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This is an analysis of Freemasonry. No one can understand the U.S. political system and the world system without an understanding of Freemasonry. Freemasonry as an organization and religion does not act in its own name directly, but its influence crosses all religions and politics. It unites all into a one world government.

This is a subject nobody will touch. Few have any idea what Freemasonry is, although it is the dominant spiritual force in the political world. There is no political success without its blessings. Organized religion bows before it. War and peace is arranged to fit the international goals of Freemasonry. Not one person in 10 million suspects the influence of Freemasonry.

Freemasonry creates the universal man. It unites all religions from Christianity to Mohammadism. It unites all national fronts from democracy to national socialism into one world order. It unites all political parties whether democrat or republican into one party dedicated to central power. Freemasonry unites the mind of man into the mass mind of collectivism. History is not recorded; it is planned.

War, peace and politics has but one name and that is Freemasonry. Its goal is one world, one religion and one race.

The so-called political process is for public entertainment. The ship of state is on a predetermined course. All debate is frivolous nonsense to occupy the public mind. Elections are a charade for political choice.

What about those millions who have worn its symbols, memorized its rituals and knelt before its alters? We can express it no better than Albert Pike, the universal pontiff of all Freemasonry, in his volume *Morals and Dogma*. "The blue lodge is but the outer portico of the Temple. The initiate is intentionally misled and deceived and he should be. It is only for the adepts to understand the true spirit of Freemasonry."

The goal of Freemasonry is a present realization. It is the final achievement of the unity of the spirit of man while he (man) imagines a diversity in religion and politics.

Mr. Wagner reveals the nature of the Order; the exoteric (the visible) and the esoteric (the invisible). Only the adepts are taught the esoteric or hidden meaning of the ritual and the symbols. Mr. Wagner tells all. He proves conclusively that Freemasonry is a religion. This one book is easily worth ten times the price of this whole offer. Privately published in 1912 (563 pages).

A letter from Ephesus

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Freemasonry in the churches

A growing number of churches are addressing the issue of Freemasonry. We are currently assisting more than a half-dozen churches which are in various stages of the process of defending the Gospel against the secret Masonic plan of salvation. Godly pastors who care for the souls of men do feel it is imperative that Freemasonry be addressed from the pulpit. Three of them used essentially the same methodology, with differing results.

The method was embodied in a presentation at the 1997 Ministry to Masons Conference. The presentation was entitled, **HOW CAN YOU LEAD A MAN AWAY FROM THE MASONIC LODGE?** Those who attended the conference were given a "flip-chart" which can be used one-on-one to lead a Christian out of the lodge. It has proven to be very effective, both one-on-one and from the pulpit.

A major difficulty when attempting to lead a Mason to repentance is that as soon as you say something critical of Freemasonry they become defensive. They stop listening objectively. After that happens, communication becomes difficult, or impossible. The key to maintaining open lines of communication is to deliver the message before they have a chance to become defensive. This is spiritual warfare. If you have ever seen Masons in action in a church where the issue is being addressed, you know what we mean. If you can "fly in under the radar and deliver the ordnance" you can become a highly effective witness.

The foundation of the presentation contained in the flip-chart is a review of the Gospel. Various claims of the Gospel are discussed, stressing what they mean for non-Christians. For example, John 14:6 contains the words of Jesus: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus made a direct statement concerning all Buddhists, Hindus and Moslems. Jesus stated that they cannot be reconciled to God the Father because they reject Him. When the Scriptures are stressed in this way, direct aim is taken at the teachings of Freemasonry - which teaches that all good Masons (Jews, Hindus, Moslems and men who claim to be Christians) are able to gain admission to the celestial lodge above where the Great Architect of the Universe presides. When the truths of the Gospel are reviewed in this manner, a Mason who is a Christian does not become defensive because Freemasonry remains unnamed. The Gospel presentation is structured very simply as Paul explained it in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. Simply put, Jesus was killed, buried and raised from the grave.

Before Freemasonry is mentioned, a good review of the Gospel and the implications for unbelievers is shared so that the basic issues are freshly understood. The consequences of promoting a false gospel are documented in Scripture. When Freemasonry is finally addressed the issues are structured just as the Gospel was structured. In Masonic ritual, Hiram is killed, buried and raised from the grave. Several pages from Masonic Monitors are reviewed which demonstrate that Freemasonry draws a parallel

between the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and Hiram. One Grand Lodge monitor draws similarity between the graves of Jesus and Hiram and states, "The Master Mason will readily perceive the peculiar character of the symbolism which . . . the great truth of the resurrection was unfolded in both systems, the Masonic and the Christian, must suggest." Another Grand Lodge monitor goes so far as to state that Jesus is a savior for Christians, while Hiram Abif is a savior for Masons. A number of Grand Lodges explain that the meaning of the ritual is that Masons "have been redeemed from the death of sin." Essentially what happens with the presentation is that a Christian Mason is led through a good review of the Gospel and then immediately brought into recognition that he has become ensnared in a parallel, false gospel, in Freemasonry. He is reminded that in Masonic ritual, after Hiram Abif is killed, buried and raised from the grave, those in lodge are told that they should imitate Hiram Abif to get into heaven. What Freemasonry has done is to substitute Hiram for Jesus and imitation for faith. A Christian can have only one reaction to the message when the facts are so sharply brought into focus: he stands with the church and rejects the false gospel of Freemasonry.

Numerous people have reported that they have led a Mason out of the lodge using our flip-chart. It was apparent from the beginning that it would be effective from the pulpit, as well. We now provide the presentation in several forms. The flip-chart can be used to make a series of "overheads" which are used with an overhead projector. The advantage is that the congregation can read the Scriptures on the screen and see the words from the Masonic documents. Being able to see and read, as well as hear, improves comprehension. Recently we have been providing the presentation in the form of a color slide presentation. A Kodak Carousel projector (Many churches have one.) and screen are used to good advantage. The pages from the Masonic documents are placed on the right side of the slide, with the text being quoted displayed in large text on the left. The presenter essentially has only to read the text on the slides. This makes preparation easy. The advantage to the audience is substantial. If a large screen is used, they can see the photographic images of the authentic Masonic documents and read them even from the rear of the sanctuary. Having seen the original Masonic documents with their own eyes, Masons are no longer able to convince Christians in the congregation that the pastor, or other speaker, doesn't know what he is talking about. Having the original documents published by the Grand Lodges provides credibility. Masons can later deny the truth all day long, but since the Grand Lodges have placed much of the heresy of Freemasonry in writing and the congregation has seen the documentation, Masonic denials can be easily recognized as lies.

Slides, overheads and flip-charts of the structured presentation have been made available to pastors, elders, deacons and laymen in the churches in various states. If a pastor wants someone to make the presentation to his congregation, we work

with several speakers who can do so. If a pastor wants to handle the job himself, we will work with him to customize the presentation so that critical portions show the pages from the monitor for his state. When the presentation is made from the pulpit, at the end of the presentation, the speaker states, "Please listen carefully. If, from what you have heard and seen, you are convinced that Freemasonry is totally incompatible with Christianity, will you literally stand for Jesus at this time." The response is predictable. Christians stand. Those who are sold out to the lodge dig in their heels. Often, Masons will flee from the sanctuary. (Masons act somewhat like cockroaches in that when you turn on the lights, they run for cover.)

West Virginia

A GARB church in West Virginia had a few members who were Masons. A man who was nominated for deacon did not want to accept the office because he felt he could not condone Freemasonry in the church. When we spoke with him by phone, we encouraged him to take materials from our website and share them with his pastor. Rick shared the material with his pastor and others in the church he felt were solid Christians. The pastor called us by phone. We provided him with a series of video tapes from previous Ministry to Masons conferences which allowed him to gain a lot of knowledge quickly. We also provided tracts and the materials to help him lead church members out of the lodge and a copy of the **WEST VIRGINIA MASONIC TEXT BOOK**, the monitor for West Virginia. The pastor took the issue seriously, as did the deacons. The pastor was planning to take a church in another state in a few months. After examining the issues, the deacons decided that they would strongly prefer that the pastor address the topic and "clean up the church" before he left. They felt that it would be a great blessing for the next pastor to move into a church which had already dealt with Freemasonry.

The pastor spoke with the Masons in the congregation privately and was not able to gain repentance. The pastor educated the deacons and delivered our presentation from the pulpit. The response was as expected. Christians stood on the rock and the few Masons present chose to stand on Freemasonry. The congregation was convicted and passed a resolution to the bylaws which prohibited church membership for Freemasons. The goal at this church was restoration, followed by action which would prevent others in the church from being ensnared. Unfortunately, the Masonic members of the congregation decided not to repent. They left the church instead.

North Carolina

A Southern Baptist church was blessed to have a new associate pastor who cares for the souls of men. He came to know that a man in the church was a member of the local lodge. He, the senior pastor and the deacons, investigated Freemasonry and the deacons passed a resolution which was to be voted upon by the congregation. They did not have much in the way of Masonic documentation. A search of the internet turned up many websites. What the associate pastor found at many sites was sensationalism. What he found on our website was a defense of the Gospel and opposition to Freemasonry based on the Scriptures and Grand Lodge documents. His initial Email to us stated:

We are in the process of trying to adapt a policy that would prevent any Masons from serving in any elected leadership position. However, there

are many people who reject this proposal and the stance against Freemasonry due to the lack of primary sources (i.e. Masonic texts and documents which actually state these heretical beliefs and practices) in defending our position.

We provided the critical documents which were necessary to prove the facts concerning Masonic heresy. In addition, we provided a substantial quantity of video tapes from Ministry to Masons conferences which were used to further educate both pastors and the deacons. They were to have a vote on the issue shortly.

After watching the videos, the pastors and deacons engaged in dialog with former Worshipful Master Duane Washum and myself in a conference call. They asked how we would recommend that they proceed. We recommend that the entire congregation be educated about Freemasonry during a Sunday morning service. When an entire congregation is able to see the documentation and compare Masonic teachings with Scripture, the outcome is more decisive. We offered to provide them with a slide presentation which the pastor could deliver from the pulpit. The presentation would have photographs of the key pages from the North Carolina Lodge Manual in addition to the other standard elements. The entire congregation would be able to view North Carolina Masonic documents. In addition, we offered a custom tract created using quotes from the Lodge Manual which demonstrated that North Carolina Freemasonry taught salvation without Jesus. Time was short. The pastors and deacons indicated that they would prefer to have a guest speaker who could deal with the issue. The video tapes acquainted them with several speakers who work with us. In order to make certain that church leadership understood what the Masonic response would be, we arranged a conference call with a pastor who had already been through the Masonic battle. He warned them that the Masonic crowd was already working against them; the pulpit would certainly come under attack. Arrangements were made to have our structured presentation made from the pulpit during the Sunday morning service. The vote was to be taken in a business meeting that evening.

As soon as an announcement was made that a guest speaker was coming to speak on Freemasonry, the battle began in earnest. One man who defends the lodge stated that he would bring other men with him to disrupt the service. (He did attempt to disrupt the service.) The pastors received numerous calls from those who supported the lodge. It was a stressful time for the pastors, the deacons and their wives. We put them in touch with yet another pastor who had been through the Masonic battle a few years ago. He was able to explain what the Masonic crowd was doing. Networking is our standard operating procedure. We want pastors to know how Freemasons are likely to respond when the heresy of Freemasonry is exposed. (Usually, we get them plugged into the network well before the battle begins. In this case, we were contacted after the motion was scheduled for a vote.) A personal testimony from another pastor and encouragement to stay the course can be a real blessing during the battle. The pastors, deacons and guest speakers met Saturday evening for prayer. All of the Masonic documents which would be used were examined by all present. The pastors and deacons did the Berean thing. They checked the quotes in context. They held the original documents in their hands. Seeing the evidence first hand makes a difference because you then know that you know. Later, when Masons lie, you will know that they are lying. Lies are fruit of the father of lies.

Because the guest speakers and topic were announced in advance, attendance was down substantially on Sunday morning. Normally 275 would be present. Only about 200 attended the service; the pews were able to seat many, many more. The parking lot had a lot of empty spaces. Many of the pro-Masonic crowd decided not to attend, including the man they knew was a Mason. In general, the Masonic crowd does not want to hear criticism of Freemasonry, or its teachings.

The Gospel was clearly presented. The congregation was asked, "Are we in complete agreement on these things?" Almost all held up their hands to indicate that they agreed fully. At that point the speaker addressed the Masonic gospel and explained that in Masonic ritual Hiram Abif is killed, buried and resurrected. The documents which prove that Freemasonry sees Hiram as a prototype savior to be imitated in order to gain entry into heaven were projected on the screen. The images of the pages were nearly 5 feet tall. They could be read from the back of the sanctuary. Critical statements in the monitor were examined to consider what each phrase meant. The plain English meaning of the instruction at the conclusion of the Master Mason ritual is that Masons should imitate Hiram Abif to get into the Celestial Lodge above. It is a plan of salvation as confirmed by the statement in the **NORTH CAROLINA LODGE MANUAL** which states that "Master Masons represent men raised to the faith of salvation." The North Carolina documents were projected and examined by the congregation. The evidence was unmistakable.

The congregation was faced with the undeniable fact that Freemasonry was a religion which was opposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Freemasonry teaches a plan of salvation based on another savior. The speaker told them to listen carefully and then asked, "If you are convinced that Freemasonry is incompatible with Christianity, will you literally stand with your pastors and deacons at this time?" Approximately two-thirds of the congregation were on their feet. Masonic supporters were not about to be moved; they had dug their heels in before the service started. They were not concerned that Freemasonry teaches salvation without Jesus and ritualizes the death, burial and resurrection of Hiram Abif. They remained seated. It was obvious that the Southern Baptist congregation had been highly compromised by the leaven of Freemasonry. Paul warned that, "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." (1 Cor 5)

Sunday evening was different. The parking lot was packed. Pro-Masonic forces were there to defend their turf, a Masonically infiltrated church. Pew space was at a premium. The business meeting was civil. There was no need for the Masonic forces to disrupt the meeting because they knew they had the votes. There was discussion, limited to three minutes per person. One young man stood and warned, "If we tolerate this heresy, there will be nothing left of this church. It will be empty inside and those who remain will be empty." A Mason stood and stated that what was said during the morning service was not true of his lodge. He had not been present to hear, or see the evidence, yet he denied it just the same. His denial of truth was met with widespread applause. The vote was taken. The congregation voted to allow men who meet in secret to teach salvation on the basis of imitating Hiram Abif to hold office in their Southern Baptist church. In essence, there were 92 votes for Hiram and 61 votes for Jesus. Years of Masonic infiltration within the Southern Baptist Convention and compromise of the Gospel have resulted in a congregation which has many non-Christian members. The pastors were devastated to see the congregation embrace error. Yet all did not embrace error, or express tolerance of heresy.

Time will tell what the remnant decides to do. It is not a stable situation. God does not want them to remain yoked with pro-Masonic unbelievers. (2 Cor 6:14-7:1.)

Indiana

An Indiana church which had two Masons in attendance cared enough for their souls that they exercised church discipline. The initial contact was by Email. The pastor asked for our package on how to lead a man from the lodge. We supplied the package and other materials as appropriate. Perhaps it is best to let him tell the story. Two of his Emails explain it quite well.

Dear Brother Kunk,

I have been busy going over your various materials on Freemasonry. I have downloaded much of your source documents and have watched and listened to the tapes. It has been all most helpful--and alarming. I had studied some things about this cult in the past, but your materials and approach to getting men out are excellent! We have two men in our church who are in the Lodge. One has been for many, many years. He is Knights Templar. His wife is OES. He has been in the church for many years, long before I came here about three years ago. The other man, I just learned, joined the Lodge about one year ago. He joined the same Lodge, and I rather suspect the first man had something to do with it. The first man, if he did recruit the second man, did so very secretly because I have not known him to be promoting the Lodge. A couple years ago I resolved with the deacons that we would not recommend any Lodge member for church membership. Now it is time to deal with these two men. They would both profess salvation through Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. So I believe the approach I must take is what you have outlined in your material. I would appreciate your prayers in this. Is it possible for me to get the Indiana Monitor?

This is my current experience with FM. I am resolved that these men must come out of FM. And if they are not willing to forsake the false savior and plan of salvation of Freemasonry, then they should either get out or be put out of the church (Matt. 18, 1 Cor 5, 1 Cor 10:16-22, 2 Cor 6:14, Titus 3:10, 2 John 9-10). Keep standing for the faith God has put into our hands to hold fast and forth.

Pastor Tom

We supplied further materials as requested. Later, Pastor Tom explained how it went.

Dear Brother Kunk,

We have been working through the situation here. Two men were confronted with the truths of the gospel and the facts of Freemasonry. Step two also has taken place (Matt. 18). On February 14th I instructed the church: "Freemasonry is totally incompatible with Biblical Christianity."

The church is standing. The two men have not yet repented and come out of the Lodge. They have not been back to this church since the 14th. One man has used the typical Masonic defenses and has lied and attacked. He even said to some, including his wife (who is in the OES), that the things I presented straight from the Monitor [**INDIANA MONITOR & FREEMASON'S GUIDE, PUBLISHED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA - ed.**] are not true. He told someone that those were written by enemies of the Lodge. He told me I was going to go to hell. Others heard him say it to me. The other man seems somewhat more open to doing what is right; he could see the difference in the true gospel and the "other gospel" of the Lodge, but kept saying "But it's not a religion." This too has been dealt with based on the Indiana Monitor. (Thanks for sending that; it was most helpful!)

We held a special church meeting and passed unanimously a recommended resolution from the deacons and me (which summarizes the key problems of Freemasonry and the position of our church). We also passed unanimously an amendment to our constitution that now forbids membership in the Lodge or such organizations by members of this church. Those still in the Lodge

were given one week to get out by officially resigning from the Lodge. So far they have not, so they have been removed from membership. Our resolution was the church's voice to them to come out so they might stand with us in the defense and confirmation of the gospel of Christ. Please pray for us. I will let you know how things go. I will send you a copy of our resolution. We also have my notes and tape of the session I did for the church on Freemasonry. I would be happy to send you this also, if you desire. Overall, the response of the church to this has been excellent. Praise the Lord. Thanks for praying. Keep on keeping on. Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom did not use our presentation, but crafted his own which embodied the same methodology. He reviewed the Gospel, then documented the heresy of Freemasonry. Masonic heresy was projected for all to see. He was careful in his choice of source material. We stress this every time we talk with a pastor. Grand Lodge documentation must be used to support each and every claim, if we are to have the best and most effective apologetic. When I listened to the tape of Pastor Tom's message, it was obvious that he had a firm grasp on the critical issues. The response to dealing with Freemasonry in a Scriptural way was pleasing to God. The church was strengthened as a result of standing for truth. In time, the Masons who were expelled may repent. If they do not, the pastor will not stand before God with the blood of Masons on his hands. (Ezekiel 33:6) If they do choose to repent, every member of the church will have had a hand in expressing the whole counsel of God. When a church stands together for Jesus, it will not knowingly tolerate Freemasonry.

EMAIL

We receive a steady stream of Email in response to our website. Our server also hosts the Ex-Masons for Jesus (EMFJ) website. Ex-Mason Duane Washum shares some of the mail he receives. Men continue to leave the lodge. Sometimes we are told it was the material on the Eph 5:11 site which pierced a Masonic heart. Sometimes it was material from the EMFJ site. A Mason named Kevin wrote in response to the Eph 5:11 website:

Dear Sirs, I have been a Christian for almost 21 years. . . I have also been a Freemason since 1986 as was my father before him and my father's grandfather. I promised myself that if I ever found anything in the Masonic teachings that contradicted the teachings of Jesus the Christ that I would shun the Masonic order. I studied your entire website in great detail and I feel that a lot of your claims about the Masonic order are out of context. When I received my third degree . . . there was at no time ever, where Hiram Abif was referred to as Jesus. I agree with every fiber of my being that Jesus is the only way to salvation. The Masonic fraternity in the State of Missouri is not a religion nor does it profess to be a substitute for religion. Most religious groups believe that they are right and that everyone else is inalterably wrong. Freemasonry takes the stand that there is truth in all religion and that the individual beliefs of its members are their business and theirs alone. The Masonic lodge is a fraternity that enables men of all religious backgrounds a chance to fellowship with one another-hence-not all masons are Christian, therefore our ritual does not have a lot of reference to New Testament scripture. . . There is no one on this earth that is worthy to judge their fellow man and from what I gather from your website, I was deeply offended and felt that I was being judged. . . I feel that you all should concentrate some of this chastisement of Masons toward trying to convert lost bretheren to Christ. I have a crystal clear conscience of my Masonic ties. We are a fraternity . . . [not a religion, etc., ed.] Kevin

A dialog with Kevin ensued. There were several exchanges, then the following message arrived:

In the event that I were to shun the Masonic lodge and put all this behind me, where do I go from here? Is it as simple as just stop paying my dues to

lodge and go the "suspended for non payment of dues" thing and go on with life? . . . In case you hadn't guessed I've seriously considered what you've shared with me. I've talked to several other people at church, etc. . . As you have probably guessed Larry, I want to do what is right. Where do I go from here? Kevin

Within a week, Kevin and I had a conversation by phone. He is out of the lodge. We have invited him to give a testimony at the Ex-Masons for Jesus testimonial session at the Ministry to Masons Conference.

The impact of a resignation letter

Duane Washum forwarded the following Email:

Hey Duane,

How's it going? Boy, have I got a praise report for you! Last night I recieved a phone call from a young man who is a member of the lodge here in town. He said he was at the lodge the night they read my resignation letter aloud in the lodge. He said that it got him to thinking about what I said in the letter and that it especially hit him when I started backing up my concerns with scripture. He said that it then made him mad when a lot of the older men in the lodge started to make up their own reasons for why I had done that such as "That's not right what he says in that letter" and "I'll bet his wife is behind that". He also said that they got a retired Baptist preacher (who is a member) to stand up and lead the prayers that night instead of the chaplain.

To make a long story short, he has since spoken with his pastor about his concerns and has recently made the decision to leave the lodge. He told me that he mailed a letter to the lodge the other day and [name of lodge] has their stated meeting this coming Monday night. It would be interesting to find out if they get all worried that this is going to start a domino effect and cause a mass exodus from the lodge.

The young man also told me that his preacher had some literature available to give him about the subject and suggested to him that this may be a ministry opportunity that the Lord is opening up to him. I think that's neat that his pastor had some literature and was somewhat knowledgeable on the subject to be able to council him. I told him if he and his pastor were to get something like that started to let me know so I could help out.

So you see, I recieved a twofold blessing out of this. Not only did I learn for certain that the lodge had in fact recieved and acknowledged my letter of resignation but as a result of hearing it another man saw the "true light" and made the decision to leave the lodge. God is great!

Your brother in Christ, Earl

Lay people are often effective in the battle

Lay people are often used by God, as Earl was. Sometimes, pastors are used by the lodge to condone heresy, as happened when Earl's resignation letter was read. Rick, a layman in West Virginia brought our materials to the attention of his pastor who was then able to present the incoming pastor with a clean church. The incoming pastor was GREATLY blessed. Many, many times it is a layman who finds our site and supports his pastor by providing our materials to him, or uses the information to lead a man from the lodge. Why not download some solid materials for your pastor? Our PDF files may be downloaded and stored on your computer, or they may be printed while you are on-line. The Adobe Reader is required, but it is available free on-line. Our essays explain the issues from a scriptural basis in a concise manner. Feel free to share them with as many in your congregation as you wish. Visit our download page at:

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