

Straight Talk #58 On Witnessing to Freemasons by William J. Schnoebelen, © 1994

Whenever we "target" a person in any cult to try and get them to receive the Messiah in saving faith—even Freemasons—we need to understand up front that it is primarily a spiritual encounter, not an intellectual one. Witnessing to an unbeliever, and most especially to a cultist, is more than just an intellectual exchange of ideas. The Christian should know that the heresies of Freemasonry are not just bad ideas, or even bad theology, they are **evil!**

In other areas of human discourse (politics, sports, etc.) you can just dispute a point back and forth until one or the other party is convinced. However, witnessing to a member of a religion who already has their head filled with Satan's lies cannot—dare not—be an argument! It must be treated as a spiritual encounter—*as spiritual warfare*.

As you are witnessing to a Mason, if you could see into the spiritual realm, you would be astonished at what you can see. When you are trying to show Bible verses to a Mason—even one who claims to be a Christian, there are swarms of deceiving spirits (**1Tim. 4:1**) buzzing around their head like gnats. They will do *anything* they can to impede the progress of the witnessing exchange.

This interference may include telephone calls, people coming to the door uninvited, kids falling out of highchairs, etc. Thus, if you know—in advance—that you are going to witness to a Mason, you should begin praying for them in this fashion:

1.) Pray that you would really be able to minister the truth and LOVE of Yah'shua the Messiah (Jesus Christ in Hebrew) to them.

2.) Pray that the Holy Spirit would give you key Bible verses to share that the Mason really needs to hear, and that his or her heart would be opened to hear them!

3.) Pray for the sensitivity from the Spirit of God (and discernment) to be aware of the Mason's special needs. Be willing—if necessary—to put aside any plans and just respond to their questions. Don't assume all members of the Lodge are fanatics! Many have doubts, but are afraid to articulate them.

4.) Pray that all the lying, deceitful spirits of the Masonic Lodge would be bound from interfering with the witnessing time, at least for a season. The predominant ones are:

- the Spirit of Ba'al, (See note 1)
- the Spirit of Tubalcain, (See note 2)
- the Spirit of Baphomet (See note 3)
- the Spirit of Dagon (See note 4)

- the Spirit of Jah-Bal-On. (See note 5)

5.) Pray for the Spirit of Truth to be in the witnessing encounter.

6.) Pray that the veils of deception would be lifted off the Mason's eyes and that they could recall the real Yah'shua in all His power and glory. Once you have prayed in this fashion, you will be well prepared to witness to your Masonic-“Christian” friend.

If the Mason is not a Christian, you obviously need to get the man Born Again. A pagan has a perfect “right” to belong to a pagan society like the Lodge. Thus, you can treat the Mason just like any other unsaved person you might witness to. The bulk of this paper, therefore, is directed to witnessing to a Mason who either is—or claims to be—a Christian.

Why is the Man a Mason?

Most Christian Masons have no idea of what they are into, but have joined for family or business reasons. Sadly, these men may lack a full appreciation of the holiness of YHWH; and may not know a great deal about the Lodge OR the Bible. **Hosea 4:6** warns us:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Ignorance is not an excuse when the devil is looking for a chance to chew on you or your family. You can drink poison, thinking it is a soft drink, but the poison will still kill you! Few Masons take the time to read the esoteric books in their Masonic libraries or look past the pious platitudes they hear from their Worshipful Master about “friendship, morality and brotherly love.” Thus, the Lodge is poisoning them and their families.

Masonry preys on normal human impulses: the desire to do good; to belong to something secret; and to be a part of a cause greater than oneself. Not many Masons bother to look behind the warm handshakes to see the infernal engine that really drives Masonry. They see the facade and mistake it for the substance. The Lodge exploits this naive trust.

Most Masons join because someone they already know and respect is a Mason. Since their friend (or relative) has accepted Masonry, it must be alright—a false conclusion that draws men uncritically into the Lodge. The new Mason fails to see that his friend joined on just such a basis of blithe ignorance, thus forging another link in a “lovely” chain of trust, attached to an iron ball about to be cast into hell.

It is therefore a matter of restoring the Christian Mason's “first love” for Yah'shua (Rev. 2:4). Most Masons' spiritual fires have been banked by years of being smothered in the Lodge. Remind the Mason of YHWH's holiness, and how He expects us to separate ourselves from unbelievers:

*Be ye not **unequally yoked together with unbelievers**: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and **what communion hath light with darkness?** **And what concord hath Christ with Belial?** or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,-2Cor. 6:14-17***

Revive his memory of the reality that Yah'shua loved him enough to die for him. Just glorify Yah'shua, and the spiritual temperature will definitely rise.

Getting Down to Details

Then, gently show him Yah'shua's words in Mt. 5:34:

*But I say unto you, **Swear not at all**; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. **But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.— Matt. 5:34-37***

This command is repeated in even stronger terms in James' epistle:

But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.-5:12

Create a "scripture chain," if you like, in the margins of your Bible for this. Here's how. Go to **Mt. 5:37**, and in the margin write "**James 5:12.**" Then turn to **James 5:12** and write in the margin the next verse we will be suggesting you share. In that way, you can move quickly from verse to verse.

Returning to the witnessing encounter, ask the Mason how he could break Yah'shua' commandment by swearing Masonic blood oaths. Knowledge of these oaths is widespread. He may reply that Christians take oaths in court. You can respond by saying that Christians are permitted to refrain from taking such oaths by the First Amendment. Also such oaths are of a serious, life-and-death character which Yah'shua Himself recognized (see **Matt. 26:63-64**), while Masonic oaths are *hardly* required by any statute!

Ask the Mason what Yah'shua would think of taking blood oaths in violation of His commandments. Point out that his body is a temple of the Holy Spirit (**1Cor. 6:19-20**) and that to swear an oath that it should be mutilated and murdered is an affront against Messiah.

Which Commandment to Break?

The seventh commandment (**Ex. 20:13**) forbids murder! If he says that the oath is only symbolic and not to be taken seriously, then ask him if solemnly calling upon the Almighty to witness a false oath isn't taking the name of YHWH in vain: the Third Commandment (Ex. 20:7)! This should crack a crack in his armor, and would be a great time to share with him a book such as MASONRY: BEYOND THE LIGHT (available from this ministry).

Usually it pays to save the big guns (talking about Albert Pike (See note 6), occultism, and Ba'al worship) until later, since most Masons haven't heard of such things and would find such statements hard to believe. Masons will often claim that Pike's MORALS AND DOGMA or the works of Albert Mackey (both 33° Masons) which make clear Masonry's occult theology are just their opinions or "not official." That is like saying an act of Congress is not official! Rather than get into that, *avoid the hassle* by using things that ALL Masons believe are official; the rituals themselves. The oaths ARE IN the ritual monitors (See note 7)

Beyond the oath issue, another "gem" which can be mined from the ritual monitors is that fact that the first act a man performs in Masonry as an Entered Apprentice candidate is the denial of Christ! The Christian candidate is stripped, dressed in a pajama like outfit, then blindfolded and tied with a cord (called a cable-tow (See note 8)) about his neck and led to the door of the Lodge where he knocks three times. He is then challenged by the Senior Deacon (a lodge officer). His ritualized reply is given for him by the Junior Deacon:

"Mr. Smith, who has long been in darkness and now seeks to be brought to light, and to receive a part in the rights and benefits of this worshipful Lodge, erected to God and dedicated to the holy Sts. John as all brothers and fellows have done before him."

Can you imagine that? A Christian—a man who has Yah'shua, the "Light of the World" within him—saying he has "long been in darkness?"

Gently ask the man what Masonry can offer a Christian? Challenge him on this! What does Masonry have to offer that Yah'shua, the King of the Universe, does not? How can its light be compared with the light of Christ?

"What Doth it Profit...?"

At that moment, the Christian Mason has denied Christ—knowingly or unknowingly! How could he stand there and permit such blasphemy? The Holy Spirit is his teacher (**1Jn. 2:27**). What then can Masonry offer him? If Yah'shua is his light, why does he need "more light?"

If the man wants fellowship, most churches have men's Bible studies and fellowship groups. If he wishes to give alms, then let him give to missions or Christian charities so that Messiah's name is glorified! Masonry only honors itself with its charity (and that to the maximum amount of good press it can squeeze out of a community), against the clear teachings of Yah'shua.

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.—Matt. 6:1-4

Time with the Lodge is time away from Yah'shua. In the eternal sense, Masonry is *a tragic waste of time*; besides being sin! We are going to have to account for every "idle word" like that before Yah'shua' Throne one day (**Mt. 12:46**). Any Mason knows that Freemasonry is full of "idle words."

The Sins of the Fathers or Mothers!

When you add to all these concerns the grave spiritual dangers to the family of the Mason, it can be pretty appalling. Since the Christian Mason has knelt at the altar of Ba'al and submitted himself (even though in ignorance) to his "Worshipful Master," the hedge of protection that YHWH places around Christian families is easily broken through by Satan.

Countless Christian families have found one or more members in serious sin and rebellion without evident cause. Then, when the parent involved in Masonry or an auxiliary Masonic body (like the Order of the Eastern Star) repents and renounces their membership, that open door is shut to Satan and the sin or rebellion can be dealt with.

YHWH will not be mocked, and those children of His who bow the knee to the "Great Architect of the Universe" (the god of Freemasonry) may well find that the perils for their family are not worth the jolly conviviality of the Lodge. You may have to explain principles of headship to him (**1Cor. 11:3-12, Ruth 3:9, Ex. 20:5**). We have a STRAIGHT TALK similar to this posted online about headship for further help.

While we are on the subject, we need to briefly mention the auxiliary orders: Order of the Eastern Star (for women), DeMolay (for young men) and Rainbow Girls or Job's Daughters (for young women) as well as other groups like the Shrine, the Daughters of the Nile, the Amaranth, etc.

Most of the tactics mentioned in this paper don't work with women or young people involved in this auxiliary orders. This is because those groups are carefully designed to seem quite innocent. Aside from a certain amount of "salvation-by-works" piety, there is little which most members could find fault with.

There are no dire oaths with blood-curdling consequences, little if anything to find fault with. However, that ignores a deeper issue, which all members of these groups need to be reminded of:

Under Whose Authority...?

Every one of these groups, without exception, function under the legal and spiritual authority of the Masons. Most cannot even have a meeting without a Master Mason being present. You cannot belong to any of these groups unless you have a relative who is a Mason. (See note 9) Therefore, the spiritual powers of Ba'al worship and all of the diabolical strongmen listed above hold sway over these meetings.

When a woman kneels at the altar of the Eastern Star (which is, by the way, the inverted Pentagram—a symbol of Satan-worship universally recognized) or when a girl or boy kneels at the altars of DeMolay or Rainbow, they are placing themselves in spiritual bondage to those dark powers. They certainly do not realize it, but that is what happens.

Think of it like a Mormon Church service. If you were to attend a church service in the Mormon Church (oddly enough, a cult which sprang off of Masonry), you would probably find it to be very pious and uplifting. You would find nothing in it to offend your Christian sensibilities. However, the priestcraft and Luciferian power reigns supreme over that church service, in spite of how innocent it appears. Similarly, the power of Satan hangs like a dark cloud over all the auxiliary bodies of Masonry, even if they do sing hymns like "*Sweet Hour of Prayer*" and preach about Bible characters.

This point is harder to make, because it deals with intangible spiritual principles. None of these people have ever seen the evil oaths of the Lodge. They are going to have to take your word for it. That is difficult, when people they trust and revere (often parents or other relatives) are longstanding members.

Nevertheless, to go to an auxiliary meeting is just as spiritually perilous as to attend a witch coven meeting. Perhaps more so, because at least at a coven meeting, the mother or her child would be on their toes and know what to expect. Here, in the Masonic auxiliary bodies, the "black magic" is covered in a thin veneer of Biblical piety. Nevertheless, you need to try and share with the person the dangers, and try to get them to read some material written by former Masons who are now servants of Yah'shua. (See note 10)

Seldom is this sort of witnessing received well. Masons and their relatives can get quite irate if you step on their "idol." Be prepared for anger, but keep praying and speaking the truth in love, and eventually you will get through.

Endnotes:

1.) Ba'al, an ancient Canaanite fertility (sex worship) god, is at the core of Masonry's spirituality. see *Masonry: Beyond the Light* by the author (Chick Publications, 1990), for details.

2.) Tubalcain is said to be the first Mason. He is of the cursed lineage of Cain (**Gen. 4:22**) and was some sort of inventor of metal work. His name is the secret "pass word" of Third degree. Hardly an auspicious "patron saint."

3.) Baphomet is a mysterious "god" from the middle-east worshipped by the infamous Knights Templar—the spiritual ancestors of the Masons. He is often represented as a creature with the head and feet of a goat, the torso of a woman, and the genitals of a man. For more on Baphomet and the Templars, see *Masonry: Beyond the Light* by the author (Chick Publications, 1990), especially the chapter "The Children of Baphomet."

4.) Dagon, the pagan god of the Philistines (see Judges 16:23) is one of the principle strongmen behind Masonry and especially the Order of the Eastern Star.

5.) Jah-Bal-On is the highly secret name of the "god" of Freemasonry as revealed in the York Rite Royal Arch degree. A Mason who has only been through the Blue Lodge or the Scottish rite will not know about this. It is formed by taking the true name of God, Jah (as in Hallelujah) and combining it with Ba'al's name and On (Osiris's name). That is obviously blasphemy on the name of the true and living God!

6.) Pike, the dominant American Mason of the 19th century, was the Supreme Commander of the Scottish rite and the author of *Morals and Dogma*, a kind of "bible" of Scottish rite Masonry. It is full of occultism and Gnostic theology. Pike was an acknowledged magician and also one of the founders of the Ku Klux Klan, a Masonic offshoot organization that he used to terrorize African American people in the south.

7.) A "monitor" is a Masonic ritual work book, often written in a simple code. These are given to all Lodge officers, and are published by the Grand Lodge of the state. Thus, they are very authoritative!

8.) The cable-tow is term borrowed from witchcraft. In fact, the Masonic initiation rite is extremely similar to the white witchcraft (Wiccan) initiation rite, except that most witches work in the nude.

9.) Masons (and auxiliary bodies) are so desperate for members, that this requirement has been softened in some states, so it may not be true in your Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

10.) See our Straight Talk on "Job's Daughters," our book *Masonry: Beyond the Light*, and the author's tract, "The F.A.T.A.L. Flaw," about the Order of the Eastern Star, available from *With One Accord Ministries*, Box 457, Dubuque, IA 52004-0457. Also, Dr. Cathy Burns has an excellent, monumental book called *Hidden Secrets of the Eastern Star* (Sharing Publications, 212-S East 7th St., Mt. Carmel, PA 17851-2211, 1994)

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