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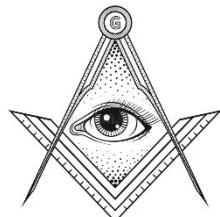
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Questions for the Christian who is a Freemason

1. If, as Masons claim, Freemasonry is NOT a religion, why do you pray, sing hymns, require religious belief (such as belief in God and the immortality of the soul), and perform other such religious exercises in the Lodge? And why does the Lodge have an altar, if it is NOT a religion?
2. Jesus expressly teaches us to pray in His Name (John 14:13-14). Can you do this in the Lodge?
3. Jesus commands us to proclaim his Gospel to everyone (Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15-16). Can you obey your Lord's command when you are in the Lodge? Jesus says if we are ashamed of Him and deny Him before men, He will deny us before the Father in heaven (Matthew 10:33, Mark 8:38). Are you not denying your Lord when you won't even mention His name in the Lodge? Are you ashamed of knowing Jesus?
4. Jesus declares that He is the light of the world (John 9:5). But when a candidate is initiated into the Lodge, he asks for "light". What is this saying about Jesus, if you have Him as your Lord, but you still need "more light"? The hoodwink that was placed over your head is said to represent darkness.¹ As a Christian, are you in darkness? (See 1 Peter 2:9.)
5. The Christian reverences the Bible as the revealed Word of God. But in various situations, Lodges place the writings of non-Christian religions on the altar. Do you believe that there is no difference between the Bible and these other books?
6. Jesus commanded us not to swear at all (Matthew 5:34). Yet, in the Lodge, you have had to take a number of oaths. And these were often bloody, horrible oaths. How do you reconcile the command of Christ with the practice of the Lodge?
7. Jesus did not do His work in secret (John 18:20), why then do you, as His disciple, work secret works? Do you know that God will judge the secrets of men (Romans 2:16)?!
8. God explicitly commands us to reverence His name. Indeed, it is one of the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 20:7). Is it showing respect and honor for the name of God when His divine titles and designations are used as passwords in many Masonic degrees? And does the Masonic fraternity reverence God's name when unbelievers and pagans are allowed to utter His divine name with no regard for its importance?
9. God says that He will not give His glory to any other god (see Isaiah 42:8). Indeed, to honor the one true God is another of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-3). Yet, in Masonic philosophy, the God of the Bible is equated as being the same as the deities of other religions. For instance, in the Royal Arch system, Jehovah is placed on par with Osiris and Baal. In many of the higher degrees, the ancient gods of pagan religions are referred to and honored. In the Shrine system, the name of Allah is honored. Is this consistent with your Christian faith in worshipping the one true and living God?
10. In the Lodge you regularly consort with men who do not believe in the true God. You may fellowship with men who believe in Allah, Krishna or some other false god. But the Bible teaches us to separate ourselves from the followers of false gods (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). How do you reconcile this injunction of Scripture with common Lodge practice?

In each of the above areas there is an obvious contradiction between the clear commands of the Lord Jesus and the practices of the Masonic lodge. You, as a believer in Jesus Christ, will have to decide what is going to be of primary importance in your life...

Who is Lord of your life—Jesus or the Masonic lodge?! You cannot have both.



¹ *Virginia Textbook* (published by the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia, n.d.), section entitled "Mentor's Manual," p. 18. Here the hoodwink is said to be used "for spiritual rather than physical reasons."