Masonry a Religion
Part One
MASONS DECLARE FREEMASONRY TO BE A RELIGION!

Let us stop here for a moment, to dispense with the current Masonic deception that their organization is not a religion. Let us review some quotes:

"Every Masonic Lodge is a temple of religion, and its teachings are an instruction in religion." ["Morals and Dogma", Albert Pike, p. 231-L]

"It [Masonry] is the universal, eternal, immutable religion, such as God planted it in the heart of universal humanity." [Ibid., p. 219-M]

"But the Masonic organizations in which these legends were cherished, like Masonic Lodges today, were religious bodies." [The Holy Bible: The Great Light In Masonry", King James Version, Temple Illustrated Edition, A.J. Holman Company, 1968, p. 26]

"... Masonry may rightfully claim to be called a religious institution." ["A New and Revised Edition: An Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry and Its Kindred Sciences", by Albert Mackey, M.D., 33º, Volume II, p. 618.

Do not be deceived; Freemasonry is a religion!
In ancient Greece, there were organized groups or guilds (like our unions) such as the 'Dionysiacs', and in Rome the 'Collegium Muriorum', who built the temples and stadiums. These groups who were the forerunners of the Masons were the draftsmen, builders, carpenters, and craftsmen who erected the huge cathedrals, castles, abbeys and churches during the Middle Ages. Because they 'lodged' or lived together during the construction this is where the term 'masonic lodge' was originated.
Detriot - Mason Temple
• Washington Masonic Temple
Freemasonry is an international semisecret fraternal movement of regionally or nationally federated organizations with about 200,000 Canadian members. Although Freemason mythology traces the group's origins to the construction of King Solomon's Temple, historians identify its origins in English medieval stonemason guilds, which formed among the skilled craftsmen who built cathedrals, castles and other stone structures (the term "Masonic lodge" derives from the working quarters that masons built next to construction sites).
Montreal
Canada
Solomon's Temple
Rome
The Temple is so very important to the Mason that he took the final step to spiritualize its meaning. Master Masons look upon Solomon's Temple as their symbol of human life, while Royal Arch Masons consider the inferior Temple of Zerubbabel as their symbol of eternal life! The two symbols, taken together, form a spiritual circle, thus "perfecting" the Masonic symbolic system! Now, you can understand how the Temple of Solomon became such a "transcendent" issue for the Mason!
Solomon's Temple

The most famed Temple ever erected dates back to the days of King Solomon. This wise ruler determined to erect a structure that would fittingly express his adoration of God whom he devoutly worshiped and served. To assist him in his glorious undertaking he selected two skilled counselors, Hiram, king of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff, a widow's son, whose devotion stands without parallel in history. With these skilled helpers, Solomon erected a magnificent temple of God that stands at the beginning of all Masonic activity.

See 1 Kings 7, II Chronicles 3,4
Solomon's Temple
Pennsylvania
Freemasonry Temple's were built to copy the design and grandeur of Solomon's Temple. Many have no windows; so as to keep the secrets of the Lodge and Temple within the brotherhood. Counterfeit Temple faces East, not West as did Solomon's Temple. This was the worship of Tammuz.
General Albert Pike, Grand Commander, sovereign pontiff of universal freemasonry, giving instructions to the 23 supreme councils of the world.

“That which we must say to the crowd is, we worship a god, but it is the god one adores without superstition. To you sovereign grand inspector general, we say this and you may repeat it to the brethren of the 32nd, 31st and 30th degrees - the Masonic religion should be by all of us initiates of the high degrees, maintained in the purity of the luciferian doctrine. If lucifer were not god, would Adonay (the God of the Christians) whose deeds prove cruelty, perfidy and hatred of man, barbarism and repulsion for science, would Adonay and His priests, calumniate Him? Yes, lucifer is god, and unfortunately Adonay is also God, for the eternal law is that there is no light without shade, no beauty without ugliness, no white without black, for the absolute can only exist as two gods. darkness being necessary for light to serve as its foil, as the pedestal is necessary to the statue, and the brake to the locomotive. Thus, the doctrine of Satanism is heresy, and the true and pure philosophical religion is the belief in lucifer, the equal of Adonay, but lucifer, god of light and god of good, is struggling for humanity against Adonay, the god of darkness and evil”

"Lucifer, the Light-bearer! Strange and mysterious name to give to the Spirit of darkness! Lucifer, the Son of the Morning! It is he who bears the Light, and with its splendors intolerable, blinds feeble, sensual or selfish souls? Doubt it not!"

Albert Pike, Morals and Dogma of the ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, p321, 19th Degree of Grand Pontiff
The Illuminati (et al) is controlled by the Vatican, Satan's headquarters. The pope's official title is VICARIUS FILII DEI (Latin for "Vicar of the Son of God" or "Vicar of Christ.") The eleven Roman numerals in this title total 666, the number of the Beast. (See Revelation 13:18) Translated into Greek, Vicar of Christ is Antichristos (Antichrist). "Vicar" or "vice" means "in the place of." So Vicar of Christ (or vice-Christ) means "in the place of Christ." But no one may take Christ's place. Anyone who tries is a FALSE Christ--by definition, an antichrist.

The pope, falsely called Father (See Matthew 23:9) is only one antichrist. New Agers and the Illuminati are expecting a SUPERNATURAL antichrist (Satan himself) to show up soon.
Since Masonry is a counterfeit Christianity, it seems logical that Mackey and Waite might be talking about Antichrist, not Jesus Christ. Therefore, Waite really said:

"The Temple of Masonry is hence forward the house of [anti-]Christ".

If plans are really afoot to rebuild Solomon's Temple, it will be for Antichrist, not Jesus Christ. And the Bible foretells just this kind of event, does it not? Listen:

"And many false prophets will rise up and deceive many into error [Verse 11] ... "So when you see the appalling sacrilege [the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate], spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place ...." [Matthew 24:15; Parallel Bible, KJV/Amplified Bible Commentary]

Jesus is quoting Daniel 9:27, 11:31, and 12:11, in which Antichrist will go into the Holy of Holies and commit the "Abomination that Causes Desolation". The Apostle Paul gives us more insight as to why Antichrist's actions are so offensive to God.