

**ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

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Some time ago, I was asked to bring a lesson on the "Order of the Eastern Star". When I went back to where I began collecting information, I realized that way too much time had passed and that I should have completed this lesson long before now. I apologize to the one who had asked me for this lesson.

In this lesson, I will strive to show that the “Order of the Eastern Star” is an organization closely connected to the “Freemasons”. In fact, probably most people have heard more about the Masons than the Order of the Eastern Star. The most compelling thing about the Masons is they are a secretive society. When one tries to ask a Mason about their beliefs, they are generally met with silence when it comes to revealing some secret of the Masons.

However, over the years, the books written and studied by Masons are more available to everyone. I found several just by going on the computer and seeing what is available for purchase. In the Bibliography section at the end of this paper, you will find several that I referenced.

Freemasonry claims to go back into the 1400’s – 1500’s for its beginnings, although some claim to go back to the building of Solomon’s Temple.. It is difficult to place an exact date on the founding of Freemasonry.

However, the Order of the Eastern Star has its beginning around 1850. Unlike Freemasonry, both women and men can belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. It is true though that the leader of the Order of the Eastern Star is the Worshipful Matron, and there is a Worshipful Patron who advises the Worshipful Matron. To be in the Order of the Eastern Star, the following must be met.

1. They must be 18 years or older.
2. Men must be at least Master Masons (3rd Degree)
3. Women must be related to these men in some way.

As I said, the Order of the Eastern Star is just a branch of Freemasonry.

It should be understood that the “G” in the symbol for Freemasonry does not stand for God, but represents Deity. It has to be understood that Freemasonry is not limited to the United States where God would be the Deity. Freemasonry goes across the world and the Deity worshipped by that particular country may not necessarily be the God in Heaven. (Pike, p. 633). In fact, the G stands for “The Great Architect of the Universe”.

Let us observe some other things related to Freemasonry.

1. Moses was a Mason (Waite, Vol. 1, p. 41). Of course, this could not be, as Freemasonry worships the Sun and Astrology (Waite, Vol. 1, pp. 55,56). Moses was to have no other god’s before him nor worship any graven image (Ex. 20:1-5)
2. One of the most revealing books on Freemasonry is the book written by Albert Pike and is generally known as “Morals and Dogmas”. This book has 32 chapters each representing one of the degrees of Freemasonry which all Masons can strive for. As the book is laid out, each chapter reveals more about Freemasonry, thus by the time we reach the end of the book, we should have revealed before us more and more truths of Freemasonry. Please note the following from this book:
 - a. On p. 23, under the 2nd Degree, we find that Freemasonry provides man what man cannot find in Christianity. *“Christianity taught the doctrine of FRATERNITY; but repudiated that of political EQUALITY, by continually inculcating obedience to Caesar, and to those lawfully in authority. Masonry was the first apostle of EQUALITY. In the Monastery there is fraternity and equality, but no liberty. Masonry added that also, and claimed for man the three-fold heritage of LIBERTY, EQUALITY, and*

FRATERNITY.” I certainly would not want to be the one who stands before God in Judgment and tries to explain to him that his claim that the Bible provides us all things spiritually (2 Pet. 1:3) was a false claim and that I had to have Freemasonry to get all I needed spiritually! Would you?

- b. On p. 819, under the 30th Degree, we find this statement concerning those in the local lodges (where the Mason can only obtain 3 degrees, commonly known as the Blue Degrees): *“Part of the symbols are displayed there to the Initiate, but he is intentionally misled by false interpretations”*
- c. On pp. 211,212, under the 13th Degree, we find that the Freemason can find his salvation in Freemasonry and will have no need of churches: *“The appointed action of life is the great training of Providence; and if man yields himself to it, he will need neither churches nor ordinances, except for the expression of his religious homage and gratitude.”*
- d. On p. 407, under the 24th Degree, we find that the origin of the white apron used in Freemasonry came from the worship of the various sun-gods: *“...is the same as Osiris, Adoni, Adonis, Atys, and the other Sun-Gods – had also a tomb, and religious initiation; one of the principal ceremonies of which consisted in clothing the Initiate with the skin of a white lamb. As in this we see the origin of the apron of white sheep-skin, used in masonry.”*
- e. On pp. 624,625, under the 28th Degree, we find that, although in a qualified sense, Freemasonry took over for the Ancient Mysteries: *“Though Masonry is identical with the Ancient Mysteries....”* Also, on the same pages, *“After a time the Temples of Greece and the School of Pythagoras lost their reputation, and Freemasonry took their place.”*
- f. As the book reveals more truth, on p. 161, under the 10th Degree, we find the book telling us masonry is not a religion. However, on pp. 213 (13th Degree) and 219 (14th Degree), we are clearly taught that masonry is a religion. Of course, any teaching that claims to bring salvation as masonry does is a religion.
- g. On p. 321, under the 19th Degree, we find that Satan is the light-bearer of Masonry: *“LUCIFER, the Light-bearer!*
- h. On page 839, under the 32nd Degree, we find that Freemasonry involves itself in the occult: *“The Occult Science of the Ancient Magi concealed under the shadows of the Ancient Mysteries; it was imperfectly revealed or rather disfigured by the Gnostics; it is guessed at under the obscurities that cover the pretended crimes of the Templars; and it is found enveloped in enigmas that seem impenetrable, in the Rites of the Highest Masonry.”*
- i. On pp. 562,563, under the 26th Degree, we find that according to Masonry God did not create the world and send Jesus to save it: *Ialdabaoth did this to become independent of his mother.”*

In all honesty, I do not see how any person can be a part of Freemasonry or the Order of the Eastern Star. These groups disparage God and Jesus and worship the

Occult. All things which Christians can never do. To be right with God, we should repent of having been a part of these groups if we ever were and we should distance ourselves from them forever (2 Cor. 6:17).

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