

COMMENTS.

IN this argument, we see a part of a battle that has been with Freemasonry, almost since it was purloined from the Ancient York Masons by Anderson and Company in the early 18th Century of the Common Era.

The “liberal” moderns versus the “conservative” orthodoxy, the Masons of Massachusetts on the one side and Pike and company on the other, respectively.

Albert Pike was right and wrong, at the same time. He could not, by means of the oaths he was bound by, affirm what he spoke freely of in his lectures inside the chambers of the Scottish Rite, or wrote about in such seminal documents as *The Book of the Words*. In order to keep this material secret, and, therefore, keep it a mystery, to be initiated into, and retain the power of the Initiation, he had to deny what we can affirm by looking at the materials available to us, and by what we know of the mysteries.

The mysteries must always remain mysteries, in order for them to be valid carriers of the Authentic Tradition. This is something that people fail to understand. The people who must have all the secrets laid bare, and put out there, before the public, continually fail to understand this, and this is one of the major reasons why these traditions have all but fallen by the wayside. We are undoubtedly guilty of some of this, too.

Of course, if we could organize a body of people together to explore these mysteries, then, we would withdraw our materials from the common scrutiny of the profane masses of conspiracy prone psychotics, and charge admission.

There are mysteries attached to the Royal Arch Degree that partake of the symbolism we have revealed on the *Antiquities of the Illuminati* website, in *The Brethren of the Gift*, Books One, Two and Three, or at least in the excerpts from them which we have published. This nine-arched structure, with an agate stone with a plate affixed to it with the true Name on it, is quite interesting. It is equally interesting that this legend is attached not to the Second Temple period, but to the story of Enoch, the Flood, the Pillars. The Noachites, too, could be invoked. We see in this something which Sitchin writes of, namely, the Dur. An.Ki., or Bond-Heaven-Earth. This assumes more significance when we put forward the Tripartite word as Ea-Bel-Anu, as a part of the Arba, or Sacred Four. The ARBA, which has the same Kabbalistic enumeration as the phrase, “The Stone which the Builders Rejected!” Three names on the outside, one on the inside.

We are probably spouting a bunch of lies when we write this, even though it can be demonstrated several times over, and be supported by archaeological and philological documentation. The past is giving up its secrets, and rather than neutralizing them, as the TV channels do, and the media in general, we are affirming what everybody else, for the most part, has chosen to ignore and/or minimize. Akhnaten was not the founder of monotheism. Nobody was. At least, no human cattle. And monotheism, for that matter, is really a false concept. Because all practitioners of monotheism still believe in the opposite of their god, namely, the devil. They worship the devil with all the fear and guilt they can muster up, and it isn't too difficult.

Pantheism is a far better concept, and this is demonstrated in the writings of Albert Pike, some of which is appended below. But, all religious people, so called, tend to regard pantheism as nonsense. It is much better to superstitiously believe in something that personifies the ideal attributes of the person who believes. A bad-ass John Wayne or Arnold Schwarzenegger type God, kicking around all the sinners..... Or tough girl Xena Goddess spitting nails. [Note: This paragraph was originally written in October of 2000 c.e.]

The Rite, in America at least, had just gotten over the American Civil War, and was in dire straits. Before that, it was the anti-Masonic nonsense, which nearly destroyed Freemasonry in the United States of America, and completely changed the American way of life. Some will say it changed it for the better, others will disagree. We see it from both sides of the street. On the one hand, we got the Mormons and the Republicans, on the other, we began to get rid of the nosy-parker small time “Our Town” model, which was always fostered by the Masons. It kept out the riff raff, and so forth. At the same time all this was happening, the Cerneau controversy was raging on. Pike battled the Cerneau Masons even more ruthlessly than he made battle with the Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts. We wish we had more of the exchange between Pike and the Masons of Massachusetts. There was, at one time, a movement set up to cause Masons to recognize a personal god. This would have completely gutted Masonry. Masons who have condemned the Grand Orient of France for striking out the Grand Architect of the Universe clause in the charges, would, if supportive of the personal god angle, be supporting the same exact thing, in that the two extremes are equally the same insofar as they fulfill the same deleterious function.

God is too big for one sect or creed. God, or as we prefer, The Eternal, is everything, period. When God gets personified as an angry, petty ruler, a rotten grandfather (as Alan Watts once referred to the situation) — God becomes trivialized. Is that not what the commandment against taking the Name of the Lord Thy God in Vain is really about? Equally, Christians are guilty of keeping their god dead eternally, by failing to live the example set forth in scripture. To be Christ-like is not to bend the knee and slavishly worship, “like the heathens do” — to be Christ-like is to actually live the example, to walk the walk. How many Christians can honestly be credited, throughout history, with walking the walk? A lot of them walked, or rather, were pushed, to the gallows and burning pyres.

If we are going to bring spirituality forward, into the 21st Century, then it needs to be firmly grounded, in people, in print, in the technology that will replace humankind, by the middle of the century. This is not very far fetched, not if you keep up with the technology, and all esotericists must keep up with the technology. It is too late to keep it in a medieval flavor, or a victorian flavor, that is partly responsible for the bad reputation the industry gets, after all. Thelema would be an ideal model for the Internet Generation, Generation Y, etc. But as it is advertised? Oy vey!

It already exists in the culture, without being labelled, and perhaps it is better that way. Perhaps we as a species are beginning to reach a state where we do not need to have names and forms, or commandments and codes of conduct that have little or nothing to do with reality. Society has its rituals, and in some cases they manifest far more true spirituality than most church sessions have.

Those of us who can evolve, are evolving. Most of us who were born before the mid 1960s

will end up devolved, yet some of us might make it through the gate as cheerleaders.

We have compiled the essays in this book mainly because of the loads of esoteric materials concealed within them, and pointers that will lead to understanding some of the most profoundest mysteries that we can uncover in other works. For, while many “spiritual” people would like to deny absolute historicity in the mythology as we tend to read it, it is there, nonetheless. If that offends, sell this book to someone else, or give it away.

It is true that the people of 19th Century America weren’t ready for rites that went back to ancient Canaan. It took the beginnings of Hollywood for that to become possible. The ancient rites are much more possible in a secular culture than they will ever be in a so-called religious one. Of course, we are merely spouters of lies, guilty of deceiving the flocks. But, then, we never liked the sheep anyway. Baaaaahhhh! Nor did we ever care much for mutton.

And these rites, ultimately, go back, way, way, back, to ancient Sumer, the cradle of humankind. Back to the original covenants. Even the Hebrews cannot deny this, because they were originally worshippers of the God of the Fathers, and the Goddess, and not as mere idolaters either.

It has been stated that at some point in the future the truths would begin to be made available to the public. The public that has had to buy the lies for two thousand years. Well, the time has come to start educating people. So get ready to start taking notes.

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