

To be accepted into Freemasonry I was interviewed by three Masons in my home. One of the questions asked was if I believed in a supreme being. As a Christian this seemed like a good question. Knowing that these men were Christians I was encouraged in my desire to become a Mason. Though I knew little about Freemasonry my grandfather was a Mason and my grandmother, active in the church, was a Worthy Grand Matron in the Eastern Star. I knew several Masons in the church who talked about the various functions and charitable works they did. I thought of Freemasonry as a Christian organization or at least an organization that Christians were part of. I had never heard anything from the church to believe otherwise.

My first night walking into the lodge started out as a happy occasion. I was excited to finally arrive being greeted by members of my church. I was pleased to see my former high school principal, a local politician and many prominent men within our community. These men seemed equally pleased to see me there. Of course I didn't know I was the entertainment for the evening. It began with a pat on the back by someone who said, "So, you're the one riding the goat tonight". I felt suddenly confused as to what was going to happen that evening. Then a second man apparently waiting to do his part came over and said, "Don't worry, there's no goat". Three times I was told I'd be riding a goat and then told there was no goat. My confusion had grown into a mixture of fear and embarrassment not knowing what to believe. However, the situation would get much worse beyond anything I ever could have imagined.

After this had taken place it was time to be prepared for the main event. In Masonic terms, I would be 'properly prepared' for the ritual involved in becoming an Entered Apprentice Mason, the first degree of Freemasonry. I was about to enter into the occult through ritual and symbolism necessary for spiritual bondage into darkness. Preparation began with being divested of all metallic objects to include even a wedding band. A requirement for entering into a new covenant relationship with the god of Freemasonry, The Great Architect Of The Universe. This new covenant relationship established through the rituals that evening would supercede all other previous covenant relationships including even the marriage covenant. The Masonic obligation sworn that evening forbids the Mason from sharing anything he has said or done to anyone outside of the Masonic Brotherhood, including his own wife. He binds himself in a blood oath, a self invoked curse, should he divulge any of the secrets of Freemasonry conveyed to him. Of course I didn't know any of this or the things I would be binding myself to as I was being prepared. I only knew that I wanted out of this place but I had become virtually paralyzed by the fear and confusion in my mind. Men I knew and trusted stood near giving their assurance that everything was okay, that they'd all done this, that I'd do a fine job.

Next I was told I had to undress to my underwear having been given a pajama type attire to wear. I couldn't believe this was happening as my Christian friends smiled while encouraging me to continue. I stood there with one slipper on, my other foot left bare. One pant leg was rolled up, the other down. The shirt I wore was left open exposing my chest. Then these men I trusted, these Christians, put a noose around my neck called a cable tow with the end hanging down. Finally, after some adjustments I was blindfolded with what is called a hoodwink. Blindfolded, I had a conductor take me by the arm who would lead me around in circles called circumambulation. Circumambulation is a ritual performed during a Hindu marriage ceremony. This is what its all about that first night into the lodge, a new covenant relationship binding the initiate in a marriage ceremony with The Great Architect Of The Universe. As a marriage ceremony invoking a supreme being spiritual entities were present and attentive to the vows made that night. Authority was given to the forces of darkness, destructive powers of darkness so many Christians have brought into their families and churches.

Before the rituals could begin some other things had to occur. As a Christian it was necessary that I renounce Jesus to enter into a new covenant. To accomplish this my conductor led me to the inner lodge door and knocked. The Worshipful Master from within called out, "Who goes there?" My conductor replied, "Evans Nicholson who has long been in darkness now seeks the light of our ancient fraternal order". With a nudge I said, "I do". With those words I agreed that I had been in darkness, that I did not recognize Jesus to be the Light of my life or the Light of this world. That instead of Jesus, I was now seeking another light. In the upper

degrees The Great Architect Of The Universe, the light bearer, is called Lucifer. For more information on this we have a one page document on our web site [The Christian, Lucifer And Freemasonry](#). Our [documents and manuals](#) along with [links](#) to other ministries expand on these issues.

With these spoken words I had effectively and spiritually renounced Jesus in my life. The rituals could now begin. I'd been told that upon entering I'd feel a slight pressure from a pointed instrument upon my naked left breast. With a sword pressed against my chest a challenge was given asking if I had been duly and properly prepared. Questions continued, asking if it was my desire to proceed upon this most frightful and dangerous journey. Each time I received the nudge I obediently replied with either, yes or I do. Led in circles, circumambulation, we would stop at stations occupied by officers of the lodge where more questions were asked. More vows of loyalty and obedience to this so-called ancient fraternal order, my marriage promises to the god of Freemasonry. It was indeed a frightful journey that didn't seem to end no matter how much I wanted out of there. It just kept getting worse. There had been no preparation, no warning. If I'd known even a little of this, I'd never have come to this awful place to do these awful things.

With those rituals completed I was taken to the Masonic altar and placed in a kneeling position where I would repeat after the Worshipful Master the obligation for an Entered Apprentice Mason. There "...; binding myself under no less penalty than to have my throat cut across, my tongue torn out by the roots,...so help me god". A more complete rendition of this oath is found in one of our publications, [The Court System And Freemasonry](#) pages 19 – 20. Initiation oaths for some of the other degrees are found on pages 26 – 29.

After completing this obligation my hoodwink was yanked off to sudden light and noise from the Masons clapping and stomping their feet. Startled by this, the spiritual application is meant to induce an altered state of consciousness. Those who have been involved in witchcraft ceremony tell us that by inducing this altered state of consciousness the initiate is made vulnerable to spiritual possession. Most Masons are of course ignorant of this and the spiritual significance of these ancient witchcraft rituals performed in the Masonic lodge. What Christian would ever voluntarily give themselves over to demonic possession? These witchcraft rituals this first night are spiritually designed to compromise the Christian to such an extent that his ability to discern good from evil no longer functions. The best video presentation of former witches and Freemasons comparing their rituals that I'm aware of is from Jeremiah Films, [Freemasonry: From Darkness To Light](#). This video reveals to all the witchcraft origins involved in Masonic ritual. Of profound significance, many Freemasons after watching this video renounce their membership being 'set free' in Jesus.

From my kneeling position I was instructed to kiss the Bible on the Masonic altar to seal my obligation. Even though I may have felt some relief seeing this Bible it is only intended to serve as an illusion, as a part of the deadly deception. The square and compass emblems, Masonic fertility emblems symbolizing the sex act, rest upon the Bible to supercede all biblical authority in a most obscene manner. The Bible is called 'a movable piece of lodge furniture. In his booklet, [From Paganism To Christ, A Journey Through Hinduism, Islam And Freemasonry](#), Rev. Mick Oxley shares the following on page 10. "We had on display more than five Volume of the Sacred Law. The Bible is not called a Bible in Freemasonry, its just one of the Holy books of a particular religion – Quran for the Muslim brethren, the Bhagavad-Gita for the Hindu and so on. When taking a degree, each candidate swears the oath on the Holy Book of his particular religion". Contact information for Rev. Oxley is provided at conclusion of article.

With that kiss, a symbol of commitment to my vows, covenant relationship was complete. Now it was time to receive instruction from the lodge. I was given a secret password, a secret handshake and lectures on how to be a good Mason in my new quest for 'more light'. Can you imagine Christians even pastors, watching this, participating and giving their approval? This is testament to the depth of spiritual bondage the Christian takes upon himself his first night in the lodge after renouncing Jesus. He defends all of it to his family, his church and his congregation. He has given spiritual authority for it to operate in his life, his family and within his church. One of our documents, [Generational Curses](#) looks at the destruction Masons and their families become vulnerable to. We have other documents, [They Took The Oath, Are You Paying The Price?](#) Ministry resources

in our manual [Freemasonry On Trial](#) and links to other ministries with their resources. We also provide [Prayer Of Release](#) from Selwyn Stevens, Jubilee Ministry Trust in New Zealand. Used around the world it is a prayer to break ancestral curses and for setting Masons free in Jesus.

Books have been written to explain in greater depth and detail all the spiritual darkness occurring in the lower degrees. I have shared a very small portion of what I went through, the spiritual authority I took upon myself that first night in the lodge. I became a Mason in 1983. Since then there have been changes as the blood oaths and rituals gained public attention judged as being repulsive. Much of the change occurring began in England in 1984 with Stephen Knight's book, *The Brotherhood* becoming an international seller. This continued with Martin Short's book, *Inside the Brotherhood* in 1989. Faced with adverse public reaction lodges in England removed the blood oaths in the lower degrees. Facing this and a dwindling membership some lodges in North America began doing the same to attract new members. There has been greater emphasis on charity with media exposure of Masonic charities helping children, the deaf and blind. However, despite these ongoing changes to gain public acceptability the god of Freemasonry hasn't changed or the spiritual forces the Mason submits to. If Jesus refers to Satan's domain as a Synagogue of Satan does calling it a Masonic Temple change anything? If a generational curse and the curses a Mason takes upon himself are used as a criteria then its apparent God is not willing to make spiritual concessions despite His love for Masons. In fact, Mason or otherwise, we are all responsible for the spiritual consequences we allow into our lives. Fortunately, God is infinitely gracious in His mercies towards us as we repent and are set free from those things we allow into our lives.

As a Mason we were taught that each degree was a 'most solemn occasion' for our 'most solemn obligation' in which we sought 'more light' with each ascending degree. Pious words to alter our perception of those within the Brotherhood and those unenlightened members of society now referred to as being 'profane'. This explained to me why the Masons in my church, who although good men, seemed aloof in their clique within the church. They would either consciously or unconsciously consider the other Christians to be profane. Even if unintentional the spiritual forces operating within them dictate this to be so.

When I left Freemasonry I had issues with these things and what these Christian had done to me. Not a good frame of mind for reaching out to Masons with truth even though that was my desire. Knowing God loved Masons He was able to change and rearrange my heart issues until I loved Masons also. To be able to reach out to Masons we are required to extend compassion to them knowing the spiritual condition they are in. To pray for them and to love them so that they can be set free. To help understand God's love for Masons we have documents on our web site like, [The Church And Freemasonry](#), [Dialogue With A Christian Mason](#) and [Witnessing To Masons](#). While cultivating a love for Masons we are required to speak truth and to defend the spiritual boundaries God has given us. He will bless our commitment in this when we seek His wisdom and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. If we are willing to do it His way without our own agendas.

Often it's asked how a Christian, a pastor – could ever be involved in this. The fact that Christians and pastors become Masons is a demonstration of the powers of darkness to deceive even the elect. The necessary level of bondage to take the Christian captive was imperative that first night. Some manage to escape after that first night though most don't. The next two degrees however build upon the demonic foundation laid with one further significant commitment. After completing the Master Mason rituals the candidate is brought back in having been told, "Its not over yet". He has yet to receive his Masonic baptism. Blindfolded, he will be symbolically murdered by a blow to the head. Buried for three days (sound familiar) he is 'raised' back to life as a newly initiated Master Mason. He renounced Jesus to seek another light. Now he has been baptized into that spiritual darkness and spiritual death, symbolized by this occult resurrection. How could anyone not have compassion for these men, these Christians and their families so completely snared into Satan's kingdom of death and destruction?

Since 75 percent of Masons never go beyond the Master Mason degree they don't learn who The Great Architect Of The Universe is called in the upper degrees. They don't learn about the other things like communion drunk out of the top of a human skull. In our [Audio Files](#) we have portions of a Bob Larson radio

talk show with guest speaker Ed Decker. One of the callers, Paul is a born-again Christian and a 32nd degree Mason. Paul has called in asking what he needs to renounce to be set free from his involvement in the lodge. The following is taken from the dialogue between Ed Decker and Paul from our Audio Files.

Paul: I guess really what I'm wanting to know from you all is what have I actually vowed going through the Scottish Rite, the 32nd degree? Basically I can't tell you three things I said all weekend. It was a tremendously long boring weekend and you just sit there and go along with the program.

Ed: Did you take communion when you went through the 30th degree?

Paul: Communion! I think so.

Ed: Out of the top of a human skull?

Paul: Yes.

The Great Architect Of The Universe has a name, Lucifer, in the upper degrees of the Scottish Rite. In his booklet, *The Question Of Freemasonry*, Ed Decker shares the following on pages 17 – 19;

“Masonic ritual is concerned with the recovery of the “Lost Word”, presumed to be the name of God – supposedly lost through the murder of the architect, Hiram Abiff, during the building of Solomon's Temple. This quest is attained during the ritual of the **ROYAL ARCH DEGREE**.

It is here that the **SECRET NAME** of the **DEITY OF MASONRY** is revealed. That name is “**JAHBULON**”. “**JAH**” is the short form of the Hebrew name of God, “*Yahweh*”, or “*Jehovah*” “**BUL**” is a rendering of the name, **BAAL**. “**ON**” is the term used in the Babylonian mysteries to call upon the deity, “**OSIRIS**”! The secret ritual book of the Craft prints the letters J.B.O. It states that: “We three do meet and agree – in peace, love and unity – the Sacred Word to keep – and never to divulge the same – until we three, or three such as we – do meet and agree”. Thus, no Royal Arch Mason can pronounce the sacred name by himself.

In European Masonry, which tends to be more openly occult than the U.S. variety, this sacred “Omnific Word” is pronounced “**JAOBULON**”. Now, this totally removes the biblical God from consideration, because “**JAO**” is another spelling of “**IAO**”. (There is no “J” in Greek.) IAO is a name for the god of the Gnostics, *Ialdabaoth*, or *Iao*, also used today in black magic invocations performed by Satanists like Aleister Crowley such as the “Ritual of the Rose Cross”. (Israel Regardie, *The Golden Dawn*, vol.3,p.49, 1970 edition).

Thus, what you see represented as the god of Masonry is a three-headed monster so remote from the Christian Trinity and so blasphemous as to damn the soul of anyone who would dare to pronounce its name in a ritual of worship”.

In his booklet, *From Paganism To Christ*, Rev. Mick Oxley shares the following on pages 11 – 12;

“After being posted back again to England, I decided to take the Royal Arch Degree. It was this degree which really made me see the extent of the evil of Freemasonry. The Royal Arch Degree is pretty much the same in America as in Europe. Royal Arch Masons gather around what is called an altar or Ark and call out using the secret name of God, which supposedly is known only by Royal Arch Masons.

They call upon the pagan god of Freemasonry, “**JAH-BUL-ON**”. Each of the three men forming the “Holy Royal Arch” speaks a syllable in rapid succession.

The word JAH-BUL-ON is supposed to have been rediscovered in some long forgotten vault. It is the secret name of the Masonic god, whom Masons refer to as “The Great Architect Of The Universe”. This “lost name of God” is found only in the Royal Arch degree.

After the ritual I asked my fellow Royal Arch Masons who had been in the order for several years about the true meaning behind the word JAH-BUL-ON.

I was told that Jah is supposed by some to be short for Yahweh, the God of the Christian and Jew, BUL is a rendering of the name BAAL or BEL, the ancient name of the Canaanite god. ON or LUN was supposed to be the Chaldean name of God.

The name Baal seemed vaguely familiar to me. After being given these explanations, I went home and began searching the scriptures. I found Baal in 1st Kings, chapter 18”.

On pages 13 – 14 Rev. Oxley continues with the following;

“I realized that this name of the Masonic Deity, JAH-BUL-ON is a three-headed pagan god, so remote from the Christian faith and so blasphemous as to damn the eternal soul of anyone who would dare to pronounce its name in worship!

It is spiritual insanity for a Christian to stand at this altar with others, some vicars, clergymen, lawyers, businessmen of all religions and creeds – Hindus, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, and men of other faiths – and cry out this unholy name in ritual and worship.

Here then is revealed the true identity of the Masonic god, the Great Architect of the Universe! Freemasonry amounts to nothing less than **BAAL worship**.

The ritual and a full explanation of what I have just shared can be found in Duncan’s Masonic Ritual and Monitor. Duncan’s closely agrees with the rituals which I practiced as an Irish, English and then Scottish Freemason.

From its very beginnings in England, then in Europe and the rest of the world, Freemasonry has lied to and deceived its members by this subtle trickery. Even those who are taught the “Ineffable Name”, of the pagan Masonic god, JAH-BUL-ON, do not understand or appreciate the truth behind this name, because of the deliberate deception used.

The truth is intentionally hidden throughout the Masonic degrees, in the ritual itself, hidden by the leaders, and the members are taught – as I was – that the brethren in Masonic leadership would never lie to a Brother Mason! That is the biggest lie in Freemasonry!”

It’s amazing - Christians even pastors involved in this. What’s more amazing - Christians, pastors and the church that remains silent choosing to spiritually partake of it. Ezekiel 3: 17 – 21, apparently God is saying here that He takes this very seriously concerning those who choose to give consent by their silence.

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These and other ministries are listed in our manual [Freemasonry On Trial](#), Part 3 pages 57 – 59 under Contact Resources. We also provide Suggested Reading on pages 52 – 56.