

**Breaking the Bonds of Freemasonry**

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## What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry or Masonry refers to fraternal organizations that trace their origins to the local guilds of stonemasons that, from the end of the 13th century, regulated the qualifications of stonemasons and their interaction with authorities and clients. Modern Freemasonry broadly consists of two main recognition groups: • Regular Freemasonry insists that a volume of scripture be open in a working lodge, that every member profess belief in a Supreme Being, that no women be admitted, and that the discussion of religion and politics not take place within the lodge. • Continental Freemasonry consists of the jurisdictions that have removed some, or all, of these restrictions. The basic, local organizational unit of Freemasonry is the Lodge.

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## PRESIDENTIAL FREEMASONS

• <b>George Washington</b> Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4	• <b>Andrew Johnson</b> Member of Greeneville Lodge No. 119
• <b>James Monroe</b> Member of Williamsburg Lodge	• <b>James A. Garfield</b> Raised in Magnolia Lodge No. 20
• <b>Andrew Jackson</b> Grand Master of Tennessee.	
• <b>James K. Polk</b> Member of Columbia Lodge No. 31	
• <b>James Buchanan</b> Initiated in Pennsylvania	

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## PRESIDENTIAL FREEMASONS

- **William McKinley**  
Hiram Lodge No. 21
- **Theodore Roosevelt**  
Matinecock Lodge No. 806
- **William Howard Taft**  
Raised in Kilwinning Lodge No. 356
- **Warren G. Harding**  
Marion Lodge No. 70
- **Harry S. Truman**  
**Grand Master of Missouri** and was a 33<sup>rd</sup> Scottish Rite Mason.
- **Lyndon B. Johnson**  
Johnson City Lodge No. 561 (Texas); later received the 32<sup>nd</sup> Scottish Rite degree.
- **Chester A. Arthur**  
Member of multiple New York lodges.

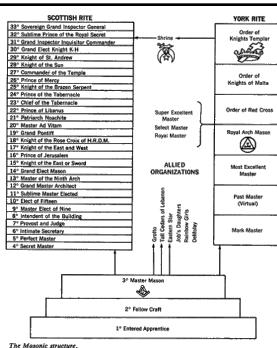
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## **Claimed but Not Masons**

- Abraham Lincoln
- Thomas Jefferson
- John Adams
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Ronald Reagan
- Barack Obama
- Donald Trump

(Some had Masonic *friends* or attended events, but were **not** initiated members.)

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## II Chronicles 2:13-14

- **13** “I am sending you a master craftsman named Huram-abi, who is extremely talented. **14** His mother is from the tribe of Dan in Israel, and his father is from Tyre. He is skillful at making things from gold, silver, bronze, and iron, and he also works with stone and wood. He can work with purple, blue, and scarlet cloth and fine linen. He is also an engraver and can follow any design given to him. He will work with your craftsmen and those appointed by my lord David, your father.

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## Albert Pike Quotes

- “Part of the symbols are displayed there to the initiate, but he is intentionally misled by false interpretations. It is not intended that he shall understand them; but it is intended that he shall imagine he understands them” (Albert Pike, “Morals and Dogma,” page 819)
- “There must always be a commonplace interpretation for the mass of initiates, of the symbols that are eloquent to the Adepts. (Albert Pike, “Morals and Dogma, page 819) (The “Adept” are Thirty-Third Degree and above.)

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“Masonry, like many other Religions, with all the Mysteries, Hermeticism and Alchemy, conceals its secrets from all except the Adepts and Sages, or the Elect, and uses false explanations and misinterpretations of its symbols to mislead those who deserve only to be misled; to conceal the Truth, which it calls Light, from them, and to draw them away from it.” (Albert Pike, “Morals and Dogma,” page 104)

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## Quotes of a past 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason

Freemasonry is a religion. Masons meet in temples, such as the Scottish Rite Temple. They have an altar and there is a “holy book” on it. They have prayers, deacons, and religious titles for their leaders, such as High Priest and Worshipful Master. They say that they bring men from spiritual darkness to spiritual light. In some Masonic degrees, they even serve communion. Although Freemasonry is a religion, most Masons deny it. They use double talk and say “We are an order of religious men, but not a religion.” Most of them are quite sincere about this. (Tom C. McKenney, “Please Tell Me,” pages 81-82)

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## Quotes of a past 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason

Most Masons sincerely (but wrongly) believe that Freemasonry is not a religion. Tom McKenney says, “...they were told upon entering the Lodge that, whatever their religion, Masonry would not conflict with or contradict it. They believed this because sincere men told them so. Those sincere men who told them so believed it because an earlier generation of sincere men had told them the very same thing. And so, this deception, which originated as a lie in Masonry’s dark beginnings, is perpetuated generation after generation.” (Tom C. McKenney, “Please Tell Me,” page 82)

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## Albert Pike on Kabbalah

“All truly dogmatic religions have issued from the Kabbalah and return to it; everything scientific and grand in the religious dreams of all the Illuminati, Jacob Boehme, Swedenborg, Saint Martin, and others, is borrowed from the Kabbalah; all Masonic associations owe to it their Secrets and their Symbols.” (Albert Pike, “Morals and Dogma,” page 744)

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## KABBALAH

• Kabbalah is Jewish mysticism—a tradition that seeks to understand who God is, how creation works, and how humans interact with the divine beyond the plain reading of Scripture.

• The word *Kabbalah* means “that which is received”—knowledge believed to be handed down through tradition.

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## SEFER YETZIRAH

Sefer Yetzirah teaches that God formed creation using: 10 Sefirot (abstract numerical principles, not yet the later Kabbalistic tree)

22 Hebrew letters  
Together, these 32 are called the “Paths of Wisdom.”

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## THE SOHAR (ZOHAR)

The foundational text of Kabbalah, written as a mystical commentary on the Torah in the late 13<sup>th</sup> Century Spain. Attributed to Shimon bar Yochai and Moses de Leon

Core ideas: God's inner life expressed through the Sefirot, The universe is sustained by spiritual balance. Human obedience or sin affects the cosmic order, Light, exile, restoration, and hidden wisdom

It is: Not Scripture, Not prophecy, Not early Judaism, Not Christian

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## ALL 3 TOGETHER:

While all three use symbolism, they come from different worlds:

Sefer Yetzirah → How reality was formed  
 Zohar → Hidden meaning behind Torah  
 Revelation → How history ends under Christ's authority

Attempts to merge them usually come centuries later, often from:  
 Medieval mysticism, Renaissance occultism, Modern esoteric or  
 conspiracy frameworks

Those blends are not original to any of the texts.

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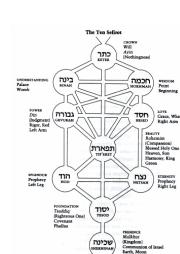
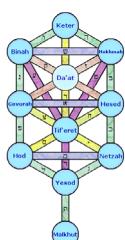
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The Tree of Life  
 From Kabbalah - Modes of God




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## Anti-Christian Quotes

- “A Christian Mason is not permitted to introduce his own peculiar opinions with regards to Christ’s mediatorial office into the lodge.” (Albert G. Mackey, “Lexicon of Freemasonry,” page 404)
- “Whether you swear or take God’s name in vain don’t matter so much. Of course the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, as you know, don’t amount to anything, but Mah-hah-bone... O, horror! You must never, on any account, speak that awful name aloud. That would be a most heinous crime—unmasonic—unpardonable.” (Edmond Ronayne, “Masonic Handbook, Page 104)

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## Anti-Christian Quotes

- “James Shaw, a former, Thirty-third Degree Mason, was appointed Chaplain in the Scottish Rite. Since at that time he didn’t know how to pray, he got a book of John Wesley’s prayers and read one ending “in Christ’s name”. For that he was sharply rebuked by his Commander and reported to the Secretary of the Scottish Rite, who told him that he was never to end a prayer “in Jesus’ name” or “in Christ’s name.” (Tom McKenney, “Please Tell Me,” page 72)

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## Salvation without Christ??

- “The symbolism of the Master’s Degree, as we have it now, is necessarily restricted to the First Temple and to the present life; although it reaches a climax in the assurance of a future life all without the aid of the Bible, God, Jesus Christ or the church.” (John A. Hertel Company, “The Masonic Bible,” pages 10-11)

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## Pagan Worship

“The masonic doctrine of the unity of God teaches that: (1) The names of the different nature gods (Brahma, Baal, Om, On, Dagon, Osiris, Allah, Molech, and Shango), along with Jehovah, all denote the generative (reproductive) principle in nature. (2) All religions are essentially the same in their ideas of the divine. (3) it is for this express purpose that the simple Mason is instructed to look upon every man’s religion as his own.” (C.F. McQuaig and James D. Shaw, “The Masonic Report,” page 8)




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## 1 Corinthians 10:19-21

“What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons.”




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## Initiation and Ritual




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## Symbolism




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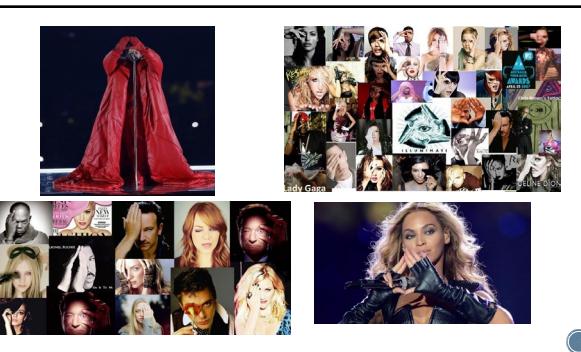


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