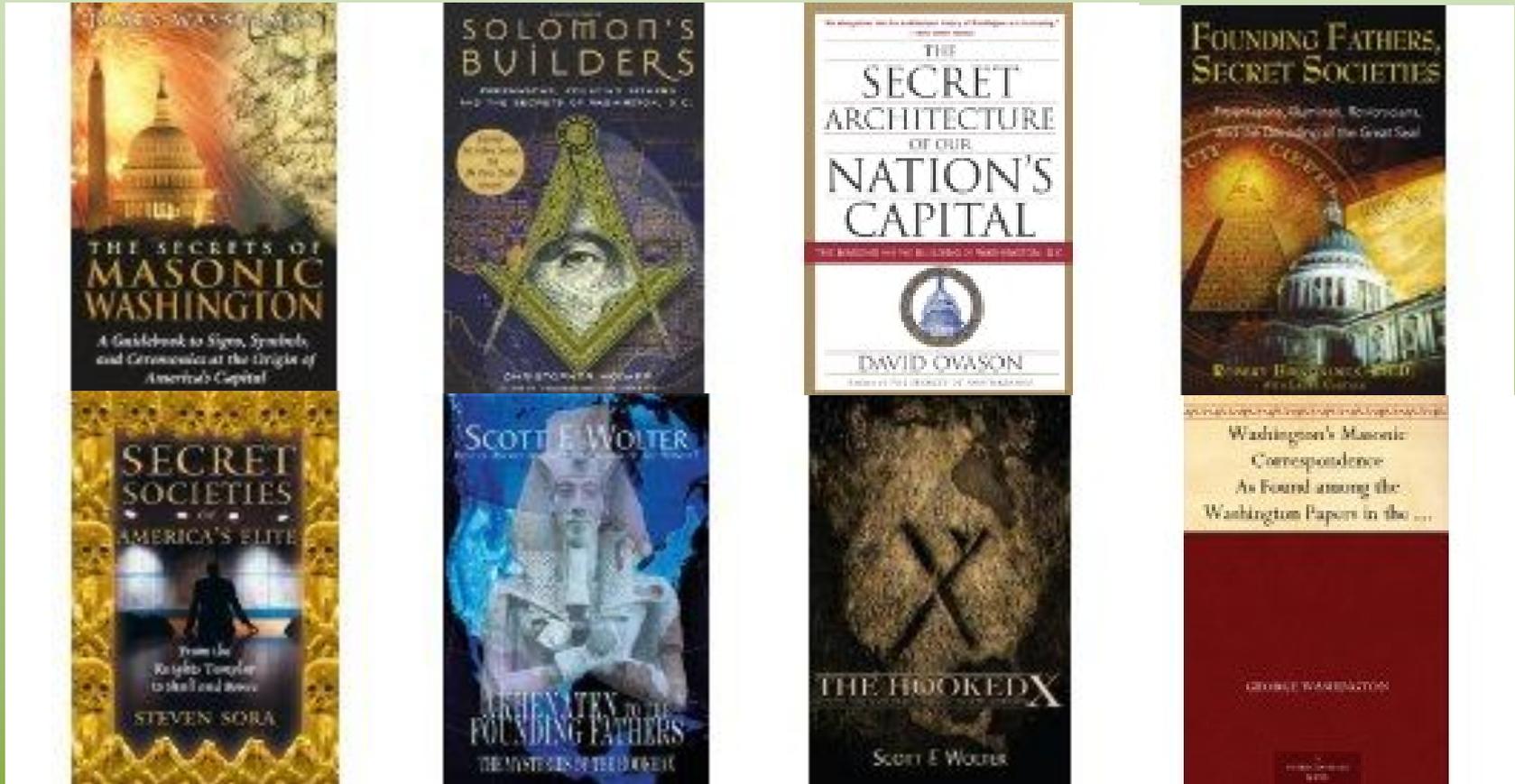
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Masons & the Building of America



Possible Masonic History

- Guild of Temple Builders
- God Geometrizes
- Source? no written records
 - Knights Templar
 - Pythagoras
 - Egypt (Euclid, Hermes, Misraim)
 - Atlantis (Noah)
 - Cain or Adam (or both)
- 1602: Sir William **St. Clair** of Rosslyn was granted the right to purchase patronage over the masons of Scotland by William Schaw who also wrote its Charter
- 1634: Accepted / Speculative
 - Outer shield to inner core
 - 1717: First Grand Lodge
- 1725-1730: Rapid growth in France and then in America
- 1776: Adam Weishaupt, Illuminati



From 13th C Manuscript

Comparison to Mystery Schools



- Both have degrees in the process of deeper initiation
 - More knowledge/wisdom attained and applied with each step
- The mystery schools of Greece and Egypt were neither fraternal nor political
 - They were philosophic and religious institutions – any admitted into them were consecrated to the service of the sovereign good
- Modern Freemasons regard their Craft primarily as neither philosophic nor religious, but rather as ethical
 - Strange as it may seem, many may ridicule the very supernatural powers and agencies for which their symbols stand
- Alcohol introduced to enhance fraternal goals

Mystical Knowledge of Masonic Sources(?):



- Knights Templar
- Rosicrucians
- Kabbalists
- Muslims: Qarmatians, Assassins, Ismaili and Sufis (Qur'an)
- Manichaeans
- Greece: Pythagoras, Plato
 - Plethon (thought to be *reincarnation* of Plato) comes to Florence 1438
 - Founding of Platonic Academy of Florence
 - Trunk of texts Ficino translates for Cosimo de Medici
 - Hermes, Zoroaster, Plato, Plotinus, Iamblichus, Porphyry, Proclus, more
- Gnostics
- Egypt: Euclid, Hermes Trismegistus, Misraim
- Hiram Abiff / Cain

Who Can Be a Mason?



- “Masons come from all walks of life — from Corporate CEOs to city bus drivers, from commodities brokers to auto mechanics. What unifies Masons is not where we come from or what we do for a living, but rather what we aspire to be.” – [Life as a Mason](#)
- Any religion but there must be an acknowledgement of belief in a supreme God
- Only men (with exceptions – Adoption Lodges)
- Fellowship, Friendship, and Community Service
 - Esoteric center (now lost?)
 - Degrees to build leadership and wisdom through self knowledge

Degrees



- **Blue Lodge** confers three degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason – blue decorations in lodge
- A man is **initiated** as an Entered Apprentice, **passed** to the degree of Fellow Craft, and **raised** a Master Mason
- **York Rite** Freemasonry confers the **Knight Templar** degree
- **Scottish Rite** Freemasonry, developed in France and the West Indies, was first installed in Albany, New York, in 1767
 - The first Supreme Council was established in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1801, followed by the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction founded in New York City in 1813
 - Scottish Rite members meet in local or regional "Valleys"
 - 4° - 14°: Lodge of Perfection, 15° - 16°: Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 17° - 18°: Chapter of Rose Croix, 19° - 32°: Consistory, 33° an **honorary** award
 - To become a Scottish Rite Mason, a man must first join his local lodge and receive the **first three degrees**
 - Not all Scottish Rite members receive the 33rd degree
- **Egyptian Rite**: 96 degrees (3 x 32)

Different Degrees



Scottish Rites

- 12° Degree - Grand Master Architect
- 19° Degree - Grand Pontiff
- 22° Degree - Knight Of The Royal Axe
- 32° Degree - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret

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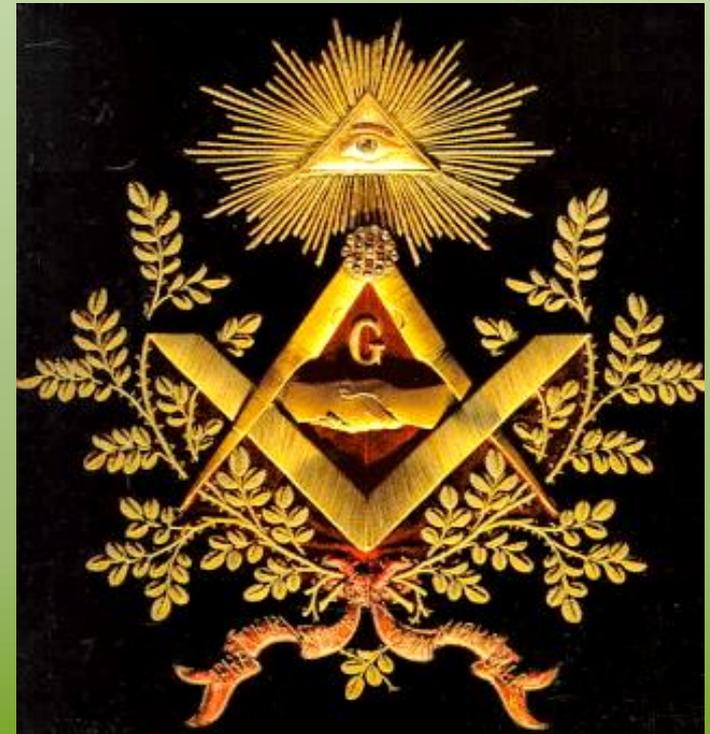
Lodge of Perfection

- I. Apprentice
- II. Fellow Craft
- III. Master
- IV. Secret Master
- V. Perfect Master
- VI. Intimate Secretary
- VII. Provoast and Judge
- VIII. Intendant of the Building
- IX. Elect of the Nine
- X. Illustrious Elect of the Fifteen
- XI. Sublime Elect of the Twelve or Prince Ameth
- XII. Grand Master Architect
- XIII. Royal Arch of Solomon
- XIV. Grand Elect, Perfect, and Sublime Mason

<http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/>

Chapter of Rose Croix

- XV. Knight of the East of of the Sword
- XVI. Prince of Jerusalem
- XVII. Knight of the East and West
- XVIII. Knight Rose Croix



Quest of the Scottish Rites



- **Lodge of Perfection**--the Quest for Light and the awakening of one's personal spirituality
 - First Temple Period, c. 1004 B.C. (Solomon and Hiram)
- **Chapter of Rose Croix**--the Quest to purify and strengthen that **divine spark**, once awakened, and to make it the guiding force in the person's life
 - Second Temple Period (Temple of Zerubbabel), c. 536 B.C. to Essenes, c. A.D. 20
- **Consistory**--the Quest for self-examination and empowerment which completes the process
 - Time period varies from ancient mysteries to Knights Templar

For more visit [here](#)

Scottish Rite History



- Historical record shows a founding in France in the mid-1700s
- On May 31, 1801, the Scottish Rite formalized its existence in the United States when members gathered in Charleston, South Carolina, and opened a meeting of the “Supreme Council 33° Freemasonry”
- This body has survived to the present day and is now known as the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
- In the early 1800s, several prominent Masons established organizations in New York that competed with the Charleston Supreme Council
- After much deliberation, in 1813 the Charleston Supreme Council granted a charter that established and gave sovereignty to the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America

Manly P. Hall on Freemasonry



- Enthroned in the radiant East, the Worshipful Master is the "Light" of his lodge—the representative of the gods, one of that long line of hierophants who, through the blending of their rational powers with the reason of the Ineffable, have been accepted into the Great School.
- This high priest after an ancient order must realize that those before him are not merely a gathering of properly tested men, but the custodians of an eternal lore, the guardians of a sacred truth, the perpetuators of an ageless wisdom, the consecrated servants of a living God, the wardens of a Supreme Mystery
- http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/rosacruzian_and_masonic_origins.htm

A Guide For The New Esoteric Freemason

by Bro William Steve Burkle KT, 32°, KCRBE



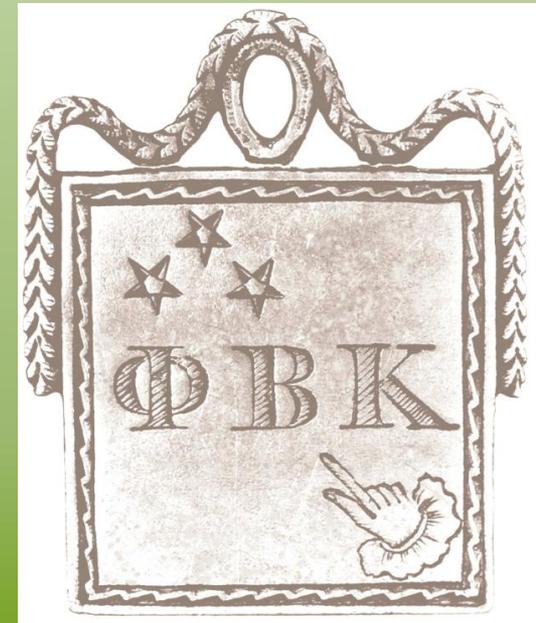
- “Freemasonry has very aptly been compared to a complex tapestry composed of many colorful overlapping individual threads which taken as a whole form a larger picture. Brother Mason Pratt developed a list of different “Brands” of Freemasons based upon behavioral characteristics which included: “Socialite”, “Historian”, “Ritualist”, “Philosopher”, “Masonic Law”, “Symbolism”, and “Collector”. I would add to this list the brands “Charitable” and “Fiduciary”. I suspect that most of us can think of Brothers in our own Lodge who fit one of these diverse profiles.
- **Esoteric Freemasons** usually fit into one or more of these “Brand” categories, although “Historian”, “Ritualist”, “Symbolism”, and “Philosopher” are the most common. Every initiated Freemason however is a potential Esoteric Mason, since all Freemasons seek illumination (light) through the **initiation** process. It is this **quest** for light revealed through the comprehension of **hidden spiritual knowledge** which distinguishes the Esoteric Freemason and defines Esoteric Masonry.
- Esoteric Freemasonry is not for everyone, not even for everyone who receives the gift of illumination. This is in no way a reflection upon the character or works of Masons who for various reasons find themselves disinclined to pursue the esoteric path. **Unfortunately, there are many Masons who pronounce that there simply is no esoteric content at all to be had in Freemasonry, even though Masonic Ritual is ripe with evidence to the contrary.** -- <http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/>

Fraternities and Sororities Today



- Greek Mysteries! (rich history but now lost)
 - What's your image of them?
 - Parties. Drinking. Fun during college years?
 - Brothers or sisters who helped you pass your exams
 - Example: Phi Beta Kappa
 - Top 10% of top 10%
 - "Love of learning is the guide of life."
 - Personal freedom, scientific inquiry,
 - Liberty of conscience, and creative endeavor
- Initiation process
 - Where did this come from?
- Degeneration when the wisdom is lost

*Phi Beta Kappa key,
Yale
University, 1790*



Count St. Germain



- A well-known story contained in the writings of the Countess d'Adhémar
- Before the outbreak of the French Revolution, the Countess d'Adhémar, one of the ladies-in-waiting to Marie-Antoinette, received a visit from the Count
 - He wanted to be presented to the Queen and to beg audience of the King. Louis XVI's minister, however, was the enemy of the Count of St. Germain, who therefore was not allowed into the King's presence
 - But he described to the Queen with great accuracy and detail the major perils which were looming ahead. Regrettably, however, his warnings were ignored
 - It was on that occasion that he uttered the great saying which was based on truth: 'They who sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind' he added that he had uttered this saying millenia previously, and it had been repeated by Christ.
- French Revolution arose out of the secret societies of the occultists
- Count of St. Germain died in 1784 at the court of the Landgrave of Hessen, who later became one of the most advanced German Freemasons; Landgrave nursed him until the end
- The Countess d'Adhémar memoirs recount that he appeared to her long after 1784 and that she saw him six more times long after that
- He was also, in 1790, reported with some Rosicrucians in Vienna
 - He said that he was obliged to retire to the Orient for the span of 85 years, and that after that time people would again become aware of his activity in Europe – 1875 is the year of the founding of the Theosophical Society

1730: Freemasonry Was In America

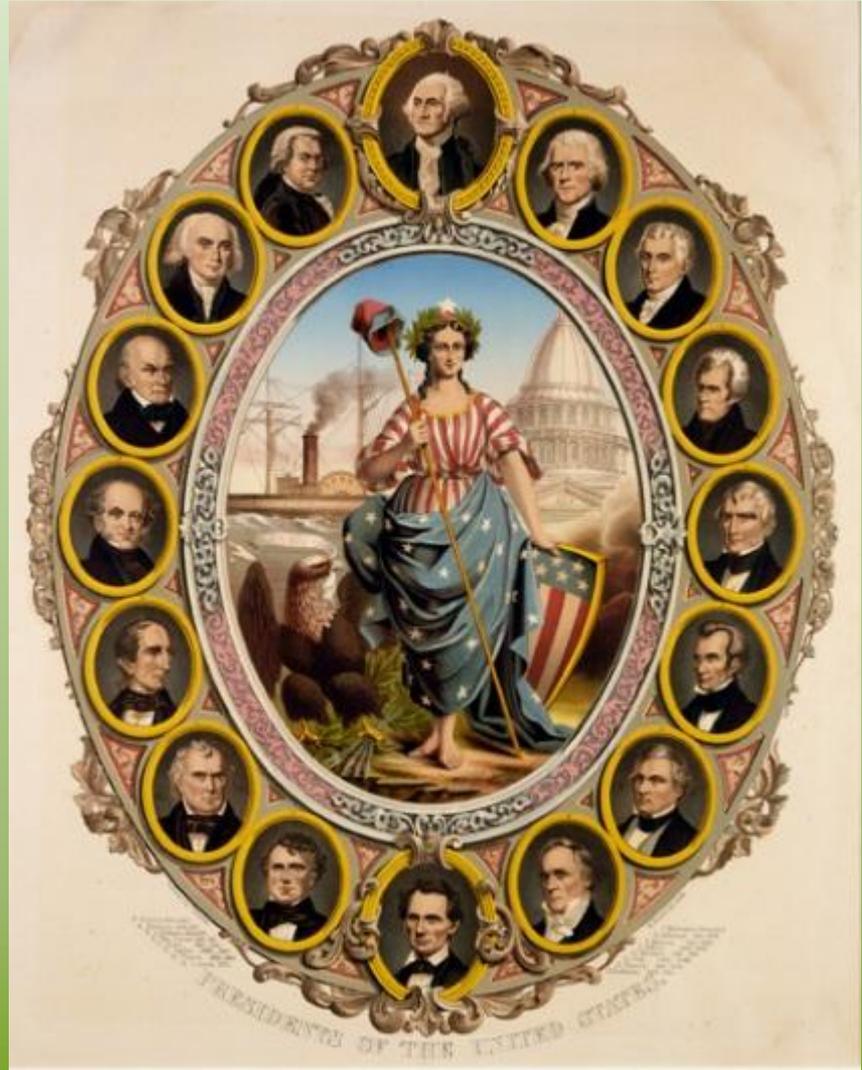
- Freemasonry was brought to the United States by our early settlers and the craft became very popular in colonial America
- Henry Price, a Boston merchant and tailor, received a deputation from the Grand Lord of England to form the first Provincial Grand Lodge in the Western Hemisphere
- George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and George Bush
- Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, John Hancock, Chief Justice John Marshall

No other esoteric group formed America more than the Freemasons



Master Mason American Presidents

- George Washington
- James Monroe
- Andrew Jackson
- James Polk
- James Buchanan
- Andrew Johnson
- James Garfield
- William McKinley
- Theodore Roosevelt
- William Taft
- Warren Harding
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- Harry S. Truman
- Gerald Ford
- Barack Obama



Architects of Washington D.C.



- Many buildings are Roman-style
- 1791: Congress designated land for the new nation's capital
- Major Pierre L'Enfant (1754-1825) designed the layout of the ten-mile-square district in consultation with George Washington and Thomas Jefferson
- Central principle: geometry with radial boulevards that link major monuments and public buildings
 - Also manifesting principles of Masonic ideals
- Many internet discussions on the metaphysics of layout
 - Manley Hall's map: <http://www.geocities.com/jussaymoe/mann/mann.htm>
- Freemason's see their founder as Hiram Abiff, representative of the Cain stream whose ancestors were Tubal Cain and Cain himself.
 - Hiram is a Son of a Widow – an initiate in the Egyptian Temple

George Washington



- Was made a Mason at Fredericksburg lodge #4, Fredericksburg VA
- Became Worshipful Master of Alexandria-Washington lodge #22, in Alexandria VA
- He chose many of his general officers from the Freemasons
- George Washington national Masonic Memorial is the tallest building in the Metro Washington DC area and where you can see the chair where George sat in when he presided as master of the lodge
 - There is a display his masonic regalia, apron, gavel, etc.

George Washington

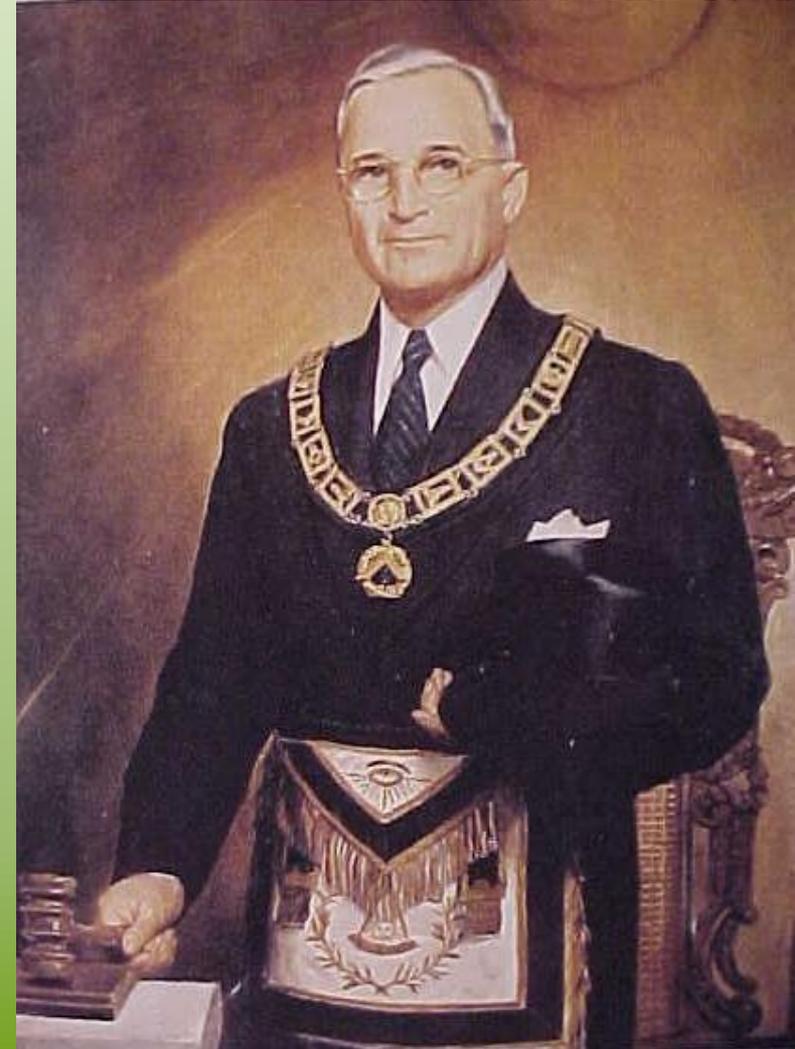
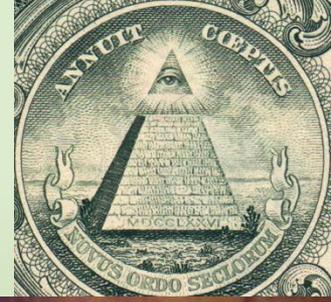


Ben Franklin



- 1731: Franklin became a Freemason when he was initiated in St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia
- His involvement with the fraternity extended over the next fifty years, during which time he held several leadership roles.
- 1734: Served as Grand Master of Pennsylvania
- 1749: Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania
- While in Paris during the American Revolution, Franklin became a member of the Lodge of Nine Sisters (La Loge des Neuf Soeurs),
 - 1779 to 1781: Served as Venerable Master

Ben Franklin & Harry S. Truman



Henry Ford



Source: [National Heritage Museum](#)

Regalia

Lord Tweedsmuir, 1875-1940, Scot, Knight
Grand Cross wearing the riband, badge, and
star of the order



1872-1919



Habibullah Khan (1872-1919)



- 1907: Habibullah Khan, Emir of Afghanistan, was initiated into Freemasonry in Calcutta, India at Lodge Concordia, No. 3102
 - Membership restricted to British civil and military officers of high standing
- Three degrees were all conferred at once upon the Emir
- The ceremony was conducted in English, with Henry McMahon interpreting the entire Masonic ceremony into Persian for the Emir
- He took his Masonic oaths on a Koran that is now at the Library of the Grand Lodge of England
- Because knowledge of his Masonic affiliation could be used against him by his enemies in Afghanistan, the Amir's membership had to be kept a secret from his staff, soldiers, entire entourage, and the public
- When the Emir returned to Afghanistan rumors about the Emir being a Freemason started to surface causing trouble for the Emir who finally announced publicly that he was a Freemason and proud of it, becoming one to benefit Afghanistan

International List (from “P”)



- Mariano Ponce, Filipino physician Initiated in Madrid and became Secretary of Logia Revolucion and Logia Solidaridad 53. He also became a 33° A&AR mason under the auspices of the Gran Oriente Español
- Alexander Pope (1668–1744), (1688–1744), British satirical poet
- Arthur Porritt, Governor-General of New Zealand, Grand Master
- Dana Porter, Canadian politician
- Eugène Edine Pottier, French composer of the Internationale
- Giacomo Puccini, (1858–1924) Italian Composer
- Reynato Puno, Chief Justice of the Philippines, Grand Master of Masons, active member of Hiram Lodge No. 88, and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines
- Mihajlo Idvorski Pupin (1858–1935), A.k.a. Michael I. Pupin Serbian and American physicist and physical chemist
- Alexander Pushkin (1799–1837), Russian poet. Lodge Ovid, Kischinev, 1821
- Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Freemasons_\(E_-_Z\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Freemasons_(E_-_Z))

Connection to Egypt



- Cagliostro (see Lecture 9, Temple Legend)
 - 1776: Attempts in Hague and Russia
 - 1779: “Rite Egyptien” established in Strassburg
 - 1784: Mother Lodge founded in Lyons
 - 1785: Paris Lodge founded
 - Pupils taught how to experience the astral body
 - Knowing the Pentagram (Physical, Etheric, Astral, Soul, Spirit)
 - Knowledge of the Philosopher’s Stone
 - Effective for eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth higher degrees of Freemasonry
- Traced back to Mysteries of Osiris, Isis, and Horace

Misraim Freemasonry



- Two main concerns of the Landgrave school: the Philosopher's Stone and the Knowledge of the Pentagram
- The whole of Egyptian Freemasonry, called the rite of Memphis and Misraim traces its origin back to King Misraim who came from Assyria — from the Orient — and, after the conquest of Egypt, was initiated into the Egyptian mysteries
- According to Rudolf Steiner:
 - These mysteries originate from ancient Atlantis – an unbroken tradition
 - Modern Freemasonry is only a continuation of what was established then in Egypt
- Freemasonry which extends to the higher degrees is something which, in its more intimate aspect, is quite different from the normal craft masonry that rests on a kind of democratic principle
- Truth, however, is something about which one cannot hold one's own views
 - Just as one is unable to discuss whether the sum of the angles of a triangle have this or that many degrees, so one is also unable to have a discussion about higher truths
- What distinguishes masonry of the higher degrees from craft masonry is that one learns to know the truth step by step – thus the 96 degrees have certain justification

Catholic Participation



- Catholics participated in Freemasonry until 1882 when the Knights of Columbus was formed as a fraternal organization for them
 - Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, CT
 - Named in honor of Christopher Columbus
 - Many Catholics continued with Freemasonry
- Education debate – public schools
 - Battle really over religious education and taxes
 - Oct. 1920, *The Builder* (a Masonic monthly) published article favoring the Smith-Towner Bill stating that “federal control of education is necessary to prevent ‘the Mexicanisation of this country’ by means of ‘the religious supervision of our educational life’” – [The Fortnightly Review](#)



Masons and Mormons



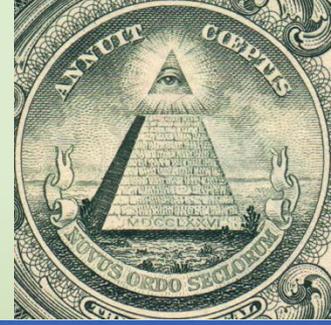
- Most of the Latter Day Saint movement leaders were Masons prior to their Mormon involvement
 - E.g. Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, John C. Bennett, Hyrum Smith and Joseph Smith, Sr.
- 1840s: Nauvoo Lodge was formed as a Masonic Lodge by early LDS Church members
 - Joseph Smith, Jr. and his brother Hyrum and John C. Bennett joined
 - Soon over 1,500 Mormon men in the city of Nauvoo were practicing Masons
- LDS historian Reed Durham writes:
 - "By 1840, John Cook Bennett, a former active leader in Masonry had arrived in Commerce and rapidly exerted his persuasive leadership in all facets of the Church, including Mormon Masonry. ... Joseph and Sidney [Rigdon] were inducted into formal Masonry ... on the same day..." being made "Masons on Sight" by the Illinois Grandmaster -- "*Is There No Help for the **Widow's Son?***" by Dr. Reed C. Durham, Jr.

Masons and Mormons (cont.)



- 1842: Smith became a Master Mason, according to the *History of the Church*
 - I officiated as grand chaplain at the installation of the Nauvoo Lodge of Free Masons, at the Grove near the Temple. Grand Master Jonas, of Columbus, being present, a large number of people assembled on the occasion. The day was exceedingly fine; all things were done in order, and universal satisfaction was manifested. In the evening I received the first degree in Freemasonry in the Nauvoo Lodge, assembled in my general business office.
- Joseph Smith was raised to the third degree of master mason "on sight" by Grand Master Jonas of the Grand Lodge of Illinois – a fairly rare procedure
 - Wednesday, March 16. — I was with the Masonic Lodge and rose to the sublime degree. (History of the Church, Vol.4, Ch.32, p.552)
- In *The Mormon Church and Freemasonry* (2001), Terry Chateau writes:
 - [The Joseph Smith family] was a Masonic family which lived by and practiced the estimable and admirable tenets of Freemasonry. The father, Joseph Smith, Sr., was a documented member in upstate New York. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason on May 7, 1818 in Ontario Lodge No. 23 of Canandaigua, New York. An older son, Hyrum Smith, was a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 112, Palmyra New York.

Masons and Mormons (cont.)



In *Evidences and Reconciliations* Vol.1
Mormon Apostle John A. Widtsoe
writes:

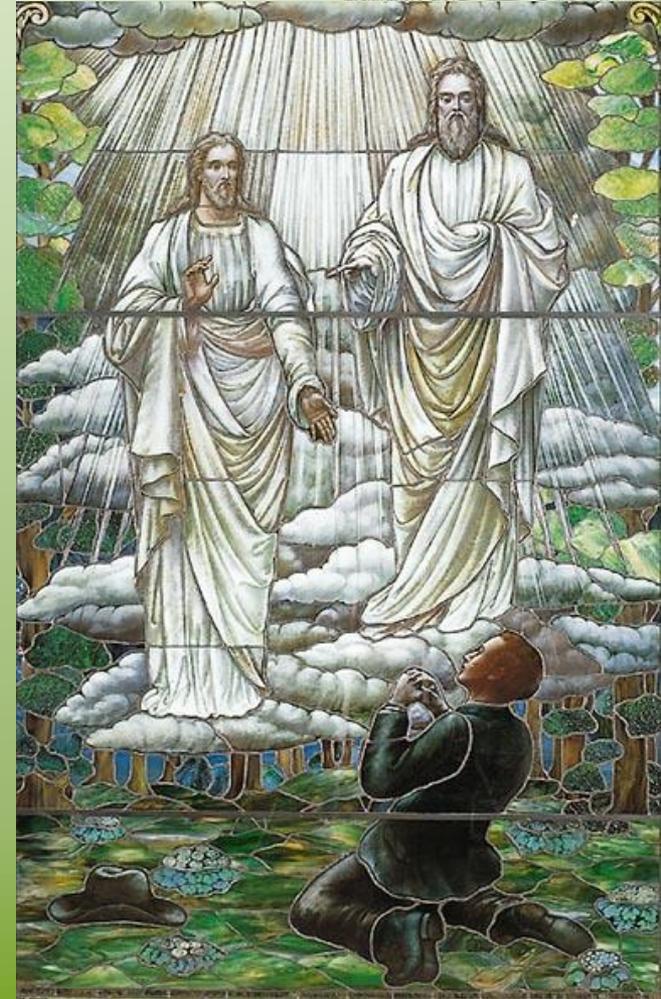
- Many of the Saints were **Masons**, such as Joseph's brother Hyrum, Heber C. Kimball, Elijah Fordham, Newel K. Whitney, James Adams, and John C. Bennett With the acquiescence of the Prophet, members of the Church already Masons petitioned the Grand Master of Illinois for permission to set up a lodge in Nauvoo March 15, 1842, before authority was given to set up a lodge in Nauvoo and to induct new members. Joseph Smith became a member.



Masons and Mormons (cont.)



- Historian D. Michael Quinn, *Early Mormonism and the Magic World View*, pg. 190, “To be sure Masonic rituals also shared some similarities with the ancient mysteries”
- “It appears that the Prophet first embraced Masonry, and, then in the process, he modified, expanded, amplified, or glorified it The Prophet believed that his mission was to restore all truth, and then to unify and weld it all together into one. This truth was referred to as 'the Mysteries,' *Changing World of Mormonism*, Jerald and Sandra Tanner, 1981, pp. 546-547



Building Solomon's Temple



- Solomon decides to build a temple and calls upon Hiram, the descendant of Cain, to be his master builder
- It was at the time when Balkis, the Queen of Sheba, was visiting Jerusalem because she had heard of the wisdom of Solomon
 - She was certainly impressed and charmed by the exalted and clear wisdom and beauty of the King when she first arrived - when he made love to her she consented to be his bride
- When the temple was almost complete, only Hiram's masterpiece, the Molten Sea, was left -- was to represent the ocean cast in bronze and was to have adorned the temple
 - All the necessary mixtures of ores had been prepared by Hiram in a most wonderful manner, ready to be cast
- There were three apprentices that Hiram had found so lacking in skill that he had been unable to promote them to become masters

Building Solomon's Temple



- The 3 had therefore sworn to be revenged on him and desired to prevent the casting of the Molten Sea
 - A friend of Hiram, who got to know about these plans, confided them to Solomon, so that he should prevent their realization
 - But Solomon, through jealousy, did nothing to stop them, because he secretly wished to destroy Hiram
- The result was that Hiram had to look on while the whole casting disintegrated due to the addition of a wrong ingredient in the mixture by the 3 apprentices
 - He tried to quench the bursting flames by pouring water over them, but this only made matters worse
 - Just as he was on the point of despairing about the work ever being completed, Tubal-Cain, his ancestor, appeared to him and told him that he should not hesitate to cast himself into the fire, as he was invulnerable to the flames
 - Hiram did as he was advised and came to the center of the earth
- He was led by Tubal-Cain to Cain, who resided in a condition of pristine divinity
 - Hiram was then initiated into the Mystery of Fire and into the secret of bronze casting
 - He receives from Tubal-Cain a Hammer and a Golden Triangle
- Then he returned and was able to complete the casting of the Molten Sea and to put everything in order again

Building Solomon's Temple



- Hiram, however, was set upon by the 3 apprentices and murdered
 - He was only just able to write the secret word on the Golden Triangle and hide it in a well
 - It was later retrieved and enclosed in a stone shaped in the form of a cube
 - The Ten Commandments are inscribed on this stone that conceals the hidden word
- As no one knew where he had disappeared, a search was made.
- Even Solomon was afraid and was anxious to find out what had happened
- It was thought that the ancient Master Word could be betrayed by the apprentices, and therefore another one was devised
 - The first word to be spoken when Hiram was discovered should be the new Master Word
- At last Hiram was found and was able to utter a few last words
 - He said: 'Tubal-Cain had promised me that I shall have a son who will be the father of many descendants who will people the earth and bring my work — the building of the Temple — to completion'
 - Then he pointed to the place where the Golden Triangle was to be found
 - This was then collected and brought to the Molten Sea and both were preserved together in the **Holy of Holies**
- It is said that they are only to be discovered by those who can understand the meaning of the legend of the Temple of Solomon and its Master Builder Hiram

Who are the Sons of Fire?



- Those who could only come into existence after the separation of the sexes, through the penetration of a physical female by a physical male
- Fire is the active principle in the male semen
 - In male semen lives fire, in the occult sense
- Jehovah had to create this basic force, so that this race could propagate itself
 - Jehovah created the Sons of Fire, which was only possible on the basis of this soul fire
 - Jehovah is the opponent of change who cherishes the old kind of propagation
- Therefore he turned again to the priests and made them into his preachers
 - He caused the power and the glory of his own wisdom to be proclaimed through the priests
- Hiram-Abiff is appointed to undertake the Molten Sea, which means the transformation of mineral kingdom through art
- He was also told that a son would be born to him, who — even though he would not himself be able to see him — would bring forth a new race
 - This son is the new race which will one day take the place of the old, the present one; the new race for whom it will no longer be necessary for two sexes to unite with one another, but will again be able to bring about propagation through the one human individual (This, of course, refers to a far distant future)

Why Freemasonry Excluded Women



- It was felt the whole female sex had to be excluded – why?
- Link between the organ of speech and gender or sexuality
 - Only the man changes voice when he reaches puberty
 - The change of voice is an expression of the former connection between the organs of speech and of sexuality
- To them, it is appointed to the male to utter the Lost Word and to re-establish it
- Only the male form of the larynx is in a position to say, to know, what can be regained through the Lost Word
- Add to this the association of the male to Cain & the female to Abel, the kingly stream to Cain & the priestly stream to Abel
- Separate orders existed for wives and daughters.
- Adoption Masonry begun in Paris in 1775, admitted women (Madame Blavatsky 1877, Marie Deraismes 1882, and Annie Besant 1902)

The Sons of Cain



- They are the sons of those Elohim who, during the Old Moon Cosmic Epoch, were slightly retarded *in their role as Elohim*
- There were two kinds of Elohim:
 1. Remained static with the union of wisdom and fire
 - These Elohim created the Sons of Cain
 2. Went beyond - during the creation of man they were no longer filled with desires and so they were able to endow their creation with calm and clear wisdom
 - That is the essential Jahve — or Jehovah, the wisdom of which is quite without *personal* desire.
- During Old Moon Epoch, we are dealing with Kama, astrality
 - Kama, or fire, was penetrated with wisdom during this Epoch

Comparing Cain and Abel



- Abel → Seth → Solomon Race: possessed divine wisdom
- Race of Cain: are conversant with fire and know how to make use of it
 - Not physical fire, but the fire of wishes, desires, and instincts which burns in the astral world, in Kama
- Sons of Abel-Seth: representatives of the religious type of human being with detached wisdom
 - Detached piety and wisdom, lacking enthusiasm, has its origin
- Sons of Cain: those who possess an impulsive nature, are capable of flaring up, showing enthusiasm for wisdom
 - All arts and the sciences originate
- These two types are creative within all races of mankind and in all periods of history

Equality



- This worldly element becomes more and more evident in the history of the Greek and current cultural epochs, thus making manifest the entire development of world history at the physical level
- And alongside this worldly stream of materialism, the personal element of egoism is involved
- Even though Christianity had come into the world, it was, in a sense, a secret shared by a few
- But it made people of the Greek and current cultural epochs aware that everyone is **equal in the sight of God**
- That is a basic principle of Christianity, but it cannot be completely understood by man on earth so long as he is enmeshed in materialism and egoism

Jochin and Boaz



- Jachin and Boaz are the columns at the entrance to King Solomon's Temple
- 2 Chronicles 3:15-17, "And he reared up the pillars before the temple...and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz"
- Appear in Masonic Temples and is used in Masonic rituals
- Pillars of Hercules or of Enoch or Seth

Golden Legend

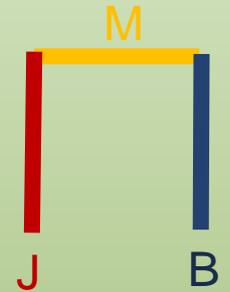


- Eve had two sons
 - Cain: independent striving
 - Abel: relies on revelation
- Cain slays Abel whose heritage then devolves to Seth
- Seth, an initiate-priest, reaches the gate of Paradise
- Cherub with flaming sword allows him to enter and gives him 3 seeds from the intertwined Trees of Life and Knowledge: seeds = future of Manas, Buddhi, & Atma
- When Adam dies, Seth puts the seeds in his mouth
- Tripartite tree grows with flame script *ehjeh ascher ehjeh*
 - *I am He who was; I am He who is; I am He who will be*

Golden Legend (cont.)



- Moses' ever-leafing rod came from this tree
 - Rod preserved in the Ark of the Covenant
- David planted this rod on Mount Zion
- Solomon took from it wood for entrance pillars
 - Only the pure may enter through it
- The Levites, lacking knowledge, → pool of Bethesda
 - Pool became a healing pool
- At time of Christ, wood used to bridge the Kedron brook
- From this wood, the cross was made
- Cross was placed atop Adam's skull on Golgotha
- Blood from Christ flowed into the earth
 - Red blood & Blue-red Blood : The two trees K & L - future



Jochin and Boaz



	Jochin	Boaz
Transition from/to	Spirit/Body	Body/Spirit
Goal	Wisdom	Strength
Stands on	Water	Land
Where	Etheric body	Physical body
How	Inwardly Love	Outwardly Beauty

Harmony/Piety is “M” linking Inwardly Love and Outwardly Beauty
And the Temple Becomes Mankind

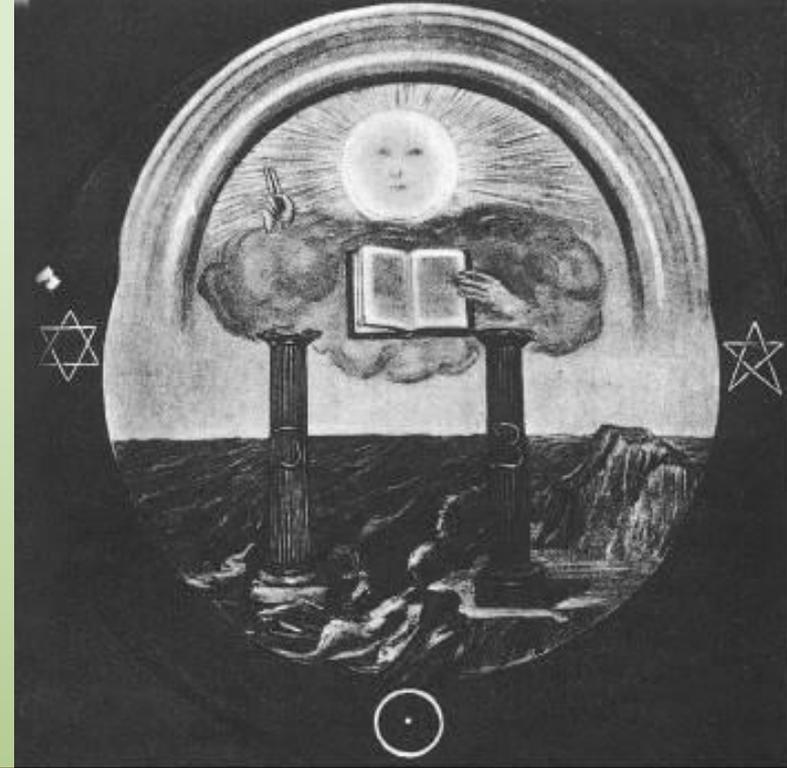
Pillar Meditation

In pure thought you
will find

The self that can
maintain itself.

If you transform the
thoughts into a
picture,

You will experience
creative wisdom.



If you condense feeling to become light,
You reveal the shaping power.

If you incorporate the will into an entity,
You will create in universal existence.

Enemies of Freemasonry



- Internet is full of sites that condemn Freemasonry
- General suspicion of the intention of secret societies
 - 1826: William Morgan disappeared after threatening to expose "secrets"
 - 1989: Martin Short's *Inside the Brotherhood, Further Secrets of Freemasons*
- Women not allowed, black men not allowed (until 1940s)
- “I have always seen list's of famous Masons. To just look at the name means very little. When you date and place those names in the proper time line and placement of power you begin to see the *deception and vastness of this power elite*. What will *shock* you even more is to learn who *the powers are behind the Freemasons*. Notice the death's of non Masonic presidents or those who lost favor, and the shuffling of the vice presidents to get them in the position of takeover before the presidents were killed or removed. Note also the number of presidential running mates who lost the race for presidency were Masons also. A win-win situation regardless of the outcome of the election. The Mason's have controlled this country from the beginning.” -- [The Forbidden Knowledge](#) (Robert Howard)

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Enemies (continued)



Persecuted
by Nazis

Outlawed in
Communist
Russia

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Curious Case of Albert Pike

from www.threeworldwars.com/albert-pike.htm

(a curious mix of facts and rumors)



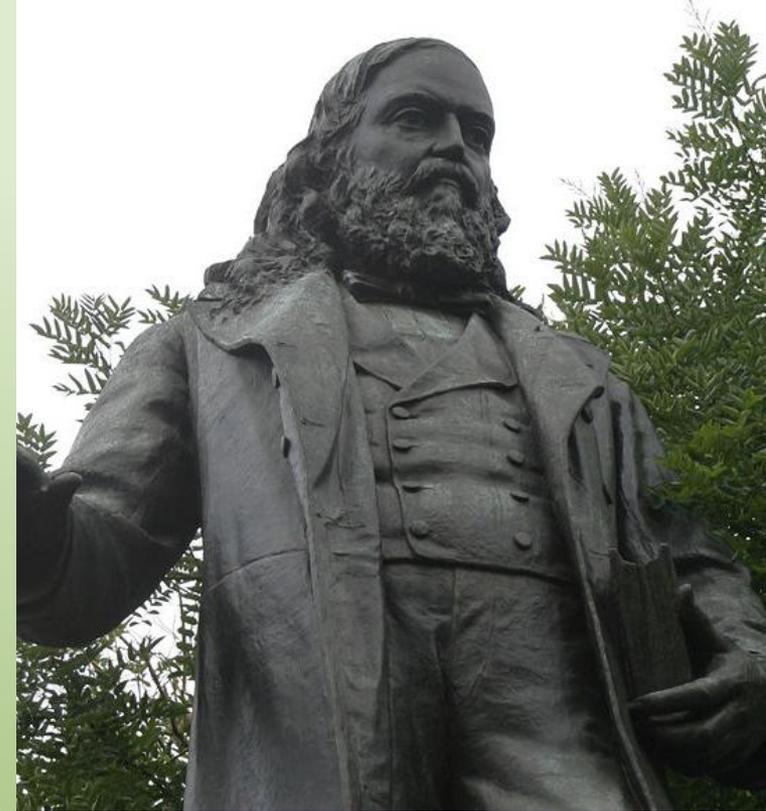
- Born Dec. 29, 1809, in Boston, oldest of six children, studies at Harvard
- 1840: Joined IOOF
- Served as a Brigadier-General in the Confederate Army
 - After the Civil War, Pike was found guilty of treason and jailed, only to be pardoned by fellow Freemason President Andrew Johnson on April 22, 1866, who met with him the next day at the White House
 - On June 20, 1867, Scottish Rite officials conferred upon Johnson the 4th to 32nd Freemasonry °s, and he later went to Boston to dedicate a Masonic Temple
- A 33° Mason, he became Grand Commander of North American Freemasonry from 1859 and retained that position until his death in 1891
 - Right-hand man was Phileas Walder, from Switzerland, who was a Lutheran minister, a Masonic leader, occultist, and spiritualist
- 1869: may have been a leader in the **Knights of the Ku Klux Klan** in Arkansas
- Pike knew Giuseppe Mazzini of Italy (1805-1872) who was a 33° Mason, member of Carbonari, and by 1834 was head of the **Illuminati**, and *rumored* to have founded the **Mafia** in 1860
 - Adam Weishaupt and the [Order of the Illuminati](#) (1776)
- Mazzini desired to create a "United States of Europe"
 - Founded Young Italy whose goal was to free Italy from the control of monarchy and the Pope
- 1872,: Mazzini dies so Pike appoints a banker from Florence, Italy, Adriano Lemmi (1822-1896, 33° who supported Giuseppe Garibaldi) to run their revolutionary activities in Europe

Words of Albert Pike

- "The Johannites ascribed to Saint John the foundation of their **Secret Church**, and the Grand Pontiffs of the Sect assumed the title of *Christos, Anointed, or Consecrated*, and claimed to have succeeded one another from Saint John by an uninterrupted succession of pontifical powers. He who, at the period of the foundation of the Order of the Temple, claimed these imaginary prerogatives, was named Theoclet; he knew **Hugues de Payens**, he initiated him into the Mysteries and hopes of his pretended church, he seduced him by the notions of *Sovereign Priesthood and Supreme royalty*, and finally designated him as his successor."
- "Thus the Order of **Knights of the Temple** was at its very origin devoted to the cause of opposition to the tiara of Rome and the crowns of Kings, and the Apostolate of Kabalistic Gnosticism was vested in its chiefs. **For Saint John himself was the Father of the Gnostics.**"

- References:

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 - [Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry](#)
 - [Albert Pike](#)



Words of Albert Pike



- "Hence Free-Masonry, vulgarly imagined to have begun with the Dionysian Architects or the German Stone-workers, adopted **Saint John the Evangelist** as one of its patrons, associating with him, in order not to arouse the suspicions of Rome, Saint John the Baptist, and thus covertly proclaiming itself the child of the **Kabalah and Essenism** together. For the **Johannism of the Adepts** was the Kabalah of the earlier **Gnostics**:"
- "The avowed object of the Templars was to protect the Christians who came to visit the Holy Places; their secret object was the re-building of the Temple of Solomon."
- "Before his execution, the Chief of the doomed Order organized and instituted what afterward came to be called the Occult, Hermetic, or Scottish Masonry. In the gloom of his prison, the Grand Master created four Metropolitan Lodges, at Naples for the East, at Edinburg for the West, at Stockholm for the North, and Paris for the South."
- "The Successors of the Ancient Adepts Rose-Croix, abandoning by degrees the austere and hierarchial Science of their Ancestors in Initiation, became a Mystic Sect, united with many of the Templars, the dogmas of the two intermingling, and believed themselves to be the sole depositaries of the secrets of the Gospel of St. John, seeing in its recitals an allegorical series of rites proper to complete the initiation.
- "The Initiates, in fact, thought in the eighteenth century that their time had arrived, some to found a new Hierarchy, others to overturn all authority, and to press down all the summits of the Social Order under the level of Equality."

Books by Albert Pike

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Masonic Elevator Pitch



- An Outer history of noble endeavor, altruism, and splendid enterprise
- An Inner history of silent conquest, persecution, and heroic martyrdom
- Masonry rose from the guilds of highly skilled workmen who wandered throughout medieval Europe
 - The Knights Templar were the builders of the Gothic Cathedrals
 - The Knights worked within, or underneath, Solomon's Temple
- Metaphysical and ethical aspects of the Craft
- “It teaches what it deems to be **the truth** in respect to the nature and attributes of God” -- Albert Pike

Conclusion



- Masonry was about building the Temple
- The Temple has become each individual
 - A god is within
 - The Secret Word
- The Golden Triangle is
 1. Manas or Spirit Self
 2. Buddhi or Life Spirit
 3. Atma or Spirit Man

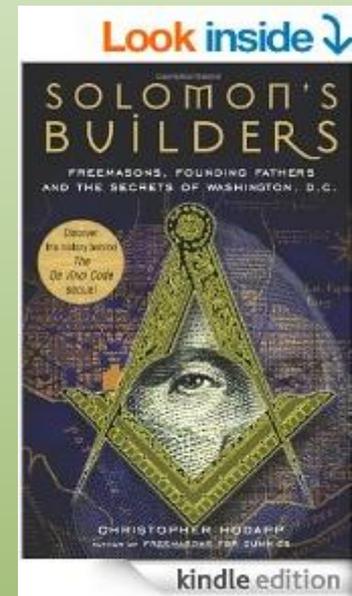
Summary Points from Tonight



1. Roots of Freemasonry are clouded but it absorbed much from the Mystery Streams
2. Masons bring spirit to rock (Earth) – they build the Temple
3. By the 18th C, anyone of character could join
4. Role in political and commercial organizations is unmistakable forming a New World Order

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- [Rosicrucian origins](#)
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Change in 1717



- 1646: Elias Ashmole was able to join a lodge although not a stoneworking Mason
- 1717: London, four lodges met to form uniform governance (Constantine all over again!)
- Gentlemen (non-operative male members) by then outnumbered traditional members – became known as *speculative* and as Free and Accepted Masons
- Goal: build character rather than stone buildings

York Rites



- 10th C: King Athelstan of England granted a royal charter in York for the Guild of Stonemasons
- Goals: develop and protect trade secrets, assure work quality, care for members, establish uniform wage rates
- Members could travel to other lodges where they could eat and sleep, socialize, and study!
- Code of conduct included secrecy

Rudolf Steiner on the Pillars



In pure thoughts you find the self that can maintain itself.

- Pure thoughts are ones that don't refer to perceptible things, but to basic theosophical teachings about man's make-up, existence between death and life, earth evolution, etc. Pure thoughts give man sure inner support, whereas purely material thinking leads to instability and nervousness. Meditation leads to a loosening of the astral from the etheric and of this from the physical body. This loosening can be dangerous unless pure, logical thinking is practiced. The way of looking at things on the astral and devachanic planes is quite different from the one on the physical plane, so that one can easily get confused there; only thinking logic remains the same; one should cultivate this. Thereby certainty is gained in outer and inner life. Strong people will only listen to their inner voice, whereas weak people will always listen to others' advice.

If you convert the thoughts to a picture you'll experience creating wisdom. (Jachin and Boaz)

- The pure thought should change into a picture, create a picture. For example, one can imagine how a plant turns its flower to the sun and that man is an inverted plant. Imagine how the fine substance of a plant is gradually converted into flesh and thereby took in passions and desires. Man should not try to become plantlike and spiritual again and to free himself from all the slags of the astral body, until it's gotten to the point where it becomes creative through the word that it utters.

What are we building?

Rudolf Steiner on the Pillars



- Another exercise that makes abstract ideas into mobile and living pictures is to imagine the old Moon as a kind of peat of living spinach containing woody bark that corresponds to our present mountain chains. Likewise imagine the old Sun as being full of life and spiritual development. Then more recently the sun left the earth-moon so that men wouldn't spiritualize too fast, and then the moon left so they wouldn't rigidify and scleroticize. Thereby an equilibrium was attained. Everything that was created by the Godhead was first there as a picture, just as a painter has a spiritual picture in his mind's eye before he puts it on canvas.

If you condense feeling to light you'll reveal the forming force.

- If for instance one feels that the sun is spirit and creative joy, and the moon is something cold, coarse, contracting and scleroticized, then the latter will produce a light phenomenon that goes from orange to red into brown, whereas in the sun the feeling condenses to a light phenomenon that goes from blue through violet to reddish violet. If this phenomenon becomes ever more intense the beings who are the bearers of this light appear in the colors and take on forms and shapes.

If you concretize will to beings you'll create in world existence.

- Once man's will — that's now impure and little developed — has become stronger, he'll be able to create with it. If he can think himself into the future condition of the earth and work with the world directors, his will helps to bring about this new condition and is co-creative in world existence. If all men didn't want our earth to become Jupiter, it couldn't happen — although this would be black magic. This is just mentioned to show how mighty and powerful man's will is and will become.