

Freemasonry – II, the Pyramids

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Invocation:

May the indwelling of Thy Spirit, O Father–Mother God, subdue in us all the heats and passions of the lower nature, and may all living creatures who come within our aura be blessed.

Amen.

Be not tense, beloved brethren. Relax mind and heart, and open your consciousness to the vibrations of love and wisdom which continually flow from the heart of the universe. In other words, know peace, know God, know thyself.

We have already given an outline of our conception of freemasonry. Although considered to be but one of the ancient mystery schools, we accept freemasonry as *the* ancient mystery school, established since the foundation of the world; its Grand Master is the Son, known to most here as Christ. Christ again is symbolised by the sun, and upon the sun symbolism, ranged about by the twelve signs of the zodiac and the seven planets, freemasonry is constructed.

We turn to the Hall of Wisdom, to the great Pyramid in Egypt, and within this ancient house we may read all the secrets of freemasonry. Nor would it be wise for us to limit the revelation of freemasonry to the Egyptian Pyramid alone. In the vast ancient world of the West there are to be found exactly the same records as in Egypt, and in reviewing the teachings declared by the structure of the Egyptian Pyramid we find that same doctrine as that recorded in the other pyramids in other parts not so well-known to men* on the outer planes of life.

*[*For editorial policy around gender, see the introduction.]*

The very word ‘freemasonry’ is derived from the sun—a freemason is a brother in the light. From the sun all life is born. The House of Light was the name given to the great Pyramid, and the candidate to the inner mysteries sought wisdom and knowledge through entering into the great Pyramid. As you have heard before, it is not the tomb of kings, a place of mortality, but rather the birthplace of the King in man. For the soul entered, through secret chambers concealed without the precincts, into the secret, inner chambers of the mysteries, not only of the stone building but of the candidate’s own temple, his own nature. As he successfully passed through all grades and all degrees of tests and trials, he won at last admission into the King’s Chamber, the King’s Chamber symbolising the Christ nature, the Christ being; the King’s Chamber being the Holy Royal Arch, the King its keystone, the Christ ever the support of the Holy Royal Arch, through which the Son of God, or the Son of the Light, advanced into the heaven world.

After passing all tests and trials and at last coming face to face with the great initiator—he who dwelt in the Pyramid and was never seen or heard until every test had been safely passed—the initiator laid upon the candidate the symbol of the key of life, known as the ankh or the *crux ansata**, the key or symbol of life. Once the candidate had obtained this treasure, he possessed the key which would unlock all the mysteries. Masons present will recognise

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the question ‘Where hangs the key?’ Not in the head as many young brethren think: the intellect alone will never unlock the Ancient Wisdom. In the King’s Chamber is the altar whereon is the ever-burning flame—the torch, the light which God placed within every man. This is the only guide: it is man’s highest self, and through this higher self the Master speaks; through this higher self, man passes the blue veil which hangs before the lodge of the mysteries.

[See teaching T 069.]*

The Sphinx inscrutable—can you read this riddle? Have we not here the symbol of the mysteries of life, a representation of the elements, earth, air, fire and water? Have we not here portrayed the man—the lion, the serpent and the wings without which man cannot fly away from the earth, the wings representative of the fifth sphere above the earth, the sphere of Mercury, which is the link between the higher and the lower?

The ancient brethren, after due trial, were instructed in the methods necessary to free themselves from the bondage of the cross. For the square, formed by the base of the pyramid, which again represents earth, air, fire and water, is but another portrayal of the cross. The candidates in the higher degrees were instructed in the mysteries of the constellations and the planets, their relationship and influence upon human evolution and regeneration, for it was known and taught that man had fallen from the pure spiritual state of life, had descended within the veil of darkness and taken upon himself the obscurity of the flesh, all in search of wisdom, which would only come through hard endeavour and work on the base, or basic, material of his nature. Through his own endeavour and work, and not through the work of others, he would be at last fitted to receive the key of the heaven world.

The creative life force, which had descended into the depths within the womb of earthly life (to the lower psychic centres), must be released and transmuted to the head and heart and throat centres: the higher triangle, erected upon the square, the base of the pyramid, the square crowned by the four triangles (see again symbolised the four elements), the whole depicting the arisen man—the divine pyramid of creative life power and illumination.

The same path of progress is revealed in Rosicrucian* teaching. By the transmutation of the base metals, our Rosicrucian brethren create pure gold, so it is said. In other words, by the transmutation of the lower nature, man causes to bloom upon his cross (the lower self of man) the divine rose, symbol of perfected manhood. Jesus, the Initiate and Master, the presentation of the perfect man of earth! Christ the revelation of the divine man in heaven, *re-born* in the King’s Chamber, *re-born* of the Light of the Son!

*[*See teaching T 034.]*

Through a secret door hidden between the paws of the silent sphinx the initiate passed, and then commenced a long and arduous training. He was allowed to withdraw at the first step, if he wished, as in freemasonry of today. If any were found unready, if idle curiosity was the urge which led them, they could not progress far, for the passage through which they had

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advanced brought them back again to their starting point. The secrets of the Ancient Wisdom were absolute, which simply means that it is impossible for an initiated one to reveal the secrets to the uninitiated. Certain punishments have since been introduced to those tempted to reveal the secrets of the order, but then at a certain stage in the history of freemasonry enemies had to be guarded against. There was a division, a breaking away by some from the original and sacred order. Of this we can say no more at present, but from that time a greater stringency arose, although on the inner planes, when the candidate has advanced, his lips are sealed; his throat centre, once vivified by the sword of initiation, cannot, *cannot* speak words which would profane the sacred mysteries. At each initiation in the great Pyramid, each centre of the body was brought into activity and the candidate taught how to use wisely the power thus released, and shown that the wrong use of such power could mean only self-destruction and automatically throw his soul back into the fire for purification. As old as the hills, as wide as the Universe is this brotherhood of the Sun, of the Light. It is known that the wise men journeyed to Egypt to take their degrees in the great brotherhood. Quite a number tried unsuccessfully to be admitted to these grand ceremonies.

The question which arises in the mind of one present I will answer: is it right that certain records pertaining to the initiation of the Master Jesus will be discovered when certain secret chambers in Egypt are opened?

The answer is that when man is ready to listen, he will hear this record. We would add that vibration, colour and sound played an important part in the ceremonies within the Sun temple. Use was made of the sun's rays in healing, the methods of which were revealed to the initiates. These same methods of healing are known and are being used today by initiates who know the secret of focusing certain solar rays upon certain sensitive points in the human body. The sun's rays, specially focused, affect growing crops and herbs. The priests were instructed in the arts of healing, of astronomy, of music, and in the art of penetrating the invisible worlds and taking active part in serving the spirits bound in hell, both discarnate and incarnate. Today these arts are lost. Tomorrow, when man humbles himself and bows his head so that he can enter beneath the sphinx, the man of earth will be again initiated into the doctrines and mysteries of the Sun life. Christ, as old as the hills, as wide as the Universe, cannot be bound by any sect or class or creed. He IS the Light, and has manifested on earth from the beginning, from the foundation of the world.

Beloved, however humble your strivings, God will bless the humble child, for unless you become as a little child you cannot be enfolded within the Master's aura.

Benediction:

Now beloved brethren, we open our heart centre in praise and thanksgiving to the Great Architect of the Universe, and may His wisdom inspire our work, His love beautify our work and His peace seal our work, to the honour and glory of His Holy Name.

Amen.

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