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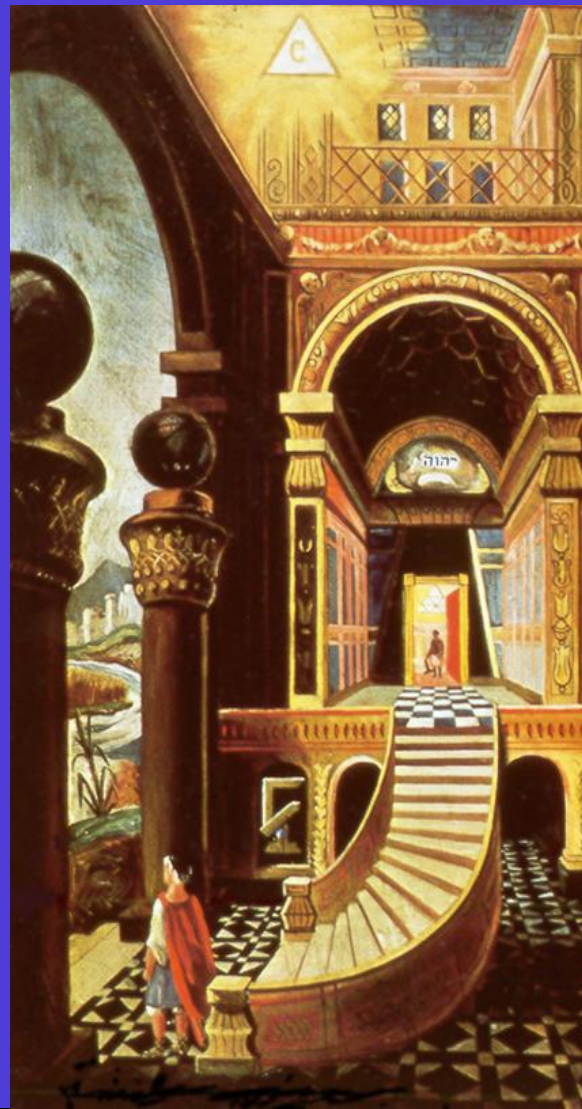


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One of our More Famous WMs



Symbolic Concept of Winding Staircase in King Solomon's Temple



Colonial Lodge Room SLC



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How Many Steps?

- 5 or 7 - Prichard's Masonry Dissected circa 1730 used 7
- 36 – Preston's Illustrations of Masonry
 - 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 (1772-1812)
- 25 – Hemming Lectures (1831) (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)
- 15 – Final number in England exported to US
 - 3, 5, 7

Why 15 Steps?

- Sacred number among the Orientals
- Numerical value of letters of the holy name JAH (Jahweh or Jehovah: Psalm 68:4) equals 15
- 15 steps symbolic of the name of God

Talisman of 15

4	9	2
3	5	7
8	1	6

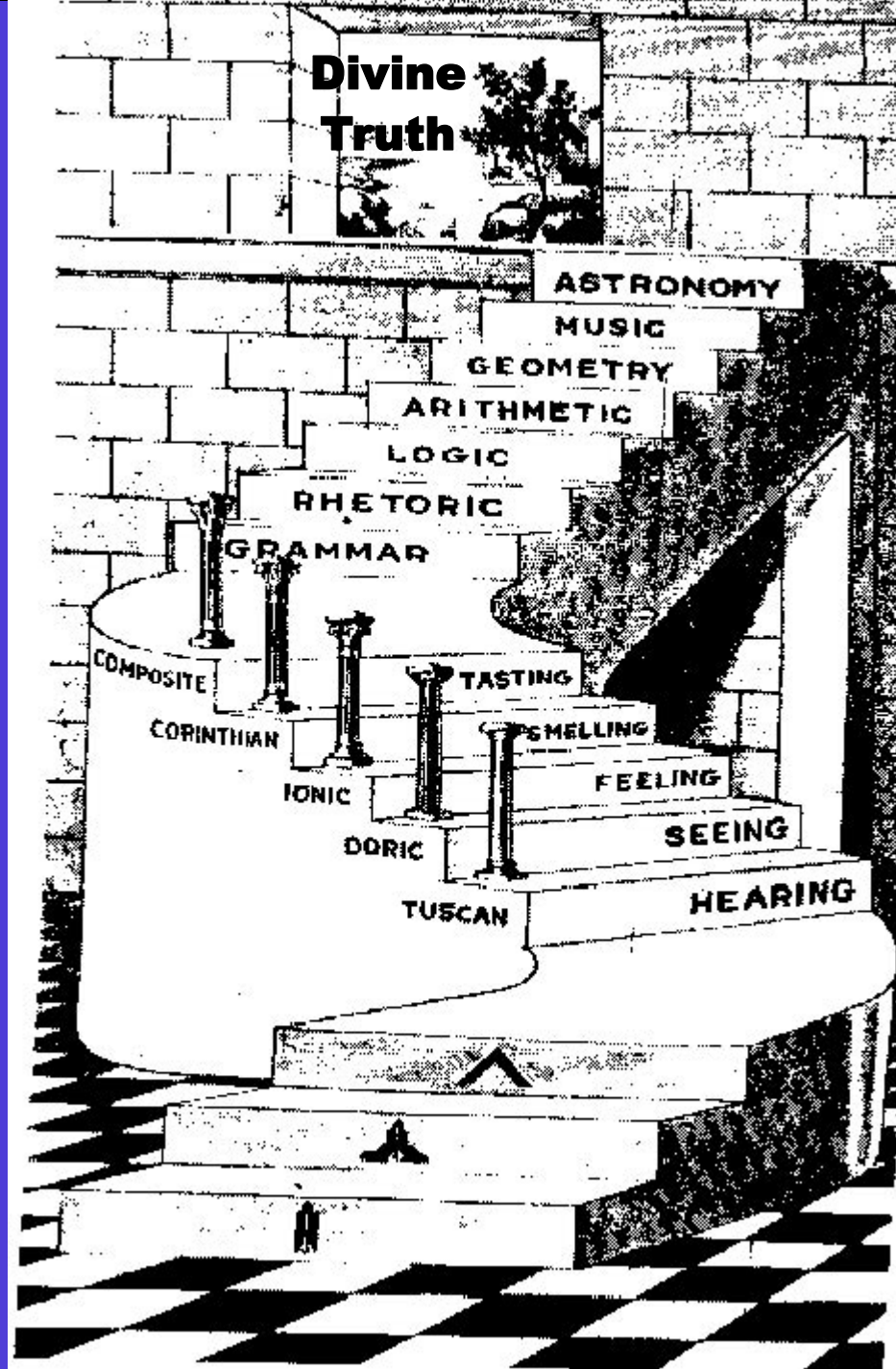
Masonic

Progression

- 7 Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Ascension from manhood to old age
- Geometry most noble
- Ancient symbol of all knowledge

- 5 Orders of Architecture
 - 3 columns: wisdom, strength, beauty
- 5 Human Senses
 - 3 senses: mental, physical, & spiritual,

- The 3 Steps
- 3 Pillars: wisdom, strength, beauty
- Preliminary lessons
- EA Degree
- Foundation for moral and Masonic edifice



Old Age

Manhood

Youth

Intellectual Education



The Number 3

- 3 degrees of Freemasonry: EA, FC, MM
- 3 officers: WM, SW, JW
- 3 Most Excellent Grand Masters
 - Solomon, King of Israel
 - Hiram, King of Tyre
 - Hiram Abif
- 3 great lights
- 3 lesser lights
- 3 burning tapers
- 3 immovable jewels: square, level & plumb
- 3 movable jewels: rough ashlar, perfect ashlar, trestleboard
- 3 tenets: Brotherly Love, Relief, & Truth
- 3 parts of Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
- The Triangle, An Emblem of Diety

The Number 5

- 5 Human Senses
- 5 Orders of Architecture
- 5th Science Geometry
- 5 Pointed Blazing Star in the EA Degree
- 5 Required To Hold A Fellow Craft Lodge
- 5 Points of Fellowship in the MM Degree

The Number 7 And The 7 Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Evidence of antiquity of Masonry
- 7th century belief that 7 Liberal Arts & Sciences contained all knowledge
 - Thought to be universal knowledge
 - Consisted of two branches
 - Trivium – key to all language – given to few
 - Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic
 - Quadrivium – secret laws of nature – given to very few
 - Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, Astronomy
 - A philosopher was master of both

Tritium

- Grammar
 - Properties of English language
 - Syntax – construction of meaningful phrases, etc.
- Rhetoric
 - Using language to communicate effectively and persuasively
 - Logos – reason or rational principle
 - Pathos – arouse feelings of pity or sorrow
 - Ethos – culture, attitudes of people
- Logic
 - Form of critical thinking
 - Examines arguments for truth or fallacies
 - Grammar and rhetoric together

Quadrivium

- Arithmetic
 - Counting, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
 - Records date back to 2000 BC
- Geometry
 - Earth measurement
 - Size, shape, relative position of figures, and properties of space
 - 5000 year old art of lengths, angles, area, & volume
- Music
 - Creation of sound
 - Pitch, rhythm, dynamics, timbre, & texture
- Astronomy
 - Study of objects & phenomena beyond earth's atmosphere

The Number 7

- Pythagoreans called it a perfect number
 - Made up of three and four
 - The Two Perfect Figures: Triangle & Square
 - Virgin Number
 - Multiplication produces no number under ten
 - As can 2×2 , 2×3 , 2×4 , and 3×3
 - 7 Ancient Planets
 - Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn
 - 7 Wise Men of the East (Sages)
 - Cleobulus of Lindos, Solon of Athens, Chilon of Sparta, Bias of Priene, Thales of Miletus, Pittacus of Mytilene, Periander of Corinth
 - 7 Wonders of the World
 - Great Pyramid of Giza, Hanging Gardens of Babylon, Statue of Zeus at Olympia, Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, Colossus of Rhodes, Lighthouse of Alexandria
 - 7 Golden Candlesticks (Menora) (Revelations 1:20)
 - 7 Years to build King Solomon's Temple (I Kings 6-9, 2 Chronicles 2-5)
 - 7 Years of Famine (followed by 7 years of plenty) (Genesis 41:30)
 - 7 Sabbatical Years (Leviticus 25: 20-22)

The Winding Staircase

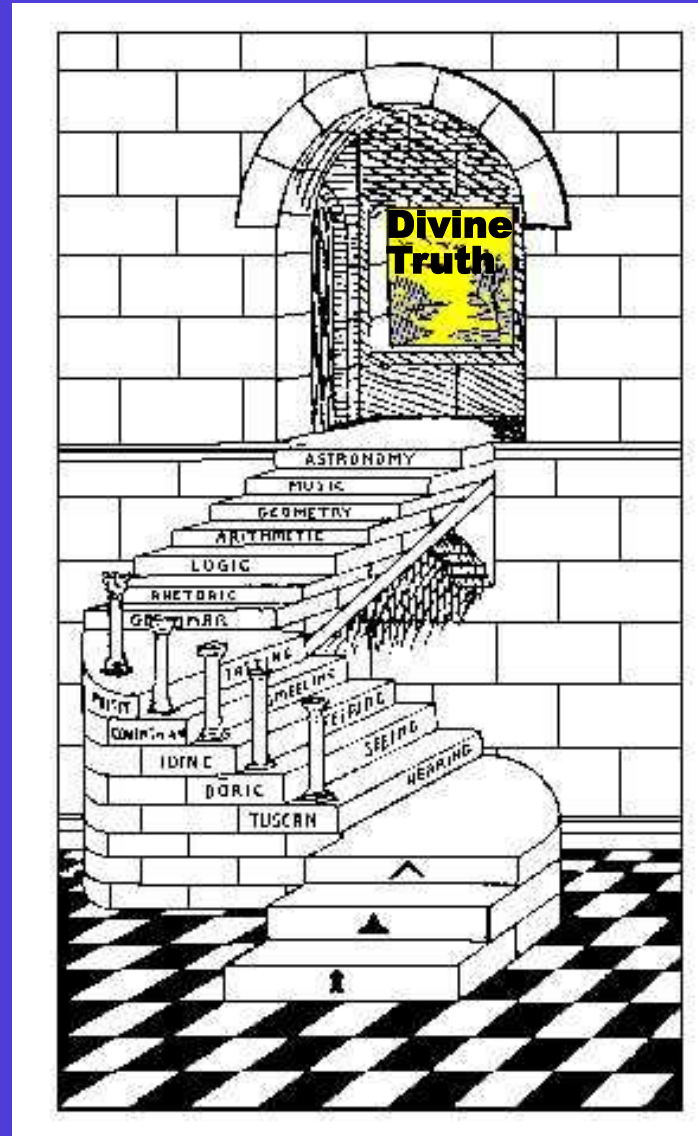
- Provides character to your “Moral and Masonic Edifice”
 - Climbing them implies “Faith”
- Symbol of:
 - Growth of mental & spiritual life
 - Learning, study, & enlarging horizons
 - Courage of Masonic character
- Requires courageous ascent
 - Cannot see what is ahead
 - Face the unknown in life with courage
- Leads to the Middle Chamber
 - Fellowcraft receives his wages of DIVINE TRUTH

Our Most Famous Grand Poobah



Thanks For Your Kind Attention

The Winding Staircase



The Mystic Numbers

Integer	Integer Squared		Subtraction of Squares
1	$1^2 = 1$	>	$4 - 1 = 3$
2	$2^2 = 4$	>	$9 - 4 = 5$
3	$3^2 = 9$	>	$16 - 9 = 7$
4	$4^2 = 16$	>	$25 - 16 = 9$
5	$5^2 = 25$		

Masonic Progression

- Entered Apprentice is the child in Masonry
- Fellow Craft begins as the youth in Masonry and passes through the Pillars on the Porch
- After ascending the first three steps he arrives at the entrance to Masonic manhood
- He ascends the next 5 steps to achieve Masonic manhood and arrives at the entrance to old age
- After ascending the next seven steps he arrives at Masonic old age