

**The Real X-Files, Global Conspiracies,UFO's and Freemasons!**  
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In the midst of one of humankind's most recent enlightened ages, with the advent of mass communications technology and human knowledge doubling every 2 years, it hardly seems imaginable that so much stupidity and error could prevail. It is not a recent phenomenon that the so called secret brotherhood of Freemasonry has been accused of being the instigators of a global social and political conspiracy to subjugate humanity into darkness and herald the coming of the Anti-Christ. How such delusion could infect the minds of Western culture is a study in psychological paranoia and the subversive influence of religious fundamentalism. It is a study that requires investigation into the basic political events of religious movements, into the very precincts of the Holy Catholic Church, into money, power, and ego of various groups and individuals.

Never has so much gossip, inaccuracy and misunderstanding existed and this is likely the result of misinformation, misunderstanding and misrepresentation by conspiracy writers and religious fundamentalists. And the actual result of this? The stigmatizing of Masons in their respective Churches<sup>1</sup>, of brethren being the target of accusation with being Satanic, being branded subversive by their superiors<sup>2</sup> or black listed by their civic or national governments<sup>3</sup>.

Even more disturbing is that with the advent of the Internet, which has an estimated 100 million users worldwide, propaganda and misinformation is spread with chilling speed with everyone claiming to be an authority on any subject.

**Historical Persecution of Freemasonry**

From its very onset Freemasonry has been persecuted. We find that Freemasonry has been perceived as a threat to dictatorships and totalitarian regimes for their apparent private orientation or perceived invisibility in the countries or regimes they were extant in. As well Freemasonry has always influenced its brethren to practice tolerance, equality, and freedom- disturbing and threatening qualities to repressive societies. In 1795 Emperor Francis II suppressed the Craft throughout the Austrian Empire. In 1822 Czar Alexander I issued a ukase closing all Lodges in Russia permanently. The Craft was revived in 1908, but was put out of existence by the Bolsheviks in 1919. In Volume 22 of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* the true significance of the Masonic Lodge's is revealed in a discussion of the history of Italy in the late 1700's:

*"In the Italy of the old regime, there had been no representative political life. But the increase in the number of Masonic Lodges at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century demonstrated the desire for secret discussion of problems different from those that were agitating the academics and the agrarian societies. Not all the freemasons became supporters of the Revolution and the French, but many of them did so. The moderate and constitutional demands of the Masonic Lodges began to be accompanied by more democratic demands, and there were in Milan, Bologna, Rome, and Naples cells of the Illuminati<sup>4</sup>, republican free-thinkers, after the pattern recently established in Bavaria by Adam Weishaupt."*

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<sup>1</sup> As evidenced by the harassment, black listing, banning or expulsion of Masons from the Catholic Church and from fundamentalist Baptists. See *Fundamentalism & Freemasonry* by Gary Leazer, Ph.D.

<sup>2</sup> As evidenced recently in England by the Home Affairs Parliamentary Committee inquiry into the police and the judiciary (which also includes probation and prison officers and possibly members of the Armed Forces) and recent demands for Masons to declare their membership.

<sup>3</sup> The Home Affairs Select Committee in England.

<sup>4</sup> The Order of the Illuminati was founded as a secret society whose name meant 'Enlightened Ones' in 1776, founded by Adam Weishaupt (1748-1830) a former Jesuit and professor of canon law at the University of Ingolstadt. The Order of the Illuminati was established with unspecified ties to Masonic Lodges in Germany as a secret society within a secret society. The members of

This isn't the first revealing and purposeful study into Masonic activity as perceived by an uninformed public. Recently in Canada, in 1985, with the trials of Ernst Zundel in Toronto and James Keegtra in Red Deer, Alberta, for hate crimes Masonry entered the picture in an unexpected way. What became apparent in both cases was support of Nazi propaganda and belief in Hitler as being someone who tried to rid the world of an international Jewish conspiracy which was *directly* linked to Freemasonry. This would explain, indeed justify the death of six million Jews and the abolition of German Freemasonry in May, 1935. Hitler was as fearful of the lack of ability to control the Masons as were his contemporaries or predecessors<sup>5</sup>. In 1925 Mussolini passed an anti-Masonic law in Italy. Salazar suppressed the Craft in 1931 in Portugal; Franco outlawed it in Spain in 1941; Romania in 1948, Hungary in 1950, both by the Communists. Nasser outlawed the Craft in the fifties and sixties in Egypt, Pakistan 1972, and the Ayatollah Khomeini in 1979. Whether pattern or not it would seem the Craft is considered a threat by any regime, left or right. It seems that the only countries where Freemasonry tends to flourish are those which subscribe to democracy.

Religious persecution is another avenue, which goes back further.<sup>6</sup> Most of us will know about the Papal Bull issued by Pope Clement in 1738 which threatened excommunication to any who might "*venture or presume to enter into..the Societies known by the name of Liberi Muratori or Frans Macons.*" And today we find denunciations of Masonry from the Salvation Army, the Free Church of Scotland, the Lutheran Church, Jehovah's Witnesses, the Seventh Day Adventists, The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, the Mormons, and generally all fundamental evangelical denominations. Why such rejection? Historically the Holy Catholic Church opposed the Freemasons, much like the Illuminati, because such 'secret societies' were supporting heretical ideas of universal suffrage, equality of the sexes and complete freedom of religion. Additional ideas of the Illuminati were the abolition of social authority, private property and national states, which were an obvious threat to the absolute monarchies of Europe. To understand the social changes being incubated in the politics of late 18<sup>th</sup> century Europe one has to understand the powerful movement of the intellectuals of the 1700's who were rational, secular and anticlerical. The growth of science and rationalism provoked the thinkers of the day to question all things, in addition to being secular and rational they were typically democratic and egalitarian. Witnessing the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the nobility and the Church they considered the abolition of private property a necessary step of what was clearly an unjust social order. Most of the states were ruled by Kings who were absolute despots (the

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the Illuminati are known to have favoured free-thinking and radical politics and were known to have alleged ties to Jacobites. At their height the Illuminati had over 2000 members in Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Poland, Hungary, Denmark and Italy with such members as Goethe.

<sup>5</sup> In *Gesprache mit Hitler* (Conversations with Hitler) by Hermann Rauschning, 1940, we find Hitler stating: "*Naturally, I do not believe that this meanwhile impaled organization for the mutual promotion of its own interest is abysmally evil or harmful. It has always been harmless in Germany. I have been informed in great detail and have assigned the investigation and comprehensive report to Major Buch. The alleged horrors about skeletons, coffins and secret ceremonies that have come to light can only frighten children. But one thing makes it [Freemasonry] dangerous, and it is this which has caused me to take Freemasonry in hand. They are establishing a priest-like aristocracy and they isolate themselves by means of particular rites. They have developed a secret doctrine which is not a simply formulated one, but one which, through the application of symbols and secret rites arranged like stairs leads to greater understanding.*"

<sup>6</sup> I can speak from first hand personal experience as my Father escaped the Communist takeover of the Ukraine he traveled to the Middle East to end up living in Jerusalem for ten years subsequent to the inception of the state of Israel in 1948. Meeting my Mother and eventually marrying there and being of the Christian Orthodox faith they were both very well aquatinted with the Jewish Zionist conspiracy, the Freemasons, who were historically linked to the Knight Templar (with tales of spitting and trampling on the Bible and worshipping Satan) and these societies intention to takeover the world. They forbade me from ever joining the God-less and demonic Freemasons. Destiny would direct my actions otherwise.

American Revolution came about the year the Illuminati came into being). The monarchies resisted the democratic wave so tenaciously that it took the rest of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, all of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to remove them.

### **Global Conspiracy – The Illuminati, Freemasons and Various Organizations**

We need go no further than the published literature by Christian fundamentalists. I quote from *Satan's Angel's Exposed*: "*And there you will find them all: the Fabian Society, the Bilderbergers<sup>7</sup>, the Trilateral Commission<sup>8</sup>, the Unification Church, the Illuminati- and the Freemasons.*" Certainly Martin Short's expose of the Freemasons, *Inside the Brotherhood*, was damning in its misrepresentations of the Craft being against God, the church, and being hell bent on establishing a world government and controlling mankind. Southern Baptist and Fundamentalist Larry Kunk writes of his discovery of a secret doctrine in Masonry where he claims Masons become a Christ or a god(!);

*"Initiation is a process in which a mason goes into trance by passive meditation and attains conscious union –that is, he establishes communications with the masonic god. By attaining conscious communion, he becomes a Christ. The process of Initiation reoccurs over months and years and after each conscious union with the Masonic god he has new understandings about himself and about the god. The process is evolutionary; the mason evolves into a god himself."<sup>9</sup>*

The internet is ripe with damning allegations of Freemasons. *The Masonic Link to the Global Religion of Revelation<sup>10</sup>* submitted to me via W. Bro. Larry Swanson claims that "*Communism is the result of French Freemasonry; and British Israelism is the result of British Freemasonry. These two elements are at war constantly, trying to gain power and wealth, and seat their messiah upon the throne of the world.*"

We find the Freemasons especially implicated in the designs of the American capitol of Washington DC. According to the fundamentalists Washington's civil plan is laid out such that the Masonic square, compasses, the rule and the Satanic pentagram<sup>11</sup> may be found. Paranoid conspiracy weavers point to the cornerstone laying ceremonies performed on the White House, the US Capitol building, the Federal building, the Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument and

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<sup>7</sup> The Bilderberg Group was founded in 1954 as a trans-national think tank composed of the world's most influential and elite bankers, politicians, journalists, academics, social figures who meet annually to shape social and economic issues on a global scale. The events are typically blacked out to the media and participants are strictly prohibited from talking with the press about the events. As media magnate and Bilderberg member Conrad Black states: the ban on reporters makes "discussions more intimate and candid." The conferences have typically drawn fire for not being open to public and media scrutiny and therefore such meetings become fodder for the conspiracy authors. At the meetings, no resolutions are proposed, no votes are taken and no policy statements are issued. All participants attend Bilderberg in a private and not official capacity. Some typical topics discussed are NATO, China, Islam, EMU, energy, growth and corporate governance.

<sup>8</sup> The Trilateral Commission- the European Union, North America (the United States and Canada) and Japan – the three main democratized industrialized areas in the world form the three sides of the Trilateral Commission. The Commissions members include 330 of the world's distinguished citizens with a variety of leadership positions in politics, business, academia and the media. The Commissions main goal is to discuss issues that affect all three groups. The Trilateral Commission homepage may be found at <http://jcie-gw.jcie.or.jp/thinknet/tc/index.html>

<sup>9</sup> *What is the Secret Doctrine of the Masonic Lodge and How does it Relate to Their Plan of Salvation?* By Larry Kunk.

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.mt.net/~watcher/nworel.html>

<sup>11</sup> If these supposed Christians would read history they would find that at the time of Christ the pentagram was considered a symbol of good health. The symbol was to be found on many doorways and buildings.

remark: *“The cornerstones of these buildings have been laid in masonic ritual, dedicated to the demonic god of Masonry, JaoBulOn. That is the secret name of the Masonic god, the “Lost Word” learned in the ritual of the Royal Arch degree. Jao is the Greek for Jehovah, Bul is a rendering of the name Baal, and On is the Babylonian name of Osiris.”* This is all news to me and I’ve been a Royal Arch Mason for some time, the names and facts are more than a little off!

Truth be known, while the original ground plan of the future city Washington was laid out by Bro. George Washington along with others, it was *never* meant to imply ‘demonic’ intent. Quite the opposite. In the recently published *The Secret Zodiacs of Washington DC* writer David Ovason expertly demonstrates that men of superior intellect and faith had benign spiritual principles in mind when they designed Washington. The numerous right angled triangles found in the city plan was symbolic of the star constellation Virgo; as are the more than 1000 representations of Virgo about the city; no less than 20 zodiacal representations not to mention that the cornerstone laying ceremonies of the most significant buildings were conducted when Virgo was dominant. Why are symbols of Virgo so prominent? Virgo is a symbol of plenty, nourishment and is dominated by the sign Mercury, symbolic of communications and commerce. In fact Ovason writes that Washington was laid out as a mystery, *“which symbolically bridged the earth and the heavens.”* It is a city that built on the idea that *“every human activity is in need of sanctification of the spiritual world, of which the symbol is the light of the living stars.”* Somehow the noble intention and sensibilities of intellectual and political giants such as George Washington were twisted by the ravings of unenlightened dolts who wish to become recognized as ‘experts’ or ‘save the world’ from the demons of hell. As far as I can tell the only demons are those that perpetuate ignorance and have no idea at the original meaning of their own Holy Bible or the mission and life of Jesus the Nazarene.

We find Freemasons and the ‘Jewish conspiracy’ are also responsible for the recent movement to discredit Jesus the Nazarene as son of God by the recent archeological finds of the Dead Sea and Nag Hammadi Scrolls. However, contemporary research being what it is, biblical scholars are making astonishing inroads in our original understanding of the origins of Christianity, life and death of Jesus the Nazarene (as a Jewish Rabbi) the influence of secret cults like the Nasoreans (or Nazarenes) and the zealot Essenes. New understanding by Biblical scholars seem to indicate that modern Christianity is more a political by-product of Paul, who never even met Jesus, and several early Bishops, is naturally a destructive idea to the Church. Of course it is the Freemasons who get the blame.

There are other motives for instilling fear and paranoia against Freemasons- *money*. Consider the Christian millennialist author Hal Lindsay who has written 11 books, which are best sellers in the Christian market- combined worldwide sales are over \$35 million US. In addition to this Lindsay has speaking tours and talk show appearances. Since the 70’s Lindsay has been making money on ‘end of the world’ scenarios and the return of the ‘beast.’ It was common that millennialists were predicting the rise of the Anti-Christ in 1995, then 1999—still nothing and we’re still waiting. Hal Lindsay as well as others have now gotten cautious hedging their predictions with alternatives for 2007, 2010, and even 2048. Does it ever stop? There is Don McAlvany who is a conspiracy theorist and warns of implanted microchips (the technology already exists with ID, SIN, Licenses, banking capability etc.) in humans as the ‘mark of the beast’ coupled with predications of economic collapse in the new millennium. He advises his readers of *The McAlvany Intelligence Advisor* to invest in gold and silver as protection against the coming collapse. Conveniently and most interestingly, McAlvany is a gold and silver dealer.

To the preachers and followers of the coming Anti-Christ and conspiracy theory we find an intense proclivity to brand Freemasons for the ills of the world- and not only Freemasons, but also more specifically Scottish Rite masons and their mentor Albert Pike. Here we find people who are blatantly ignorant of occult meaning and thus misunderstanding becomes the basis for hatred. Freemasonry is accused of being a false religion and that its oaths and obligations are against God and that its boasts of benevolence is a great sham. In a republished book from 1868 (1984) called *The Antichrist or the Masonic Society* by Charles Finney the new preface states *“that the Antichrist will rise out of power out of the Masonic Society.”* To the fundamentalist and quite

paranoid anti-Masons the world is a web of Council of Foreign Relations<sup>12</sup> (CFR) Committee members, Bilderbergers, Trilateralists conjoined with Jewish Zionists and Freemasons who conspire to establish a New World Order, a global government which threatens the sovereignty of the United States (where most media savvy fundamentalists live and work). A world order which seeks to maintain order through the U.N Security Forces, the CIA, ATF, CSIS, MI5, and a host of other national or trans-national secret and para-military organizations.

Those paranoids who see the world in terms of a system under Satan's control see patterns of domination and conspiracy everywhere. While it is true that the heads of CBS, NBC, *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report* and the *National Review* are all members of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) they are also seen as chief architects of the evil 'New World Order.' In truth, the past and present members of CFR are indeed formidable, Adlai Stevenson, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Cyrus Vance, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Henry Kissinger, George Shultz, Nelson Rockefeller, David Rockefeller, Alan Greenspan, George Bush, Colin Powell, Jimmy Carter, John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Edward Kennedy, Jesse Jackson and many others. This list is broad and includes prestigious members who are prominent in politics, education, media and finance- but these people and their affiliation are not identified as a collection of impressive leaders who exhibit knowledge and ability but rather as a group with subversive intent. There are many other organizations similar to the CFR such as the Trilateral Commission, the Club of Rome, the Bilderberg Group and lesser organizations such as the Aspen Institute that contribute to political and economic reform which are targets for conspirists. Official government and international organizations in the supposed conspiracy include the Federal Reserve System (FRS) and the United Nations. Of course it may be said that the UN is unable to control or bring into obedience one warlord or, control its own budget, which would seem to make it a paper tiger. The same may be said of the European Community (EC) the new dominion of nations from which shall rise the 'Roman Anti-Christ.' That the EC was either unable or unwilling to intervene effectively into Bosnia, in its own backyard without American assistance makes it a bit of a dud as the new Neo-Roman Empire! Conspiracy theorists counter that the UN and the EC are allowing conditions in Somalia or Bosnia to deteriorate for various reasons not least of which is a draconian program of population control.

Many conspiracy theorists trace the idea of global domination and the network of secret societies back to the Knight's Templar who in ancient times were the first international bankers in Western Europe and the Middle East. Having become powerful and influential the Templars controlled the wealth of Europe and were brought to ruin by Phillip the Fair of France (1268-1314) conspiring with Pope Clement who wished to absorb the Templar's vast wealth and power for themselves. After many had been imprisoned and tortured critics love to point out that many Templar's had confessed worshipping a goat-headed idol called Baphomet and that they ritually defiled crucifixes and practiced sodomy in secret rites. Of course much of what was said was fabrication on the part of the Church to justify their own actions. The first internationalist Templars had links to the eventual illuminati, the Rosicrucians who predicated a golden age of mankind and the Freemasons. It wasn't a stretch for conspiracists to paint a picture of connections with the CFR, the FRS, and families such as the Rothchilds (who everyone *knows* plunged the world into World War I and profited from the conflict! Conspiracy buffs love to state that fact!), and the Rockefellers who are part of the Zionist one world government initiative. Evidence is everywhere that the Freemasons or Illuminati extend their influence over the world! Why, one may look no further than the American dollar bill which pictures an incomplete pyramid with the all seeing eye which fundamentalists love to remind us is the symbolic of the Satan to come. The back of the dollar bill also states *In God We Trust* but skeptical Fundamentalists ask which God?! They point to the Great Seal of the United States and its Latin motto 'Novus Ordo Seclorum' as meaning New World Order! Its obvious that none of the fundamentalist conspiracists are good spellers or can read Latin as *novus ordo seclorum* means *New Order of the Ages*, an 18<sup>th</sup> century

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<sup>12</sup> CFR- The Council on Foreign Relations was founded in 1921 by businessman, bankers and lawyers. <http://www.foreignrelations.org/public/about.html>

revolutionary sentiment that by dispensing with autocratic kings and replacing that with self rule the early founders (of whom many were Masons) were creating a new order for the ages.

## **X Files & Aliens!**

Now brethren I have always considered myself very open minded enough to acknowledge the occult or hidden abilities of the human mind and body; the existence of advanced civilizations which pre-disposed our own advanced culture, so called; and the possibility of extra-terrestrial intelligence elsewhere in the universe but what I am about to speak of borders on the absolute absurd. Recently the conspiracy theories have become more extravagant and paranoid. There are fringe writers or groups who claim that the Freemasons and secret societies are involved with far more sinister plans to prepare the planet for extra-terrestrial domination or who already work with aliens (who are called 'greys' in the extraterrestrial circles) who preside over human affairs with the secret global government.

A book entitled *Something in This Book is True-and Its All True* by Bob Frissel has to represent the heights of impossibility and takes all that is truly fringe and attempts to bind it all together into some comprehensive picture of the world. Frissel actually preaches that the world was destroyed in a cataclysmic event a few decades ago as our sun exploded and all that exists around is a three dimensional representation. Conscious billions of humans never even noticed this transition because of the interventions of higher beings that have worked silently behind the scenes. Shades of the Hollywood film *The Matrix*! Frissel talks and ties together, if possible, MJ12 (the concept of a secret American government), the 1950's saucer crash at Roswell, UFO sightings, reverse engineering (based upon the crashed Roswell UFO) at Area 51, secret men in black (MIB), changing magnetic fields and the coming shift in the poles which will transform the earth (of course he never seems to explain that the human race has already endured the sun exploding so how come this is all happening if we are all living in some generated program?) He adds (popular among conspiracy buffs) information about secret governments and its representatives- the CFR, the Bilderbergs and the Trilateralists whom he says works with greys and have secret underground bases on the Earth, the Moon and Mars! He peppers his diatribe with explorations in ancient architecture and sacred geometry (I was particularly disgusted by his twisting of very real symbolic Pythagorean principles) and occult philosophy. Clearly there is a market for this sort of *Daily Enquirer* supermarket gossip fiction and money to made- so who cares if its true or not?

## **Conclusion**

"There is an old saying that a lie (or rumour or hoax) can travel around the world before the truth can ever get its boots on."

Brethren I am very concerned that genuine occult traditions (the universe as the confluence of the several attributes of God and human beings as having direct relationship with the divine) is being attacked and represented improperly as something which is degenerate and evil. As the stories become more elaborate and twisted ignorance is further entrenched and meanders further from that which was or is true.

As far as the different commissions and groups that exist to promote global business, political and social relations, these are necessary evolving networks in a world that is becoming smaller and more intertwined. It seems natural that tribes yielded to fiefdoms, which yielded to monarchies, and then nations that intertwine today to form one world. Will there be growing pains? I expect that it is reasonable to predict that there will be pervasive 'control issues' as some religious zealots, ego-centric fundamentalists with narrow perspectives, greedy billionaires or corporations try to influence, dominate markets or people. There are many difficulties to overcome as humanity clumsily plods towards its uncertain future- overpopulation in developing nations, religious fundamentalism and intolerance, environmental degradation, workers rights, women's rights, sexual right's and western cultures obsession with materialism. Only education

and the proliferation of the positive aspects of cultures, of different religions, races supported by trans-national bodies *must exist* to ensure an equitable, tolerant and mature society. It might be interesting to ponder that one of the first societies of the western world, which promoted international or even global idealism, was and still is Freemasonry. However, provincial or nationalistic attitudes threaten these global efforts and the trash of conspiracy mongers and religious fundamentalists only serve to anchor these fears and insecurities. Books like *America's Secret Establishment* by Antony C. Sutton, *New World Order. The Ancient Plan of Secret Societies* by William Still, and *One World Order: Social Dictatorship* by John Coleman fuel fears about a world that is becoming more integrated because of Satan (not because of advances in communications, commerce and trade it seems). Its no secret that the Bilderberg Conferences are blacked out, and for good reason, so that frank discussions between parties, who might not ordinarily meet, may have the opportunity to take place without scrutiny.

I think many Fundamentalists and conspiracy theorists are self absorbed in their own self-importance, some only wish to fatten their bank accounts while others really may think that they are doing God's work but have no conception of a larger world outside of their own insulated paradigm. It's my own view that true evil is ignorance. There are some that advocate replacing much of our ritual with 'pro-Christian' politically correct passages. There are others who unknowingly transform our Brotherhood into a hollow fraternal order that does good works. I will reiterate as I have stated in many of lectures that this Craft is an ancient order that must not lose sight of its splendid past, its rituals that sought to *transform* its adherents. Only by study, examination, keeping an open mind, respecting the past and intelligently responding through various media to these anti-Masons may we remove the false hoods which continually threatens the glory of our Craft.