

Is The G.A.O.T.U. Satanic

One of the largest criticisms of the Masonic fraternity is that its lodge doors are opened to men of all monotheistic faiths. As such any devotions offered in the name of God, must naturally exclude any mention of Jesus Christ just as surely as they must exclude any mention of Allah, Vishnu or any other title that would be of importance to other faiths.

To many Christians this is wrong, for they believe that all prayers must be offered in Christ's name to be heard. However it is impossible to have a fraternity that is open to all monotheistic faiths and then offer a common prayer in a specific name to a specific concept of deity.

It is for this reason that Freemasons use such terms as Great Architect of the Universe, GAOTU. The simple fact is that G.A.O.T.U is not a word or acronym spoken in a lodge. The name is always stated in full as a title for the deity. G.A.O.T.U. is an abbreviation found in Masonic monitors just as St. represents Street.

To understand this name, which may seem odd to many, one must understand that Freemasonry uses the tools of the stone mason to illustrate morals and philosophies that are in common with all monotheistic faiths. As such it stands to reason that men who believe in the existence of a Supreme Being who created the universe would have no problem with considering God as Supreme architect of all creation.

In fact this name is not of Masonic origin. John Calvin who was a major reformer of the Church used it in the 1500's in his book, The Institutes of Christian Religion.

Although many that are opposed to Freemasonry on religious grounds are quick to point out that the G.A.O.T.U. is a false composite god, seemingly ignore that a man who in essence is one of the founders of Protestantism coined the phrase.

This important fact aside, many popular anti-masons use this Masonic title for the one God

who created the universe to label Freemasonry as a satanic cult.

To understand the logic used by those who claim the G.A.O.T.U. is a false deity, it is best to read the words of one of Freemasonry's opponents. The following is taken from the Ephesians 5:11 web site, an America 501 tax-free ministry whose sole ministry seems to be criticizing the Masonic fraternity:

"Worship does occur in Masonic Lodges. One of the primary purposes of Freemasonry is worship. That fact is clearly stated in the Declaration of Principles which is contained on pages 37-39 of the Indiana Monitor and Freemason's Guide. (To examine the source materials, see footnotes.) Masons worship a god which they call the Great Architect of the Universe. The symbol they have chosen to represent their god is the All Seeing Eye, which the Egyptians used to represent their pagan god, Osiris. Many Masons are well aware of the pagan connection. It is clearly stated in a number of Masonic Monitors. An example is found on page 116 of the Kentucky Monitor.

Since Freemasonry teaches a false plan of salvation, Masons are not following in the teachings of Jesus Christ. 2 John 1:9 allows us to know that since they are not following in the teachings of Jesus, they do not have God. Freemasonry is classic paganism. 1 Corinthians 10:20-21 allows us to know that the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, rather than God. Although we can say with certainty that the god of Freemasonry is a demon, we do not know specifically which demon Masons worship in lodge. We simply know that they refer to their demon as the Great Architect of the Universe, or GAOTU. All demons are under the leadership of Satan. Therefore, Freemasons cannot avoid worshiping Satan by proxy. Very few of them realize the facts in this aspect of Masonic worship.



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A great many Masons, even some who do not claim to be Christians, would leave the lodge immediately if the names of Satan, or Lucifer, were substituted for the GAOTU in Masonic prayers. Satan would not allow that to occur, because the more effective lie is the one which is closer to the truth, without being true."

Freemasonry requires of its members a belief in a Supreme Being. Since all discussion of religion is forbidden in lodge, it stands to reason that no further requirement can be put on a candidate than a belief in God, by whatever name he chooses to refer to the deity.

Anti-Masons such as those at Ephesians 5:11 believe that any religion that is not Christian is a false religion. Therefore since Freemasonry permits members of false religions into its doors, it is a false religion as well.

While Freemasons may not agree with this opinion, they however on the main respect the rights of those who hold to such views. Any Freemason who subscribed to such a belief would be more than welcome to leave the fraternity. The doors are only barred from the outside and not from within.

However, Freemasons are opposed to the notion that our title for the deity is reported as being in league with Satan. When a man is initiated into the fraternity he is asked in whom do you put your trust? The answer is in God. Should any candidate ever utter "in Satan," he would be out the door as quick as he entered.

In short the Great Architect of the Universe is a name for God in the same way as other titles such as Lord, Most High, Heavenly father etc. It is a title by which no offence can be given to any member of the fraternity no matter what faith he came in the door with. For it allows him to leave that door with the faith he came in with.



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