

An Open Letter to a Christian Mason

You claim to be a Christian and in our hearts, we want to believe you. However, you have placed a stumbling block in our path that is impossible for us to overlook. You see, while you claim to be a Christian, we know that you are a Mason and we have come to know something about Freemasonry.

The basics of the Gospel are clearly documented. Paul summed it up well in his first letter to the Corinthians:

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 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:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Christians take the Gospel of Jesus very seriously because it is the only way of salvation. There simply is no one else who can pay the price for our sin. Jesus 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

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave his disciples clear instructions:

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 28:18-20

Jesus instructed us to share the Gospel with all nations. He specifically stated that we are to teach obedience to all of his commands. Christians are compelled to share the Gospel with the lost. They do so because they are under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and they care about those who do not know Jesus. A Christian would never embrace another savior and he would never participate in teaching a false gospel based on another savior.

In order to make certain that we properly understood Masonry, we studied Masonic Monitors published by several Grand Lodges. As you know, Grand Lodges are the highest authorities of Freemasonry. We found that Masons include members of many religions. There

are Buddhist Masons, Moslem Masons, Jewish Masons and men who claim to be Christians. When we examined portions of Masonic ritual which are found in Grand Lodge monitors, we became convinced that you, as a "Christian" Mason, have embraced another savior. We know that you have participated in the teaching of a false gospel based on a false savior. In the **INDIANA MONITOR AND FREEMASON'S GUIDE**, in the section on the Entered Apprentice Degree, a portion of ritual discussing the covering of a Lodge is found:

The covering of a Lodge is a clouded canopy, or star-decked **heaven, where all good Masons hope at last to arrive. . .**¹

There is no doubt that Masonic ritual encourages lost men to hope that they will enter heaven. The fact that some Master Masons are Moslems and Buddhists proves that Masonry offers false hope to unsaved men.

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In the Indiana monitor, under the heading The Three Steps, we found the following:

. . . as Fellow Crafts, we should apply our knowledge to the discharge of our respective duties, to God, our neighbors and ourselves, so that in age, **as**

Master Masons, we may enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality. ²

Again, Masonic ritual teaches that Master Masons will go to heaven by stating that they may die looking forward to a glorious immortality. In the Indiana monitor we found a portion of ritual which includes a prayer asking for salvation! It ends with these words:

Yet, O Lord! have compassion on the children of Thy creation, administer them comfort in time of trouble, and **save them with an everlasting salvation. Amen.** ³

The prayer is offered by the Worshipful Master during the ritual of the Master Mason Degree in that portion known as the Legend of the Third Degree. The prayer occurs just before Hiram Abif is raised from the grave. You portrayed Hiram in the ritual when you were raised to Master Mason. You, as Hiram Abif, were killed, buried and then raised from the grave. At the close of the Legend of the Third Degree, the following conclusion to the ritual is offered:

Then, finally my brethren, let us imitate our Grand Master, Hiram Abif, in his virtuous conduct, his unfeigned piety to God, and his inflexible fidelity to his trust; that, like him, we may welcome the grim tyrant, Death, and receive him as a kind messenger sent by our Supreme Grand Master, to translate us from this imperfect to that all-perfect, glorious, and celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. ⁴

We found that portion of the ritual

cleverly paraphrased in the **NORTH CAROLINA LODGE MANUAL**. The Lodge Manual didn't directly mention Hiram Abif, what they printed is "let us imitate the example of * * whom you have this evening represented. . ." ⁵ We know they are referring to Hiram Abif. However, if there were any doubt, the text in **THE KENTUCKY MONITOR** settles the matter by stating, "Then let us imitate our G. M. H. A. . . ." ⁶

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Why are Masons admonished to imitate Hiram Abif? The ritual directly states: Masons are to imitate Hiram Abif that they may welcome death and be translated into heaven. No where in Masonic ritual is Jesus Christ even mentioned! We found the reason in **THE KENTUCKY MONITOR**. **THE KENTUCKY MONITOR** reveals the identity of Hiram Abif in a discussion of various religions:

All believed in a future life, to be attained by purification and trials; in a state or successive states of reward and punishment; and in a Mediator or Redeemer, by whom the Evil Principle was to be overcome and the Supreme Deity reconciled to His creatures. The belief was general that He was to be born of a virgin and suffer a painful death. The Hindus called him Krishna; the Chinese, Kiountse; the Persians, Sosiosch; the

Chaldeans, Dhouvanai; the Egyptians, Horus; Plato, Love; the Scandinavians, Balder; the **Christians, Jesus; Masons, Hiram.** ⁷

The meaning is perfectly clear. Masonry teaches that Jesus is not unique. Jesus is a savior for Christians, while Hiram Abif is a savior for Masons. Can a man have two saviors?

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Grand Lodge of Kentucky

Some of the Masonic monitors we examined encourage Masons to read Masonic books in order to gain further understanding of Masonry. The Indiana Monitor left no doubt about the authenticity of Masonic books:

In the ceremonies of making a Mason, we do not attempt to do more than to indicate the pathway to Masonic knowledge, to lay the foundation for the Masonic edifice. The brother must pursue the journey or complete the structure for himself by reading and reflection. ⁸

The Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company distributes **THE MEANING OF MASONRY**, by Lynn Perkins. The book clarifies Masonic teaching concerning Hiram Abif:

Therefore Masonry teaches that redemption and salvation are both the power and the responsibility of the individual Mason. Saviors like Hiram Abif can and do show the

way, but men must always follow and demonstrate, each for himself, his power to save himself, to build his own spiritual fabric in his own time and way. Every man in essence is his own savior and redeemer; for if he does not save himself, he will not be saved. The reader who succeeds in getting back to the real teachings of the masters, including Jesus of Nazareth, will find unanimity of thinking on this matter.⁹

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The fact that Masonry teaches redemption and salvation is documented in Mackey's [1862] **MANUAL OF THE LODGE**, currently reproduced within the monitor of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, the **AHIMAN REZON**. It states:

It was the single object of all the ancient rites and mysteries practiced in the very bosom of pagan darkness. . . to teach the immortality of the Soul. *This is still the great design of the third degree of Masonry. This is the scope and aim of its ritual.* The Master Mason represents man, when youth, manhood, old age, and life itself have passed away as fleeting shadows, yet raised from the grave of iniquity, and quickened into another and better existence. By its legend and all its ritual, **it is implied that we have been redeemed from the death of sin** and the sepulchre of pollution. . . and the conclusion we arrive at is, that youth, properly directed, leads [us to the honorable and virtuous maturity, and that] the

life of man, regulated by morality, faith, and justice, will be rewarded at its closing hour by the prospect of eternal bliss. . . The important design of the degree is to symbolize the great doctrines of the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul; and hence it has been remarked by a learned writer of our order, that **the Master Mason represents a man saved from the grave of iniquity, and raised to the faith of salvation.**¹⁰

Those words, or most of them, are reproduced in the monitors of several states. The 1993 edition of the **INDIANA MONITOR AND FREEMASON'S GUIDE** contains most of the passage explaining the meaning of the *Legend of the Third Degree*.¹¹ The Indiana Monitor confirms the universality of the Hiram Legend in Masonry:

The Legend of the Third Degree. This is the most important and significant of the legendary symbols of Freemasonry. It has descended from age to age by oral tradition and has been preserved in every Masonic rite, practiced in any country or language, with no essential alteration.¹²

The Hiram Legend is the glory of Freemasonry. . .¹³

Freemasonry has a savior named Hiram Abif. Freemasonry teaches that Master Masons have been redeemed from the death of sin and represent those raised to the faith of salvation. We know that every Masonic Lodge in the world includes the death, burial and resurrection of Hiram Abif in their ritual. We also know that you assumed the role of Hiram Abif when you went through the Master Mason degree. The ritual of the third degree directly states that by

imitating Hiram Abif, Master Masons may get into heaven. As a Christian, you should have "smelled a rat" when you, as Hiram Abif, were killed, buried and raised from the grave. That ritual mocks the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The clincher would have been when you were told that you could get into heaven by imitating Hiram Abif.

You may think that it is impossible for us to know what you believe. To a large degree, you are correct. You may think that we cannot know that you have accepted the teachings of Freemasonry, simply because you are a member of the Lodge. What we do know is that any man who remains a Mason after being confronted with the teachings of Freemasonry has not rejected those teachings, as would a Christian. As long as you remain a Mason and continue to claim to be a Christian, we have to choose whether to believe your claims, as you participate in a pagan religion, or to believe the words of John which are found in the Holy Bible:

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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 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 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. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. 1 John 1:5-2:6

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 1:8

God offered His Son, Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for your sins. He offered Jesus as your covering before Him. The lodge gave you a lambskin apron to wear as your covering before God. Jesus warned that there would be those who would claim to be following Him, whom he would turn away on judgement day:

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 prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matthew 7:21-23

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We have spoken quite directly to you because we don't want you to stand before God with your lambskin apron as your covering. All of those who do not have the covering of the Blood of the Jesus, the Lamb of God, will be thrown into the lake of fire. As a Mason you are not following the teachings of Jesus, but rather are standing in agreement with a false gospel which leads men to hell.

John warned us:

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

2 John:9

Jesus is willing to forgive you. In fact, He wants to forgive you. But, His forgiveness is dependent on your repentance. Repent before it is too late.

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You are not walking in the light. Because you are not walking in the light, you are not in fellowship with Jesus Christ. Since you are not in fellowship with Jesus, it is impossible for us to have fellowship with you. Don't ask us to believe that you can continue to be both a Christian and a Mason or that, as a Mason, you can have fellowship with Jesus. Before we could believe that, we would have to stop believing the Bible.

Scripture does not lead us to believe that you will fare well on judgement day. Participation in teaching a false gospel leads to condemnation: