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http://issuu.com/freemasonrytoday/docs/whats_it_all_about?e=0/1277165

“If” Poem by Rudyard Kipling

The Secrets of Solomon's

Temple

The Secrets of Solomon's Temple
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by: Kevin Gest

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Buy the book here

www.lewismasonic.com

We have all been told that Solomon was a noble and wise ruler in the ancient times, known for building the first great temple in Israel. However in the past 20 years a lot of our understanding about biblical times has changed. Eminent archaeologists have indicated that Solomon was not his real name but one given to him some time after his death. Furthermore, increased understanding of ancient languages has resulted in the correction of many translation errors of the past and changed our perception of biblical events. This reveals that what the church has promoted for several centuries may have to be reconsidered. With new knowledge comes new meaning.

Revealed inside

• A secret that has been lying at the centre of Freemasonry for hundreds of years.

• Who Solomon really was and the nature of the secret knowledge he possessed?

• What is Solomon's Seal?

• What was the true purpose of Solomon's Temple? Reveals how the temple would have worked.

• What is the connection with Modern Freemasonry?

• The Pentagram or Solomon's Seal is a Masonic symbol where did it come from and what is its meaning?

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• The marriage of Jesus and Mary Magdalene at Ain Feshka at mid-night on Wednesday 19 March AD33. The origins of the Virgin Birth, the true name of Jesus Christ,

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• The mystery of the shape and numbers in the Ark of the covenant.

• The influence of the sun and Islamic builders on the Knights Templar and the gothic cathedrals.

Find yourself led into the ancient world of our ancestors, religious turmoil, and secret societies ,exposing a mystery which results in a totally new perception of what you thought you knew about history. Discover the hidden secret that lies at the heart of Freemasonry. A sacred truth that the religious establishment did not want to be known and have tried to suppress. It explores the background of Freemasonry and presents it in a new and fascinating context in our modern world. It reveals the true identity for Solomon and shows the Temple in a way it has never been explored before. The mystery unfolds!!

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Masonic News w/e 18th June 2010 – Tim Bryce

RECENT MASONIC NEWS:

Oklahoma Masonic Foundation presents \$100000 gift to establish Institute for ...

Durant Daily Democrat – OK, USA – June 11th

http://www.durantdemocrat.com/view/full_story/7901870/article-Oklahoma-Masonic-Foundation-presents-100-000-gift-to-establish-Institute-for-Professional-Development-at-SE-?instance=home_news_lead

Masons to lay addition's cornerstone

Fort Morgan Times – CO, USA – June 11th

http://www.fortmorgantimes.com/ci_15277228

Karas receives Masonic scholarship

Fort Morgan Times, CO, USA – June 11th

http://www.fortmorgantimes.com/ci_15278538

Admitted Freemason A Prominent Figure Within We Are Change NYC Before It's News – NY, NY, USA – June 12th

http://beforeitsnews.com/news/77/779/Admitted_Freemason_A_Prominent_Figure_Within_We_Are_Change_NYC.html

Dunedin Elementary's top readers win new Wheels

St. Petersburg Times – Dunedin, FL, USA – June 13th

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/briefs/dunedin-elementarys-top-readers-win-new-wheels/1101774>

The Original Conspiracy (book review)

Swans – June 14th

<http://www.swans.com/library/art16/pbuhle07.html>

Snapshot lecture and Cherokee lodge tour looks to debunk myths on Mason symbols

Rome News Tribune – GA, USA – June 14th

http://romenews-tribune.com/view/full_story/7922437/article-Snapshot-lecture-and-Cherokee-lodge-tour-looks-to-debunk-myths-on-Mason-symbols?instance=home_news

Masons recognize San Luis Obispo County law enforcement

Paso Robles Press – CA, USA – June 14th

http://www.pasoroblespress.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&page=72&story_id=4634

City weighs fate of crumbling Masonic Temple

La Crosse Tribune – WI, USA – June 16th

http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/article_678076d8-78fb-11df-8e70-001cc4c002e0.html

Past Tense: Masons were movers and shakers in Milan

Heritage Newspapers – Milan, MI, USA – June 16th

http://www.heritage.com/articles/2010/06/16/milan_news_leader/news/doc4c18ebd8ed911661555040.txt

Masonic honour for Wishaw man

Wishaw Press – UK – June 16th

<http://www.wishawpress.co.uk/wishaw-news/local-wishaw-news/wishaw-news/2010/06/16/masonic-honour-for-wishaw-man-76495-26657373/>

Richters, Wilton participate in 16th Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band

York News-Times – NE, USA – June 17th

<http://www.yorknewstimes.com/articles/2010/06/17/news/doc4c19676361ee5169198685.txt>

Masons of Fraternal Lodge honors 'Most Improved Students'

Foster's Daily Democrat – NH, USA – June 17th

<http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100617/GJCOMMUNITY03/706179937/-1/SANNEWS>

E0 Smith student rewarded for resiliency, compassion,
leadership

Mansfield Today – CT, USA – June 17th

<http://mansfield.htnp.com/2010/06/17/eo-smith-student-rewarded-for-resiliency-compassion-leadership/>

The Masonic Lodge: America's Smallest Naval Base?

Goodnight, Raleigh (blog) – June 17, 2010

<http://goodnightraleigh.com/2010/06/the-masonic-lodge-americas-smallest-naval-base/>

Teacher receives \$800 grant from Lodge

TriValley Central – AZ, USA – June 17th

http://www.trivalleycentral.com/articles/2010/06/17/eloy_enterprise/sports_and_education/doc4c1947c3a50c5273585941.txt

NOTICES:

And you can access my latest column (non-Masonic related) at:

<http://www.phmainstreet.com/timbryce.htm>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the Best,

A Pilgrims Way – Rudyard Kipling

I do not look for holy saints to guide me on my way,

Or male and female devilkings to lead my feet astray.

If these are added, I rejoice—if not, I shall not mind,

So long as I have leave and choice to meet my fellow-kind.

For as we come and as we go (and deadly-soon go we!)

The people, Lord, Thy people, are good enough for me!

Thus I will honour pious men whose virtue shines so bright

(Though none are more amazed than I when I by chance do right),

And I will pity foolish men for woe their sins have bred

(Though ninety-nine per cent. of mine I brought on my own head).

And, Amorite or Eremite, or General Averagee,

The people, Lord, Thy people, are good enough for me!

And when they bore me overmuch, I will not shake mine ears,

Recalling many thousand such whom I have bored to tears.

And when they labour to impress, I will not doubt nor scoff;

Since I myself have done no less and—sometimes pulled it off.

Yea, as we are and we are not, and we pretend to be,

The people, Lord, Thy people, are good enough for me!

And when they work me random wrong, as oftentimes hath been,

I will not cherish hate too long (my hands are none too clean).

And when they do me random good I will not feign surprise.

No more than those whom I have cheered with wayside charities.

But, as we give and as we take—whate'er our takings be—

The people, Lord, Thy people, are good enough for me!
But when I meet with frantic folk who sinfully declare
There is no pardon for their sin, the same I will not spare
Till I have proved that Heaven and Hell which in our hearts we
have
Show nothing irredeemable on either side of the grave.
For as we live and as we die—if utter Death there be—
The people, Lord, Thy people, are good enough for me!
Deliver me from every pride—the Middle, High, and Low—
That bars me from a brother's side, whatever pride he show.
And purge me from all heresies of thought and speech and pen
That bid me judge him otherwise than I am judged. Amen!
That I may sing of Crowd or King or road-borne company,
That I may labour in my day, vocation and degree,
To prove the same in deed and name, and hold unshakenly
(Where'er I go, whate'er I know, whoe'er my neighbor be)
This single faith in Life and Death and to Eternity:
"The people, Lord, Thy people, are good enough for me!"

Masonic News w/e 26th March 2010 – Tim Bryce

RECENT MASONIC NEWS:

Masonic mystery

Nashua Telegraph – NH, USA – Mar 20th

<http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/679081-196/masonic-mystery.html?i=1>

Church rebounding after Masonic Temple fire

Evening Observer – Dunkirk, NY, USA – Mar 21st

<http://www.observertoday.com/page/content.detail/id/537584.html?nav=5047>

Hundreds attend event honoring Fred Allen

Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune – TX, USA – Mar 22nd

<http://www.dailytribune.net/articles/2010/03/22/news/01.txt>

Masonic Lodge No. 342 awards scholarships

Newstreamz San Marcos – TX, USA – Mar 23rd

<http://www.newstreamz.com/2010/03/23/masonic-lodge-no-342-awards-scholarships/>

Richmond Masons come through for Lee students

New Baltimore Voice Newspapers – MI, USA – Mar 24th

<http://www.voicenews.com/articles/2010/03/24/life/doc4baa0fc112bce900425408.txt>

NOTICES:

THE SQUARE – Independent magazine for Freemasons (UK)

<http://www.thesquaremagazine.com/>

This Sunday (MARCH 28TH) the MASONIC CENTRAL talk show will be on the air.

Join in the conversation beginning at 9:00pm EDT (New York).

The talkshow's main web site is at:

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/masonic-central>

<http://www.freemasoninformation.com/>

Dial: 724-444-7444 and enter ID 19162

Can't make the show on Sunday? Download it during the week.

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All the Best,

Academic Society for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism

Sheffield University – “Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism”

Website: www.freemasonry.dept.shef.ac.uk/

1) First issue of the Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism now officially launched

<http://www.equinoxjournals.com/ojs/index.php/JRFF/issue/current>

Hard copies will be available within a week or so. For subscriptions to the journal, see

<http://www.equinoxjournals.com/ojs/index.php/JRFF/about/subscriptions>

The establishment of an academic journal is a vital step forward in gathering the international academic community devoted to research into freemasonry and related fraternal organisations. We encourage you to submissions to future volumes of the journal and count on your support in this endeavour to bring research in the area to a new level. This concerns especially the review section of the journal where we need qualified information on the apparition of new titles. Dr. Róbert Péter, our review editor, has compiled a database with recently published titles. The following list is not comprehensive and will be continuously updated:

<http://www.refworks.com/refshare?site=051541216267200000/RWWS2A1326230/JRFF>

2) Third volume of our publication series now ready to order

The third volume of our internal publication series "Sheffield Lectures on the History of Freemasonry and Fraternalism" is now ready to order. The volume titled *Researching British Freemasonry 1717-2017* is co-edited by Dr. Róbert Péter, our British Academy postdoctoral research fellow and Dr. Andreas Önnarfors, Director CRFF and highlights the importance of new approaches towards the history of freemasonry in Britain. It gathers eight lectures presented at various occasions by academic and masonic scholars: Andrew Prescott, John Acaster, John Astbury, John Belton, David Harrison, Bob Cooper, Róbert Péter, Andreas Önnarfors and Susan Snell. The Table of Content is downloadable on our website under "Publications":

<http://freemasonry.dept.shef.ac.uk/index.php?lang=0&type=toc&level0=722>

Previous volumes:

Vol. 1: Freemasonry and Fraternalism in the Middle East

Vol. 2: Freemasonry and Fraternalism in Eighteenth Century Russia

The price for each volume is £ 15, P&P included. If you want to buy two titles, you can order them for £ 25 and £30 for all three titles. Instructions on how to order online are under the same link.

We are also selling out a CD with the digitisation of all editions of William Preston's famous *Illustrations of Masonry* for a special price of **only £2 each**. The CD was one of the early milestone achievements of the Centre for Research into Freemasonry, published already in 2001.

3) Conference at the MONH in Lexington, MA April 9, 2010

The National Heritage Museum will host a symposium, "New Perspectives on American Freemasonry and Fraternalism," on April 9, 2010. We have set the program and are now taking registrations. Program information and a registration form can be received from

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Check out the MONH blog –
www.nationalheritagemuseum.typepad.com

4) Public announcement of the 3rd ICHF in Alexandria, VA

The third International Conference on the History of Freemasonry will take place in Alexandria, VA 27-29 May 2011.

The ICHF public announcement will be available on the following page:

http://www.grandlodgescotland.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=464&Itemid=115

and on the conference website

http://www.ichfonline.org/_private/main.htm

5) Swedish freemasonry to celebrate 275 years of its introduction into the country

To mark the 275th anniversary of the introduction of freemasonry to Sweden, the Swedish Order of Freemasons will arrange a number of festive events throughout the year. On the name day of reigning king Carl XVI Gustav on Thursday January 28, a book will be handed over to the monarch in which the fundamental contributions of his namesake Duke Charles of Sudermania, later king Charles XIII, to the establishment of Swedish freemasonry will be treated extensively. The volume *Hertig Carl och det svenska frimureriet* was co-authored by members of the Swedish research lodge Carl Friedrich Eckleff. Director CRFF contributed to it with a chapter on "Masonic diplomacy in London" around 1800. More information on the book: <http://www.frimurarorden.se/index2.html>

More information on Swedish freemasonry:

<http://www.frimurarorden.se/eng/index.html>

· Independencia centroamericana, Sociedades Patrióticas y Masonería: Logias, sociedades secretas y sociedades patrióticas; conspiraciones, movimientos separatistas y masonería; patriotas y masones; mitos, leyendas e invenciones; realidad histórica y tradiciones.

Freemasonry the Undiscovered Country.

I read on Stephen Dafoes's site www.lodgeoom.com , in his piece the 'The Restaurant at the end of the Masonic Universe. he writes,

"I really feel that I have been sold a pack of lies," wrote one such young mason recently on an Internet discussion forum.

How sad it is that a young man, who has been a Mason for one year would feel that he has been lied to by an organization that has Truth as one of its three greatest attributes.

"This is not the Masonry I signed up for," he continued in his posting and in so stating arrives at the crux of our problem.

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For some unknown reason, well unknown to me. I have always felt this compulsion to make sure there will be a tomorrow for Freemasonry. To make sure that the new members were given the correct information on Freemasonry that would equip them for their journey into the unknown.

The History of Masonry shows us that many have attempted to use the genuine Masonic structure to promote their own ideology.

My perception of Masonry has always been that it should be the basic tool from which you construct something worthwhile. To be worthwhile it has to be what the individual uncovers by himself for himself on this very odd journey through the

Masonic Degrees.

So if we hear *"I have been sold a pack of lies" or "This is not the Masonry I signed up for,"*. We have failed in our basic responsibility to the Initiate, our teachings have not been good enough.

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Freemasonry the Undiscovered Country.

We first see this phrase in **HAMLET**:

To be, or not to be—that is the question:

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune

Or to take arms against a sea of troubles
And by opposing end them. To die, to sleep—
No more—and by a sleep to say we end
The heartache, and the thousand natural shocks
That flesh is heir to. 'Tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. To die, to sleep—
To sleep—perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub,
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,
Must give us pause. There's the respect
That makes calamity of so long life.
For who would bear the whips and scorns of time,
Th' oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely,
The pangs of despised love, the law's delay,
The insolence of office, and the spurns
That patient merit of th' unworthy takes,
When he himself might his quietus make
With a bare bodkin? Who would fardels bear,
To grunt and sweat under a weary life,
But that the dread of something after death,
**The undiscovered country, from whose bourn
No traveller returns, puzzles the will,**

And makes us rather bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of?
Thus conscience does make cowards of us all,
And thus the native hue of resolution
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,
And enterprise of great pitch and moment
With this regard their currents turn awry
And lose the name of action. – Soft you now,
The fair Ophelia! – Nymph, in thy orisons
Be all my sins remembered.

To boldly go where no man has gone before, as the tale of Star Trek unfolds and eventually comes to a full length Feature film called '**The Undiscovered Country.**'

Hamlet sees the phrase as the mysteries of Death and Capt. James T. Kirk sees the mystery of days yet to come. The unknown future ?

To look for a better future we must assume there is something wrong with now. Freemasonry rests on the three basic principles 'Brotherly Love' 'Relief' and 'Truth'. so where do these basic principles come from, where was the origin of these binding concepts.

1: These are what are termed the Christian Graces of Faith, Hope and Charity.

2: These are what are termed the four Cardinal Virtues : Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice.

One of the major founding principles of Freemasonry is that it is not a substitute for Religion. As we all know full well topics of Religion and Politics are absolutely forbidden in a mainstream Masonic Lodge.

Now some streams of Freemasonry do not conform to this, what I would call fundamental principle, does that stop them from claiming a Masonic caveat, no it does not it just means it is not a Freemasonry I can have any contact with. There is no exclusion it is just there is no inclusion between us. Is my

style of Freemasonry better or more important, well only to me.

However in recent years there have been more and more claims being made that there is some form of spiritual enlightenment within Freemasonry ? Well is there ? this is the question I have been asking myself.

If there is I have not witnessed it. When I say this in conversation I am made to feel by those who say they have witnessed and experienced special THINGS in a Masonic Lodge, that I am not understanding of it. Which means to me I am not educated enough or not elite enough to be able to take part. in these special feelings.

I have recently had a long conversation with several Masons on the word OCCULT. To me and to all my acquaintances this word symbolises , evil or devil like or devil worship. So when I see the term "Freemasonry is of Occult Origin" it is a term I can not accept. Now other people can use the term but please do not link it to any part of me, My Freemasonry or anything evn slightly close to me.

The word does not frighten me, what concerns me is what the outside world hears when the words

"Freemasonry is of Occult Origin"

There is the argument that the meaning of the word Occult is technically is : This is the explanation from a popular web site that sells Occult products.

OCCULT:

1. Those persons, places, things, ideas and theories that are Secret by Design, relating to, or dealing with supernatural influences, agencies, or phenomena.
2. Beyond the realm of human comprehension; inscrutable; metaphysical.

3. Available only to the initiate; secret.

4. Hidden from view; concealed.

5. Forbidden by convention.

So, we can see where some portion of Freemasonry may well fit. But we can also see, "supernatural influences, agencies, or phenomena." Which even to this uneducated brain contradicts my first and binding oath in Freemasonry,

Q: Do you believe is a supreme being

A: Yes

At the moment of making that confirmation, I accept that the supreme being is the be all and end all of what is and what will be, he is after all, the supreme being.

So in common with Shakespeare and Capt. Kirk I use the phrase "Undiscovered Country" as a symbol in Freemasonry of what the new Initiate will see, what he will hear and what he will eventually experience in Freemasonry.

Freemasonry the undiscovered Country.

Now it is not for us to make up his mind for him. That is his job. It is our responsibility however that he is properly supported on this journey of discovery. We must therefore prevent anyone from hijacking Freemasonry for the evangelising of their own personal views on Religion or any form of Pseudo Religion.

Here the Esoteric Freemason may jump in and express his views, after all Esoterica means 'hidden' or 'known by a few' however there is not normally an initiatic requirement to be Esoteric. You can be an Esoteric Steam Engine enthusiast. Then I suppose you could be an Occult Steam Engine enthusiast.

It must be a foundation stone that whatever the candidate

experiences in Masonry is within his mind and in his perception of Freemasonry and the world it lives in. As Master Masons we have a responsibility to the Candidate to make sure he is not influenced by us his mentors in anything other than Freemasonry.

And from the foundation laid, may they build a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the Builder.

Bill McElligott