

Correct in the West

Happy New Year Brethren. I hope your Christmas season included quality time with friends and family and that Santa treated you well. Now we are at that point in the year where we make resolutions to go forth and do good in the new year. My resolution is to bring you quality Masonic Education this year. But you will have to attend the meetings to receive it. I'll put forth the effort to research and present it; your duty is to attend our meetings to receive it. We should both be more enlightened from it.

Continuing our discussion of misperceptions of Masonry found on the internet, especially on misperceptions concerning Lucifer, one of the articles I found while researching Lucifer and Freemasonry was "Rituals of Freemasonry, Freemasonry Proven To Worship Lucifer, Part 3 of 5" at http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/sociopolitica/sociopol_brotherhoods01c.htm which then led me to the entire series at http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/sociopolitica/sociopol_brotherhoods01.htm#top. I must say that I am amazed at what I read. Words known primarily to occultists are used to "prove" a foregone conclusion. Here's an example:

"Concrete evidence is then given by (Albert) Pike of Freemason's worship of *Satan/Lucifer* on the very front of the cover of *Morals and Dogma*. Pike writes a Latin phrase just below the round seal of "God," this is a phrase proven to be *Satanic*. Any '*Satanic brother*' looking at this phrase would know that the contents of this book are *Satanic*. They would also understand that the entire religion of Freemasonry is *Satanic*. "DEUS MEUMQUE JUS" is this phrase. The literal meaning is 'God and My Right.'

Doc Marquis says this statement is a typical one within Satanism. There is one meaning within another with this statement. The first meaning is that the Freemason can depend upon their God to determine their Right and Justice. The second meaning is, since the God of Freemasonry is Lucifer, Masons are saying that they are 'using occult methods,' through Lucifer, to achieve their Rights and Justice.

This phrase is very powerful and dangerous within Satanism says Marquis. A Satanist knows the content within Pike's book is Satanism just by reading, 'DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.' They don't even have to read the book, just the phrase to know."

There are so many examples here of unwarranted assumptions of fact leading to the foregone conclusion of Masonry being Satanic that it overwhelms the mind. Suffice it to say, Brethren, that we must be ready to firmly state what are the tenets of Masonry to refute these allegations. Spend some time thinking about what we as Masons believe so you are prepared to answer accusations that Masonry is Satanic.

Join us for our January 2014 Stated Meeting where I will give a presentation on the Hiram's - Hiram, King of Tyre, Hiram Abi, and Hiram Abiff. It is based on the descriptions of the building of King Solomon's Temple in 1st Kings and 2nd Chronicles and an analysis done in the 1920s by Morris Marks and the Rev. Morris Rosenbaum.

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