

## Secret Societies

The political unrest we see around the world is often planned by the Jesuits and brought about through their lackey organizations—secret societies. Here is an overview of some of the main secret societies that have emerged throughout history:

### The Knights Templar

The Knights Templar formed in the 1000s AD and were sanctioned by the Pope in 1128. However, the power and rituals of the Knights soon began to unnerve both the Pope and the King of France, who tried to overthrow the Order through persecution and arrests. Historian N. Webster tells us more:

*The King of France, Philippe le Bel, who had hitherto been the friend of the Templars, now became alarmed and urged the Pope to take action against them; but before the Pope was able to find out more about the matter, the King took the law into his own hands and had all the Templars in France arrested on October 13, 1307. The following charges were then brought against them by the Inquisitor for France before whom they were examined:*

- 1. The ceremony of initiation into their Order was accompanied by insults to the Cross, the denial of Christ, and gross obscenities.*
- 2. The adoration of an idol which was said to be the image of the true God.*
- 3. The omission of the words of consecration at Mass.*
- 4. The right that the lay chiefs arrogated to themselves of giving absolution.*
- 5. The authorization of unnatural vice.<sup>i</sup>*

Despite the best efforts of monarchies, the Templars were not extinguished. In fact, offshoots of the Order are still in existence today.

### Knights of Malta

The Knights of Malta (Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta) formed around the same time as the Knights Templar. They are controlled by the Jesuits and have strong global influence:

*As always, the Freemasons are in the foreground while **the Jesuits and their Knights of Malta** are in the background (emphasis added).<sup>ii</sup>*

*Headquartered in Rome these Knights of the Papal Caesar control the Banking, Industry and Military Complexes of the world. They oversee Chase Manhattan Bank with branches in Moscow and New York. They rule the International Intelligence Community, the KGB in the east and the CIA in the west, in restoring the despotism of the Dark Ages.<sup>iii</sup>*

Take note of this list of a few Knights of Malta:

## Initial Membership List of the Knights of Malta

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George W. Anderson	John Farrell	Sir Stewart Menzies
James Jesus Angelton	Francis D. Flanagan	Prince Angelo di Mojana
Julian Allason	Licio Gelli	Thomas 'Tip' O'Neill
Roberto Alejos Arzu	Reinhard Gehlen	Francis (Frank) V. Ortiz
Andrew Bertie	Sir John Gorman CVO	Fra Giancarlo Pallavicini
Elmer Bobst	Thomas K. Gorman	Fra Hubert Pallavicini
Charles Joseph Bonaparte	J. Peter Grace	Franz von Papen
Prince Valerio Borghese	General Alexander Haig	Baron Luigi Parrilli
Dr. Barry Bradley	Cyril Hamilton	Juan Peron
Nicholas Brady	Otto von Hapsburg	Harold A.R. 'Kim' Philby
Monsignor Mario Brini	Baron Conrad Hilton	John J. Raskob
Pat Buchanan	Heinrich Himmler	George Rocca
James Buckley	J. Edgar Hoover	General Santovito
William F. Buckley, Jr.	Lee Iococca	Clay Shaw
Precott Bush, Jr.	Joseph Kennedy	Walter Schellenburg
Frank Capra	Senator Ted Kennedy	Frank Shakespeare
William Casey	Bowie Kuhn	Martin F. Shea
Gustavo Cisneros	Joseph P. Larkin	William Simon
Cardinal Terence Cooke	Louis Lehrman	Frank Sinatra
Gerald Coughlin	General de Lorenzo	Cardinal Francis Spellman
Cartha DeLoach	Dame Clara Booth Luce	Francis X. Stankard
Giscard d'Estaing	Henry Luce	Myron Taylor
Bill Donovan	George MacDonald	Admiral Giovanni Torrinsi
Allen Dulles	Avro Manhattan	Prince Anton Turkul
Avery Dulles	Alexandre de Marenches	William Wilson
Archbishop Edward Egan	John McCone	
Count Franz Egon	Thomas Melady	

## Rosicrucianism

The Rosicrucians are another ancient organization still in existence today. Founded in the 1400s, this secret society's spirituality is a combination of magic, alchemy, Jewish mysticism, and Gnosticism.

The website for the Rosicrucian Order offers this promise to prospective members:

*Through our teachings you will gain specific knowledge of metaphysics, mysticism, philosophy, psychology, parapsychology and science not taught by conventional educational systems or traditional religions...*

*The Rosicrucian system of study provides a foundation that ties together all different aspects of metaphysical study and demonstrates their interconnectedness. You will understand the natural laws that govern all realms. You will understand Your Self.<sup>iv</sup>*

Many of the newer esoteric societies were formed out of Rosicrucian philosophy, and it is thought that Rosicrucianism had a large influence on the creation of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The Knight of the Rose Croix is the 18<sup>th</sup> degree of Scottish Rite Masonry.

## Skull and Bones

The Skull and Bones secret society, which started in 1832 at Yale University, is chapter 322 of a much larger worldwide organization based in Germany:

*Those on the inside know it as The Order. Others have known it for more than 150 years as Chapter 322 of a German secret society. More formally, for legal purposes, The Order was incorporated as The Russell Trust in 1856. It was also once known as the "Brotherhood of Death". Those who make light of it, or want to make fun of it, call it "Skull & Bones", or just plain "Bones".*



*The American chapter of this German order was founded in 1833 at Yale University by General William Huntington Russell and Alphonso Taft who, in 1876, became Secretary of War in the Grant Administration. Alphonso Taft was the father of William Howard Taft, the only man to be both President and Chief Justice of the United States.*

*Notably the British establishment was also founded at a University—Oxford University, and especially All Souls College at Oxford. The British element is called "The Group."*

*The Group links to the Jewish equivalent through the Rothschilds in Britain (Lord Rothschild was an original member of Rhodes' "inner circle"). The Order in the U.S. links to the Guggenheim, Schiff and Warburg families. There were no Jews at all in The Order until very recently.<sup>v</sup>*

Former American presidents George Bush Sr. and George Bush Jr. are both members of Skull and Bones. The skull and crossbones symbolizes the god of death—Jupiter, or Lucifer.

The initiation into Skull and Bones includes bowing to a figure dressed in papal garb, as well as many sexual rites. Researcher and journalist Anthony Sutton (1925-2002) reveals the purpose and power of the Order:

*The Order has either set up or penetrated just about every significant research, policy, and opinion-making organization in the United States, in addition to the Church, business, law, government and politics...*

*The evolution of American society is not, and has not been for a century, a voluntary development reflecting individual opinion... On the contrary, the broad direction has been created artificially and stimulated by The Order...*

*The Order gets the ball rolling in new organizations; [it] puts in the FIRST President or Chairman, and the ideas, and then when operations are rolling along, often just fades out of the picture...*

*The FIRST Chairman of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes was member William Howard Taft (1878). The Society was the forerunner of the League to Enforce the Peace, which developed into the League of Nations concept and ultimately into the United Nations. In the United Nations we find, for example, Archibald MacLeish (1915) who was the brains behind the constitution of the UNESCO organization.<sup>vi</sup>*

## The Bohemian Club

The Bohemian Club, established in 1872, is related to the Skull and Bones Society. The August 2, 1982 edition of *Newsweek* magazine tells us this:

*The world's most prestigious summer camp—the Bohemian Grove—is now in session 75 miles north of San Francisco. The fiercely guarded, 2,700 acre retreat is the country extension of San Francisco's all-male ultra-exclusive Bohemian Club to which every Republican President since Herbert Hoover has belonged.*

Is the Bohemian Club really just an exclusive all-male summer camp? In 1981, *Mother Jones* magazine published a list of some of the Bohemian Club's more prominent members:

*George P. Shultz, Stephen Bechtel, Jr., Gerald R. Ford, Henry Kissinger, William F. Buckley, Jr., Fred L. Hartley, Merv Griffin...Ronald Reagan, A. W. Clausen, George Bush, William French Smith, John E. Swearingen, Caspar W. Weinberger, Justin Dart, William E. Simon.<sup>vii</sup>*

## Knights of Columbus

Another Order, the Knights of Columbus, was founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney.



*The Knights of Columbus, founded at New Haven, Connecticut, February 2, 1882, by Rev. M. J. McGivney, curate of St. Mary's Church...had on January 1, 1905, a total membership of 127,206 persons, 43,537 of whom were insured and 83,669 were associate members. They are now (1912) said to be over 300,000 strong.<sup>viii</sup>*

Like in other secret societies, these Knights must be initiated through various degrees, and have a political purpose involving the edification of the Papacy:

*But an adroit feature of this organization, to which Roman Catholics only are eligible, is the **initiative service of four degrees**, calculated to impress upon candidates their sacred obligations to uphold the Church on this western continent discovered by the great Columbus.*

*The relations of the Knights and the Church are supposed to be mutual and reciprocal, the Church **using the order to further its ends of capturing America**, and the Knights using the Church to exalt the glory of Columbus, and more particularly for their **own political preferment**..*

*they work in collusion with the Hierarchy, and are **heart and soul in politics**. This fact is well known to political machines and **non-Catholic politicians, whose candidates must receive the approval of Rome and the Knights** before they dare nominate them for either dog pound or presidency...*

*Notwithstanding these facts, the innocent Knights, like their Jesuitical spiritual advisers, publicly declare that they are not in politics...Knights, whose principal business is politics, aye, **Jesuitical politics** (emphasis added).<sup>xi</sup>*

## Opus Dei

Spanish Priest Josemaría Escrivá (1902-1975) founded Opus Dei (The Prelature of the Holy Cross and Opus Dei) in 1928. Opus Dei membership reached over 90,000 in 2009. Members include many government officials and clergy from Spain and throughout the world.



Opus Dei has been criticized for the extreme right-wing political agenda of its members, and also for its practices of corporal mortification—self-inflicted pain—which is described in *TIME* magazine:

But numeraries are expected, although not compelled, to wear a cilice, a small chain with inward-pointing spikes, around the upper thigh for two hours each day, and to flail themselves briefly weekly, with a small rope whip called a discipline.<sup>x</sup>



Philosopher, historian, and Knight of Malta Avro Manhattan reminds us that Opus Dei is also under the control of the Jesuits and the Papacy:

*The Opus Dei is a semi-secret religious lay order whose paramount objective is total support of the papacy and of the most conservative principals of the Catholic Church [the Council of Trent]...its members have dedicated themselves, with their personal and corporate wealth, to the blind instrument of the church [the Jesuit general].<sup>xi</sup>*

All of these organizations can be traced back to the Jesuits and the Papacy.

## Freemasonry

### Beginnings

Freemasonry started in Europe some time around the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and now is a network of at least six million "brothers" around the world.<sup>xii</sup> Many—if not all—American presidents have been involved in Masonry.

Although some parts of Freemasonry are secret, this society is really a front organization controlled by the Society of Jesus—the Jesuits:

*If you trace up Masonry, through all its Orders, till you come to the grand tip-top, head Mason of the World, you will discover that the dread individual and the Chief of the Society of Jesus are one and the same person!<sup>xiii</sup>*

*The truth is, the Jesuits of Rome have perfected Freemasonry to be their most magnificent and effective tool, accomplishing their purposes among Protestants.<sup>xiv</sup>*

Even members of the New Age movement recognize this connection. Theosophist Helena Blavatsky says this:

*It is curious to note too that most of the bodies which work these, such as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Rite of Avignon, the Order of the Temple, Fessler's Rite, the "Grand Council of the Emperors of the East and West—"Sovereign Prince Masons,"*

*etc., etc., are nearly all **the offspring of the sons of Ignatius Loyola**. The Baron Hundt, Chevalier Ramsay, Tschoudy, Zinnendorf, and numerous others who founded the grades in these rites, **worked under instructions from the General of the Jesuits**. The nest where these high degrees were hatched, and no Masonic rite is free from their baleful influence more or less, was **the Jesuit College of Clermont at Paris** (emphasis added).<sup>xv</sup>*

Freemasonry carries on the legacy of the Knights Templar, a military order controlled by the Pope. Although the Knights Templar supposedly do not exist in the same form, a group associated with Freemasonry called the Knights Templar does still exist, and similar organizations such as the Knights of Malta also carry on the legacy.

### Secret Knowledge

The highest levels of Freemasonry have the Gnostic "secret knowledge" that they hide from the rest of the world, and even lower-level Masons are kept in the dark. Read more about this double doctrine in our article Spirituality and Secret Societies

There is a division between the inner circle and the outer, the freemen who have the knowledge, and the commoners who don't even know they are being controlled and enslaved:

*We must create a super rite, which **will remain unknown**, to which we will call those Masons of high degree (30th and above), whom we shall select. With regards to our brothers in Masonry, these men must be pledged to **the strictest secrecy**. Through this supreme rite, we will govern all Freemasonry which will become the one international center, the more powerful, because its direction will be unknown.<sup>xvi</sup>*

*The Blue Degrees are but the outer court of portico of the Temple. Part of the symbols are displayed there to the Initiate, but he is **intentionally misled by false interpretations**. It is not intended that he shall understand them; but it is intended that he shall imagine he understands them. **Their true explication is reserved for the Adepts, the Princes of Masonry**. The whole body of the Royal and Sacerdotal Art was hidden so carefully, centuries since, in the High Degrees (emphasis added).<sup>xvii</sup>*

The religion of Freemasonry is essentially the worship of Lucifer, or Satan. In Masonic thought, Satan is the light-bearer, and God is the dark one. This is typical Gnostic inversion of the truth—one of Satan's favorite deceptions.

## Humanism

Religion of self—the idea that "man is a god in the making"<sup>xviii</sup>—is another of Satan's lies taught in Masonry, as these Masonic sources tell us:

*Therefore Masonry teaches that redemption and salvation are both the power and the responsibility of the individual Mason...Every man in essence is his own savior and Redeemer; for if he does not save himself, he will not be saved.*<sup>xix</sup>

*our goal is to create harmony within the lodge and to **improve ourselves**, spiritually, intellectually, morally; in all aspects of our lives (emphasis added).*<sup>xx</sup>

*The perfect man is Christ: and Christ is God. This is the birth-right and destiny of every human soul...It is far more important that men should strive to become Christs than that they should believe that Jesus was Christ.*<sup>xxi</sup>

*Be still—and know—that I am God...**'that I am God,'** the final recognition of the All in All, the unity of the Self with the Cosmos—the cognition of the **divinity of the self** (emphasis added)!*<sup>xxii</sup>

## Ecumenism

This divinity of self appeals to people of many religions. Freemasonry allows use of any scripture, and worship at any altar—perpetuating the universal religion that satisfies them all:



*We permit Jewish and [Muslim] brethren to content themselves with the books of the Old Testament or Koran. Masonry does not interfere with the peculiar form or development of any one's religious faith. All that it asks is that the interpretation of the symbol shall be in accordance to what each one supposes to be the revealed will of the creator.*<sup>xxiii</sup>

*The true Mason is not creed-bound. He realizes with the divine illumination of his lodge that as a Mason his religion must be universal: Christ, Buddha or Mohammed, the name means little, for he recognizes only the light and not the bearer. He worships at every shrine, bows before every altar, whether in temple, mosque or cathedral, realizing with his truer understanding the oneness of all spiritual truth.*<sup>xxiv</sup>

*The Bible is an indispensable part of the furniture of a Christian Lodge, only because it is the sacred book of the Christian religion. The Hebrew Pentateuch in a Hebrew Lodge, and the Koran in a Mohammedan one, belong on the Altar; and one of these,*

*and the Square and Compass, properly understood, are the Great Lights by which a Mason must walk and work.<sup>xxv</sup>*

Freemasonry is helping in the Papacy's and New Age movement's mission of joining all the world's religions together, as we are seeing happen in the United Nations, the World Council of Churches, and the ecumenical movement.

## Lucifer is the god of Freemasonry

The apostle Paul tells us that Satan masquerades as an angel of light:

*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).*

One example of this masquerading is the culture of secret societies that claim to have illumination or light but are in fact full of darkness. Their Gnostic teaching inverts the truth, making Satan the god and God the enemy. The following sources attest to the fact that Freemasonry is Luciferian:

### Occultist and author Manly Palmer Hall

*When the Mason learns that the key to the warrior on the block is the proper application of the dynamo of living power, he has learned the mystery of his Craft. The **seething energies of Lucifer are in his hands** and before he may step onward and upward, he must prove his ability to properly apply energy (emphasis added)<sup>xxvi</sup>*

*I hereby promise the Great Spirit Lucifuge, Prince of Demons, that each year I will bring unto him a human soul to do with as it may please him, and in return Lucifuge promises to bestow upon me the treasures of the earth and fulfill my every desire for the length of my natural life. If I fail to bring him each year the offering specified above, then my own soul shall be forfeit to him. Signed...{Invocant signs pact with his own blood}.<sup>xxvii</sup>*

### Eliphas Levi

*What is more absurd and more impious than to attribute the name of Lucifer to the devil, that is, to personified evil. The intellectual Lucifer is the spirit of intelligence and love; it is the paraclete [an advocate]; it is the Holy Spirit, where the physical Lucifer is the great angel of universal magnetism.<sup>xxviii</sup>*

### Albert Pike, 33-degree Freemason and author of *Morals and Dogma*

*Lucifer, the Light-Bearer! Strange and mysterious name to give to the Spirit of Darkness! Lucifer, the Son of the Morning! Is it he who bears the light, and with its splendors intolerable blinds feeble, sensual or selfish Souls? Doubt it not!*<sup>lxxxix</sup>

*The devil is the personification of Atheism or Idolatry. For the Initiates, this is not a Person, but a Force, created for good, but which may serve for evil. It is the instrument of Liberty or Free Will. They represent this Force, which presides over the physical generation, under the mythological and horned form of the God Pan; thence came the he-goat of the Sabbat, brother of the Ancient Serpent, and the Light-bearer or Phosphor, of which the poets have made the false Lucifer of the legend.*<sup>xxx</sup>

*The true name of Satan, the Kabalists say, is Yahweh (GOD) reversed; for Satan is not a black god, but a negation of God...the Kabala imagined Him to be a "most occult light."*<sup>xxxix</sup>

*That which we must say to a crowd is—We worship a God, but it is the God that one adores without superstition. To you, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, we say this, that you may repeat it to the Brethren of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> degrees—The Masonic Religion should be, by all of us initiates of the high degrees, maintained in the **purity of the Luciferian Doctrine**. If Lucifer were not God, would Adonay whose deeds prove his cruelty, perfidy and hatred of man, barbarism and repulsion for science, would Adonay and his priests, calumniate him? Yes, **Lucifer is God, and unfortunately Adonay is also god**. For the eternal law is that there is no light without shade, no beauty without ugliness, no white without black, for the absolute can only exist as two gods: darkness being necessary to the statue, and the brake to the locomotive. Thus, the doctrine of Satanism is a heresy; and the true and **pure philosophical religion is the belief in Lucifer, the equal of Adonay; but Lucifer, God of Light and God of Good, is struggling for humanity against Adonay, the God of Darkness and Evil.***<sup>xxxii</sup>

### Arthur Edward Waite, 33-degree Freemason

*First Conjunction Addressed to Emperor Lucifer. Emperor Lucifer, Master and Prince of Rebellious Spirits, I adjure thee to leave thine abode, in whatsoever quarter of the world it may be situated and come hither to communicate with me...I command and adjure thee, Emperor Lucifer, as the representative of the mighty living God, and by the power of Emanuel, His only Son...*<sup>xxxiii</sup>

## Spirituality and Secret Societies

Some secret societies seem to be only interested in social or political work, but they are all deeply connected to spirituality. Take Albert Pike's explanation of Freemasonry as an example:



*Every Masonic Lodge is a temple of religion: and **its teachings are instruction in religion**...This is the true religion revealed to the ancient patriarchs; which Masonry has taught for many centuries, and which it will continue to teach as long as time endures (emphasis added).<sup>xxxiv</sup>*

Unfortunately, this "religion revealed to the ancient patriarchs" is not God's true religion, but rather finds its roots in occult Kabbalism and Johannism:

*The **Kabalah**, the **Gnostics**, and the Schools, are the religion and Philosophy of Masonry...*

*All truly dogmatic religions have issued from the Kabalah and return to it. Everything scientific and grand in the religious dreams of all the illuminati, Jacob Boehme, Swedenborg, Saint Martin, and others, is **borrowed from the Kabalah, all the Masonic associations owe to it their Secrets and their Symbols** (emphases added).<sup>xxxv</sup>*

## Gnosticism and Double-Doctrine

In the occult religion of secret societies, two simultaneous doctrines are taught. Insiders are taught the doctrines of Johannism and Lucifer worship, and their knowledge is considered esoteric. To outsiders, Freemasonry dresses itself in the garb of religions such as Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. The inversion of Scriptural truth in "secret knowledge" is found in the doctrines of Gnosticism.

Charles Berger explains:

*Thus, symbols came to have to meanings, the esoteric and the exoteric. **The esoteric meaning was the true or original meaning, understood only by a few and closely guarded by them. The exoteric meaning was the invented, or modified, explanation intended for the many.** The sacred mysteries, which are often mentioned in connection with many ancient religions and which were closely guarded by the initiate, concerned esoteric meanings in the religions of previous times. These sacred mysteries very often were merely continuations of the simpler forms of early sex worship carried on by a select few (emphases added).<sup>xxxvi</sup>*

Note a few of the double-sided doctrines:

In Occultism, Catholicism is Inverted	
Outward Doctrine	"Secret Knowledge"
Catholicism	Johannism
Light	Darkness
St. Peter	Jupiter/Lucifer
IHS	Pagan gods Isis Horus Set
Maltese Cross on Pope	Maltese Cross on priests of Horus

Even hundreds of years ago, the Knights Templar had two doctrines. Initiated members knew the esoteric doctrine, which taught that Lucifer is the true son of God. Those uninitiated were led to believe that the Templars were grounded in Catholic doctrine:

*The Templars, like all other Secret Orders and Associations, had two doctrines, one concealed and reserved for the Masters, which was Johannism; the other public, which was the Roman Catholic.*<sup>xxxvii</sup>

## Kabbalism

Albert Pike, 33-degree Freemason, informs us that Kabbalism is part of Masonic doctrine:

*The **Holy Kabalah**, or tradition of the children of Seth, was carried from Chaldea by Abraham, taught to the Egyptian priesthood by Joseph, recovered and purified by Moses, concealed under symbols in the Bible, revealed by the Saviour to Saint John, and contained, entire, under hieratic figures analogous to those of all antiquity, in the Apocalypse of that Apostle...*

***Masonry is a search after Light. That search leads us directly back, as you can see, to the Kabalah.** In that ancient and little understood medley of absurdity and philosophy, the Initiate will find the source of many doctrines.*<sup>xxxviii</sup>

What, then, is Kabbalism? The Kabbalah is a collection of Jewish mystical teachings. Some of these doctrines are based on an esoteric interpretation of the Old

Testament. Kabbalism is no longer solely Jewish, but is the basis for doctrine in many mystical Orders and New Age groups.

Helena Blavatsky tells us that Kabbalism is Gnostic teaching:

*Once that the key to Genesis is in our hands, the scientific and symbolical Kabbalah unveils **the secret. The Great Serpent of the Garden of Eden and the "Lord God" are identical**, and so are **Jehovah and Cain ONE**—that Cain who is referred to in theology as the "murderer" and the LIAR to God! Jehovah tempts the King of Israel to number the people, and Satan tempts him to do the same in another place. **Jehovah turns into the Fiery Serpents to bite those he is displeased with; and Jehovah informs the Brazen Serpent that heals them.** These short, and seemingly contradictory, statements in the Old Testament—contradictory because the two Powers are separated instead of being regarded as the two faces of one and the same thing—are the echoes, distorted out of recognition by exoterism and theology, of universal and philosophical dogmas in Nature (bold emphases added, capitalization in original).<sup>xxxix</sup>*

## Mithraism

Mithraism, an ancient Roman cult, may have been one of the first secret societies. Those in the cult worshiped the god Mithra in a secret temple called a *mithraeum*, and were initiated in the same way as modern secret society members:

*The structure of the cult was hierarchical. Members went through a series of seven grades, each of which had a special symbol and a tutelary planet.*

*From lowest to highest these grades were Corax (raven, under Mercury), Nymphus (a made-up word meaning male bride, under Venus), Miles (the soldier, under Mars), Leo (the lion, under Jupiter), Perses (the Persian, under Luna, the moon), Heliodromus (the Sun's courier, under Sol, the sun), and finally Pater (father, under Saturn).*

*Those who reached the highest grade, Pater, could become the head of a congregation.<sup>xl</sup>*

Mithraism was part of ancient Roman paganism, which has formed into modern Roman Catholic practice.



*As for the clergy, they borrowed the title of "father" from priests of Mithra, in spite of Christ's formal prohibition: "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven" (Matthew 23:9). Thus it is not astonishing that mitre, meaning a bishop's cap, calls Mithra to mind, and that the Pope's headdress tiara (a word of Persian origin) derives from frigium, referring to the Phrygian cap.<sup>xli</sup>*

Mithraism is still alive in another form today, as Masonic author A. T. C. Pierson admits:

*The Masonic legend stands by itself, unsupported by history or other than its own traditions; yet **we readily recognize in Hiram Abiff** [Christ-figure of Freemasonry] **the Osiris of the Egyptians, the Mithras of the Persians...**<sup>xlii</sup>*

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