

# Masonry is Against Our Lady of Fatima

by John Salza

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Knowing Masonic rituals from inside Freemasonry, John Salza is eminently qualified to point out that Masonry is truly a pagan religion — which worships the devil — while it pretends to the world that it is just another fraternal organization. This part of John Salza's speech helps us to better understand the grave dangers Our Lady of Fatima warned us about in the Third Secret, as explained by Father Kramer in his speech starting on [page 32](#).

**M**asonry is an enemy of the Church; and as we'll learn today, Our Lady has warned us for many centuries that Freemasonry would penetrate the Church, would corrupt the hierarchy, and lead souls to damnation. In this presentation, I'm going to first talk about some very important historical points that show Masonry is against Our Lady, and I'm going to talk about Masonic ritual, and finally conclude with the effect that Freemasonry has had on the Catholic Church.

## I Was a MASON

So why am I qualified to talk about this? Well, although I am a cradle Catholic, a lifelong Catholic, I also be-

came a Freemason. Out of law school I was solicited to join Freemasonry by many Catholic men, and that's very common in America. It was presented to me as simply a social club, an organization that would help me develop business contacts. I was under the impression that American Freemasonry differed from European Freemasonry, and that's how it was explained to me. In fact, seeking some counsel from parish priests they said the same thing. And so I didn't feel the need to investigate it any further. In this period in my life I became a Master Mason, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Shriners; I was a member of two Masonic lodges; I served as principal officer in one of

those lodges; I was about to be elected Worshipful Master before I left; and I received a very rare credential called the Proficiency Card, which authorized me to instruct other Masons in Masonic ritual. It literally requires a man to have committed to memory all of the rituals of Blue Lodge Freemasonry, all of the positions, and that's what I could do; so I know what Freemasonry teaches because I taught it myself.

### **America and Masonic Error**

As I said, in America Masonry is not deemed to be harmful, it's deemed to be simply a social organization; and I've often asked myself, why is that? Why is it perceived differently in Europe? And the reason is America was never a Catholic country to begin with. America was founded by Freemasons, and the ideology of Freemasonry is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. For example, the establishment clause where the Government won't respect any religion. That's a denial of the Social Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The free exercise clause which gives man the right to practice any religion — again,

contrary to the Catholic Faith. America lives the religion of Freemasonry, that's why Masonry is not deemed to be a threat. It was, in fact, United States Supreme Court justices who created the doctrine of separation of Church and State in the United States under Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower (all of whom were Freemasons). They appointed, collectively, twelve Supreme Court justices, all of whom were Masons. From 1941 to 1971 Masons dominated the Supreme Court, and through those judicial decisions they created the Masonic doctrine of separation of Church and State.

### **Masonry Condemned 23 Times**

Now Catholics, of course, should know better because there have been very infrequent condemnations of some other errors, but not as many as Freemasonry. In my research, I've discovered twelve Popes issuing no less than twenty-three separate condemnations of Freemasonry. And these teachings are considered part of the Ordinary Universal Magisterium of the Church. They are binding on the souls of all Catholics. The

Church has always been very clear about the Church's position on Masonry.

### **Fatima Warns Against Freemasonry**

Now I'm going to turn to Fatima and try to give you a perspective on how Fatima and Masonry are connected. We know about the three secrets, or the three parts of the Secret. First, we have a vision of hell; secondly, Our Lady revealed, or warned of, the errors of Russia and the need to consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart; and, third, there is the vision of the bishop dressed in white. So, without any other information, what we see there is a warning of errors, of people going to hell and somehow the Church being involved because the Pope is involved in the third part.

Then, in her Fourth Memoir, Sister Lucy writes the words of Our Lady: "In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved etc.," of course implying that the dogma of the Faith will not be preserved elsewhere.

Why? Because of these errors. So what we have are the errors of Russia poisoning the world and the Church, and

leading souls to hell.

So, what are the errors of Russia? They are one and the same as the errors of Freemasonry, they are one and the same. In short, a rejection of Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church. A rejection of God-made-man and the exaltation of man-made-god. A rejection of the supernatural and an exaltation of the natural. That's why Masonry is a religion of naturalism. We can all be brothers on the natural level but if we reject the supernatural level, we cannot be brothers in the order of grace. We're only brothers and sisters when we're united to Christ and His Mystical Body through grace. Ultimately, this is a question of God versus satan and that's how Sister Lucia put it. She said that satan was in the mood for a decisive battle with Our Lady, and we must choose...

### **Masonry is a False Religion**

Masons generally *claim* that their craft arose out of the Operative Freemasons who used to build the physical structures, the Cathedrals in Europe, and during the Enlightenment period (this

was a period during which there was a movement to take men away from ecclesiastical authority and supernatural revelation) there was a movement to invite others into Freemasonry: bankers, lawyers, merchants, etc.; and that's called Speculative Freemasonry.

So Freemasonry as practiced today is ultimately a spiritual organization because just as the Operative Masons used to build the physical structures, today's Freemasons seek to build spiritual structures, and its rituals are spiritually oriented. And Freemasonry's rejection of the supernatural truths of the Faith and its promotion of naturalism are clearly embodied in Masonic ritual, and I am now going to give you some examples.

### **Masonic Ritual is Blasphemy and Worships a Collection of Pagan Gods**

In the first degree of Freemasonry — and these rituals are rituals that are universal — all men who go into Freemasonry experience what I'm going to tell you. In the first degree the candidate for Freemasonry is required to strip down, take

all his clothes off except his underwear, but that's not all. He is also required to remove his crucifix, his scapular, even his wedding ring, because as the ritual specifically says, a man is to take nothing "offensive or defensive into the lodge." Offensive because Catholicism offends Freemasonry and defensive because they want the man vulnerable. They do not want him to have a spiritual defense.

### **Masonic Blasphemy**

Also, a noose is placed around the man's neck and this noose symbolizes his attachment to the profane world, his former religion. You will see that that noose is removed when he finally enters into the covenant with Freemasonry. A blindfold is also placed on his eyes, and he is declared to be in a state of spiritual darkness. They said: "This is Mr. John Salza, who has long been in darkness and now seeks to be brought to light." Well, I only had the blindfold on for a couple of minutes. They were obviously talking about the fact that even though I was baptized into the light of Jesus Christ, I was in a state of

spiritual darkness.

### **Masonic Threats and Secrecy**

And then when the man comes into the Lodge, he's received on the point of a sharp instrument piercing his naked left breast, and they say that, "As this is an instrument of torture to your flesh, so should the recollection of it be to your conscience should you ever violate your secrets in Freemasonry." This is an intimidation tactic that's used even in satanic rituals. Freemasonry sets the tone right away that this is a secret organization.

### **Masonic Satanic Prayers**

When the candidate is escorted into the Lodge, he is caused to kneel and attend to prayer, and here's where he now begins to be conditioned to view God as the deity of any and every religion. Freemasonry prays to a god they call the Grand Architect of the Universe, under which you can find, according to Masonry, all the gods. So even though Saint Paul says that Jesus' name is the name above all names, Freemasonry says that God is the nameless one of a hundred names. Saint Paul teaches that we cannot

be yoked together with unbelievers — we know the spiritual axiom *lex orandi, lex credendi* — that's because if we pray with Masons, we will begin to believe like Masons.

Masonry not only evokes deity in prayer, but it also has unique symbols and names for God. I mentioned the Grand Architect of the Universe; in English-speaking lodges, the god of Masonry is represented by the letter "G". And in the Masonic Bible which they give their initiates, which is a King James translation of the Bible with its own Masonic appendix, it says that the letter "G" represents "the great god of all Freemasons." Masonry, also the god of Masonry, is represented by the all-seeing eye, which is clearly a pagan symbol going back to Osiris. And every Mason is required to bow in an act of idolatry to these symbols in Masonic ritual.

### **Masonic Ritual Lies**

So Freemasonry — through the use of these unique names, unique symbols, and unique prayers — seeks to unite men into a spiritual brotherhood, and also the deities of all these religions into a spiritual

godhead. This is a monstrous form of syncretism. Because the god of Masonry is not the Holy Trinity, it is a false god, and it's an abomination before the true God. As Saint Paul says, there are many gods and many lords, but only one true God and one Lord Jesus Christ.

David tells us in the Psalms that all the gods of the nations are devils, and hence the god of Freemasonry is the devil. After the man is involved in this prayer to the deity, the Worshipful Master who is the principal officer of the lodge has him make a profession of faith by asking him, "In whom do you put your trust?" And no matter what deity the candidate professes, Masonry is required to tell him, "Your trust is in God, your faith is well-founded." So, to those who reject Jesus Christ, Freemasonry explicitly lies to them. And that's because the author of Freemasonry is the father of lies.

In fact this position is contrary not only to revelation, but to reason itself. Obviously, Christian and non-Christian religions cannot both be correct on this point. One has to be false. Masonry's teaching here obviously denies objec-



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tive truth altogether because Masonry tells both of them that their trust is in the true God. Blessed Pius IV said nothing more insane has ever been devised by the mind of man. And so Masonry puts this notion, this false notion of human dignity, liberty, equality, fraternity, all above truth, exalting man over God — which are the errors of Russia and the errors of Freemasonry.

### **Masonic Blood Oaths are Self-Curses**

Next, the man is required to swear an oath at the Masonic altar, which is called in Freemasonry "the place of sacrifice". It's called the place

of sacrifice because, number one, the man gives a blood oath that I'm going to describe; and, number two, because he sacrifices his former religion for the religion of Freemasonry.

If the man professes to be a Christian, he swears the oath on the Bible, and he swears that he would rather have his throat cut across, his tongue torn out by it's roots, his chest torn open, his heart plucked out, his body severed in twain, his bowels taken thence and burned to ashes, rather than violate his Masonic oath.

These oaths are self-curses, and these types of oaths obviously are gravely sinful, and they evince this offering of blood. These descriptions of the penalties are called "blood oaths" and they confirm the covenantal nature of these oaths.

### **Masonic Rituals: Covenants with the Devil**

You know, "covenant" is considered an inter-personal communion — we know that from our theology — and

blood has always been symbolized, whether it's offered actually or symbolically, to ratify a covenant. When the man offers the blood oath at the Masonic altar, he is sealing the covenant of Freemasonry in which he is now bound. It's at that point that that noose is removed from his neck, and he's called a Brother for the first time. Why? Because he's now in covenant communion with Freemasonry.

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These oaths are portals to satan and the occult, and serve as obstacles to grace. With these curses, Masons swear to vio-

late the temple of the Holy Ghost on the very Scriptures He inspired. After he swears the oath, the hoodwink is removed and he's "brought to light." And what he sees before him are the Masonic square compasses and the volume of the sacred law. If he professes Christianity, that will be the Holy Bible, but it doesn't have to be. The Bible can be accompanied by, or replaced by, any religious writing: the Zend Avesta, the

Sohar, the Qur'an, the Book of Mormon, you name it.

Just as Masonry views all gods as equal to the Trinity, it views all religious writings as equal to the Bible. And this again is contrary to reason. The Bible affirms the divinity of Christ, the Qur'an rejects Christ's divinity, and yet Freemasonry holds both of them to reflect God's will. Certainly authored by the devil himself.

### **Masonic Cult of Man**

This cult of man continues when the Mason is presented his white apron. You may be familiar with Masons wearing aprons in their rituals. And the Mason is told that the white apron represents the purity of life and conduct, which is essentially necessary for him to gain admission into the celestial lodge above. He's also presented with a common gavel, a hammer, which he is told that just as in the olden times operative masons used the gavel to chip off parts of rough stones, he's told that by his own natural efforts he can perfect himself and make himself worthy for God as a living stone for the spiritual building of Heaven.

Of course, the Council of

Trent condemned this notion that man can do anything spiritually beneficial by his own natural efforts; this was anathema, and hence the teachings of Freemasonry are anathema.

### **Masonic Mockery of Christ**

In the Master Mason degree, which is the third degree of Freemasonry, Masonry teaches its doctrine of the resurrection of the body. And in the Masonic Bible, I quote, it says: "The resurrection of the body constitutes an essential dogma of the religious faith of Freemasonry."

In this degree, which is called the legend of the third degree, often called the Hiramic Legend, the candidate participates in an allegory. He is caused to represent a person named Hiram Abiff who historically did work on King Solomon's temple; but this legend is created, it's a fiction, it's something that Masonry made up. Essentially the candidate is said to have secret knowledge, Gnostic knowledge, that fellow craft Masons are seeking from him. And inside the lodge room he's accosted, he refuses to give up Masonic knowledge, and he's martyred. He's



literally hit over the head, he's caught in a sack, he's told to lay down and symbolically, he's murdered. Well, King Solomon looks for the body; and to make a long story short, it's eventually discovered by virtue of a green sprig of acacia that's planted next to the grave. And in the ritual, it says that Hiram Abiff was executed outside the gates of the city, like Our Lord, a mockery of Our Lord's death.

The Masonic ritual also says that Hiram was buried on the brow of a hill west of Mount Moriah. Again, a mockery of Our Lord. The ritual also says when they approach the dead body in ceremony, they make what's called the grand hailing sign of distress, and they say: "O Lord, my God, is there no help for the Widow's Son?" Is there no help for the Widow's Son? The Widow is Our Lady, and the Son is Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a satanic parody of the death, burial, and resurrection of Our Lord. After the candidate is then raised up by the Worshipful Master, he tells him that this symbolic raising testifies to Freemasonry's belief in eternal life.

When the man literally dies, his natural death, he can have

a Masonic burial service, in which he is clothed with his Masonic apron, similar to a baptismal garment, and all of his Masonic brothers deposit that sprig of acacia by which Hiram's body was found. They deposit that on his chest and they commend his soul up to the Grand Architect of the Universe.

### **Masonry the Synagogue of Satan**

The Popes and Our Lady have called Freemasonry a religion, a sect, and a cult. And now can you see why? Masonry has its own religious doctrines, its own rituals, its own unique prayers, its own names for God, its own symbols for God, its own names for Heaven, its own symbols for Heaven, its own theology, its own burial rites, its own covenants; it has a chaplain, it has vestments, it has meeting places called temples, it has consecration rites for lodges, it has music, it has feast days which mock Christianity — the Feast Day of John the Baptist on June 24 and John the Evangelist on December 27. It has its own calendar. Freemasonry doesn't use *anno domini*, they use *anno lucis*, lucifer, the

year of satan. They add 4000 years to 2010 so in Masonry, it's 6010. Masonic authorities also say Freemasonry is a religion, and the Popes have called Masonry the synagogue of satan. And now we know why.

### **Quito and Fatima**

Now let's recall Our Lady's warnings at Quito, which pre-figured Fatima. Remember that She said: "Freemasonry will reign, satan will reign, almost exclusively through Freemasonry in the Twentieth Century." And the Church will be punished, for heresy, impiety and impurity. And these things have been confirmed by Our Lady at Fatima.

So what have we seen since 1960, the year that the Third Secret was to be revealed? Well, we had a Council which decided not to condemn errors for the first time. To confirm doctrine, the Church has always condemned the errors that affect the doctrine. And yes, this didn't happen. Especially Russia's errors of Communism and Atheism. Again, at the very time the Third Secret was to be revealed.

There was a failure in ex-

pressing doctrine on a pastoral level. None of this is dogmatic, as we know, or definitive and on a pastoral level. Instead of using the precision that the Church has always used, they used ambiguous phraseology. Many examples could be given; for example, the word "subsist", that the Church of Christ subsists in the Catholic Church, giving the impression that the Church of Christ is somehow larger than the Catholic Church, that it also included heretics who reject the papacy. That's not what the Council said, but these types of ambiguous phrases lend themselves to Modernist interpretations.

The Council also gave unprecedented favorable opinions to non-Catholic religions, which are obstacles to salvation, all evincing a Masonic spirit of unity over truth. In fact, we might even maintain that the Council issued a new doctrine. Again, not dogmatic or definitive, but only a policy or an attitude toward religious liberty. Where the Council said for the very first time that man has a *right* — not just a freedom, not just a subjective freedom (psychological liberty) but an objec

tive natural right based on his dignity and nature — to religious liberty. How can that be? Man does not have a right, a God-given right, to disobey God. Man does not have a right to worship outside the Church. Russia adopted this view of religious liberty in 1997, and this has prevented Catholics from being able to evangelize in Russia.

### **False Religious Liberty is Masonic Doctrine**

Religious liberty, I think, is at the heart of the problem in the Church, and it's certainly at the heart of the teachings of Freemasonry. In fact, we have Masons praising the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. The French Freemason Yves Marsaudon wrote a book called *Ecumenism Viewed by a Traditional Freemason*, and he says, and I quote: "All roads lead to God, and this free-thinking, pouring forth from Masonic lodges has spread magnificently over the dome of St. Peter's." When Freemasons are praising the teachings of an ecumenical council, there's something wrong with that ecumenical council.

We've also had a different expression of the Catholic

Faith in the Twentieth Century. We've had a new Mass that was concocted out of thin air by Annibale Bugnini, whose own autobiography provided evidence that he was a Freemason. And it's no surprise that the Ottaviani Intervention said that the Bugnini Mass does not reflect the theology of the Mass as dogmatized by the Council of Trent. The Pope also allowed six objective heretics — Protestants, who reject the theology of the Mass — to consult on putting the new Mass together. Utter confusion in the Church.

Remember Our Lady warned at Quito about the corruption of the customs. What about the novelties that have come into the Church in the Twentieth Century? Communion in the hand while standing. The priest facing the people. Altar girls. The Canon said aloud in the vernacular. Protestant hymns. Again, a corruption of the ecclesiastical customs of the Church. We now have high churchmen praying with Protestants, Jews, and pagans, as if we're all on the same level, without any exhortation to join the Catholic Church to save their souls. And yet

these same high churchmen view Father Gruner, view the priests of the Society of Saint Pius X and other faithful Catholics who hold the Faith of all time, as “outside” the Church. Only the devil is the author of such confusion. And third, we have the morality. Remember the warnings at Quito: heresy, impiety and impurity.

And so what do we have in the Twentieth Century? We have a clerical sexual abuse crisis in the Church, unlike anything we’ve ever seen, where pedophile and sodomite priests are free to roam and commit crimes against children. Our Holy Father Pope Benedict, in spite of what the media says, is certainly doing something about this. This reminds me of the future Pope Pius XII’s warning against the suicide of altering the Faith of the Church in her liturgy, in her theology, and in her very soul.

### **A Masonic Revolution in the Church Since 1960**

There has been a Masonic revolution in the Catholic Church in the Twentieth Century. There’s been a re-orientation of the Church to the world since 1960, the year that

the Third Secret was to be revealed. In fact, I’m being kind when I call it a re-orientation because Sister Lucia called it a “diabolical disorientation.” She used that term so many times, one wonders whether that terminology is actually part of the Third Secret. All of this is tied to the Message of Fatima and the failure to heed Our Lady’s requests.

So in conclusion, we now know why Our Lady has warned us of Freemasonry; these messages are at the heart of Quito and Fatima. We also know that there is a part of the text that has not been revealed. That’s beyond dispute. We even know not only the nature of that text but characteristics about the text: twenty-five lines, with difficult Portuguese idioms. You’re going to hear all about this this week. But the warning was from Fatima and from Quito that Masonic ideology will enter into the Church, presumably through an ecumenical council, and will inspire its leaders to abandon tradition, and lead souls to damnation. We also have had consistent and explicit testimony from many about what the Third Secret means. 