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THE ILLUMINATI

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

(Matthew 5:13, 14, 16)

Universal salvation rests on progression and probation, and is unattainable without them. Heaven is not a locality, but a divine state of Mind in which all the manifestations of Mind are harmonious and immortal, because sin is not there and man is found having no righteousness of his own, but in possession of "the mind of the Lord," as the Scripture says.

God creates and governs the universe, including man. The universe is filled with spiritual ideas, which He evolves, and they are obedient to the Mind that makes them. Mortal mind would transform the spiritual into the material, and then recover man's original self in order to escape from the mortality of this error. Mortals are not like immortals, created in God's own image; but infinite Spirit being all, mortal consciousness will at last yield to the scientific fact and disappear and the real sense of being, perfect and forever intact will appear.

(*Science and Health* by Mary Baker Eddy, pp. 291:12-18 & 295:5-15)

Jesus had no vices to deter his followers from walking with him. He was loving, sincere, and true. Never in the history of his earth life was there aught found against him. His was a life of blessing in all that land of Galilee; and yet, incredible as it may appear to this age, he was persecuted and reviled for opening the eyes of the blind, for healing the sick, and raising the dead. Not only was he denounced, but the people sought to kill him because his method and teaching were contrary to theirs. He utilized spiritual thought-force, or mental therapeutics. They employed material methods, drugs, and hygiene. They declared that he stirred up seditions; that he blasphemed by calling God his Father, and by healing on the Sabbath day.

Let us consider the reception the disciples of Christ meet in this century. Let us learn if the gospel, which today is preached from the pulpits of the many denominations, is followed by the demonstration of Spirit and of power, in the destruction of sin and sickness, as it was in the days of Christ Jesus and his early disciples. Do scholastic theologians proclaim with faith and understanding this command of the Master: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself?" Do they teach the allness of God, who is eternal Life, Love, and Truth, Who is infinite, and that therefore there can be no reality in any phenomena which are not the expression of the Principle of eternal being, — Mind, Spirit, God, and His infinite ideas, or sons and daughters, made in His own image and likeness?

The hour has struck. In this era humanity is listening for the voice of the Son of God, who said, "I will come again."

(Sermons and Other Writings on Christian Science by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D. pages 345, 348, 557, 358)

The ILLUMINATI was a strange perversion of the minds of men, a resistance to the appearing of the phenomenon on earth, to be known as the American Federal Republic, the first avowedly Christian Nation on earth, the type of the Kingdom of God, which it was the mission of Christ Jesus to establish, "on earth as it is in heaven." The ILLUMINATI appeared at the exact date of the American Revolution. This Society, called by the general name of the ILLUMINATI, or Illuminated Free Masonry, was born in Jesuitism, and was the antipode of true Free Masonry, which it simulated and whose garb it assumed, as the wolf disguised himself to Little Red Ridinghood.

The noble art of Free Masonry is one of the most sublime systems of spiritual symbolism in the world. In its present form Free Masonry was first established throughout the British Isles in the beginning of the eighteenth century; but Masonic symbolism was known and practised in England from the tenth century. Its sacred symbolism has come down to our day from the time of the building of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh by Job, in the year 2170; and this symbol, namely, the Pyramid, is one of our chief symbols being the principal emblem of the reverse of our Seal. The Pyramid is a marvellous type of spiritual man, and its metaphysical mathematical measurements and angles, laid down in Hebrew measure, interpreted in the Anglo-Saxon lineal measure, give us the key to the history of mankind, and the coming of the end of material creation, at the second appearing of Christ, which is now close at hand.

In America, Free Masonry was introduced in the Colonies, about the time of the birth of George Washington. Benjamin Franklin, the Dean of the Revolutionary patriots, was Grand Master of Pennsylvania in the early part of the eighteenth century. Washington himself became a Mason and Master of his lodge; and with but one or two exceptions all of his generals were Masons; the outstanding heroes of the Revolution were Masons; nearly all the members of the First Continental Congress, as well as those of

the Constitution Convention, were Masons; and so on, down the list. The corner-stone of the Capitol at Washington was laid by George Washington, with Masonic honors. The Bible on which Washington took his oath was borrowed for the occasion from a Masonic Lodge; and the page on which Washington's hand rested was the 49th chapter of Genesis, which contains the account of God's promise and blessing to Jacob, or Israel, and his eons, from whom are descended the Anglo-Saxon peoples, through the tribes of Manasseh (America) and Ephraim (Britain).

I have recorded these facts at greater length in a former paper but repeat them here because of the fact that ILLUMINISM, so-called, adopted the entire system of Free Masonry, with its signs, pass words, and grips, in order to gain a standing among the Protestant peoples of Europe.

The Society of the Illuminati was founded in 1775 by Adam Weishaupt, Professor of Canon Law in a German college, and a Jesuit by training. At first, Weishaupt enlisted the assistance of certain members of the Jesuit Order, but when they refused to join him in his attacks on the Roman Catholic organization, he became their enemy and later their victim.

ILLUMINISM was suppressed in Germany in 1785, but almost immediately revived under a new name. It was taken up by the French, having assumed the role of Free Masonry, and was organized in France under the name of The Grand Orient of France. There were several orders and degrees, each of which had a name, according to its character. The French, whose love for gaudy display and an outward refinement, is a national characteristic, added outward ornaments to the system, the wearing of which attracted those who delighted to affect the manners of gentlemen of leisure and culture. At first, ILLUMINISM was introduced as a social pastime, and was welcomed on the Continent of Europe. The French prisoners of war in Germany undertook to teach its refinements to their German superiors, who were eager for instruction; but this soon led to rivalry and schisms. A German man of leisure, Baron Hünede, became the leading exponent of ILLUMINISM in Germany, and indeed throughout the Continent; and he introduced certain fantastic rites and rituals, such as the doctrine of the transmutation of metals, witchcraft, and other prevailing notions, which were added to the three fundamental degrees of legitimate Masonry, as it was practised in England. The English Free Masonry was imported to the Continent but was soon cast aside by the French, as being crude and fit only for the "vulgar English," as they termed the British Masons.

The meetings of the ILLUMINATI became the hot-beds of political intrigue, and of violent attacks against all religion and morals. All the methods of Jesuitism were used to promote the ends of Illuminism. The subversion of Free Masonry was the chief weapon which the ILLUMINATI used to carry on their propaganda, not only against the Roman Catholic system and the Jesuits, but even against true religion. The name of Jesus Christ was openly blasphemed in their meetings, and his sacred history, character, and mission were held up to ridicule and scorn. The two outstanding tenets of ILLUMINISM were the destruction of all religion and the overthrow of morality among the nations, including the overthrow of all government. They proceeded along the lines of what they called Deism, as opposed to Christianity; and practically all of their members were Deists, or in sympathy with this belief. The Order was permeated with the doctrines and

methods of Jesuitism, from which it sprang, although outwardly opposing that Order. Even the Roman Catholic hierarchy at one period utilized Free Masonry to further its own ends.

That the ILLUMINATI had much, if not all, to do with the French Revolution is almost certain. In 1789, a manifesto was sent from the Grand National Lodge of French Masons at Paris, signed by the Duke of Orleans as Grand Master, addressed and sent to the lodges in all the respectable cities of Europe, exhorting them to unite for the support of the French Revolution to gain it friends, defenders and dependents, and according to their opportunities and the practicability of the thing to kindle and propagate the spirit of revolution in all minds.

Towards the close of the eighteenth century, a book appeared in Scotland, written by a Dr. Robison, exposing the ILLUMINATI of Europe, and their activities both on the continent and in Britain. In this book, Dr. Robison accuses the Society of the ILLUMINATI of the most blasphemous tenets and doctrines and of vile and filthy practices, intended, as an offence to all moral codes and religion, and to the overthrow of civilized government.

This Society, or an organization founded upon the same beliefs and tenets, having the same methods, found its way to America in the period of the Revolution, or a little after. Just as Voltaire was one of its chief exponents in Europe — Voltaire, whose blasphemies against revealed religion, throughout his entire life, brought him to the hour of death in a mental condition so terrible that his physicians were driven from the room by the terror of it — so Thomas Paine, with his "Age of Reason," and his traitorous outburst against Washington and the newly formed American Republic, was the chief spokesman of ILLUMINISM in America. A writer of that period records that there existed throughout New England, especially in Connecticut, a Society of the ILLUMINATI, under the patronage of De Witt Clinton, nephew of Governor De Witt Clinton, whose activities caused much disturbance and concern to the founders of the Republic. They formed a Delstic Society in New York which was coached and taught by a Jesuit priest, who, having come to the Society without a shirt on his back, doling out a scant living, as this writer says, by humming masses to poor Irish maids, he was raised to a position of respectability and moderate affluence. He then wished to increase his emoluments and deserted the Society, forming a Society of his own in Philadelphia, in defiance of the authorities of the New York Society. Another Society was formed in Baltimore; and so this poison spread throughout the Eastern States. Their meetings are described as scenes of pandemonium, ribaldry, obscenity and violence.

During the late war, the members of the American Masonic bodies in the American Army fraternized with the Masonic lodges of Europe, including the Grand Orient of France; but after the war, the eyes of the Americans were opened and an order was issued, severing all connection of the American lodges with the Grand Orient of France.

That this subversive spirit of anti-Christ is abroad and active today, not only in Europe but here in America, we have indubitable proofs. Both Jesuitism, and its bastard offspring ILLUMINISM, are opposed to true religion; the doctrine of ILLUMINISM openly avows antagonism of all Revelation, or the Christianity of Christ which it fights with intensest hatred and animus. The propaganda which has been extensively carried on in

recent years, to discredit the founders of America, especially George Washington, by branding them all as Deists and our Nation as not a Christian Nation, is evidence that the ILLUMINATI are at work in our midst today. An incident at a banquet in New York, not many months ago, when a well-known author was openly rebuked and snubbed by his friend, also a man of prominence, for disrespect towards Washington, is a case in point. The papers have been reeking with such propaganda, even one of our highest generals falling under this Jesuitical-illuminated hypnotism to defame Washington, by referring to him as a drinker, a swearer, and a smoker. The writer made a personal trip to the City of Washington, some months ago, to refute by research in the archives there that Washington had signed a treaty with Tripoli, in which America was referred to as "not a Christian Nation." A treaty having this clause was found but the clause in a later issue of the treaty was omitted; and Washington had not signed either issue.

We are forcibly reminded of the character of the mental battle which is being fought in America today, by the words of John the Revelator, in the 12th chapter of Revelation:

And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought
against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
And prevailed not; neither was their place found
any more in heaven.

(Revelation 12: 7,& 8)

America is essentially a Christian Nation; Her discovery by the young Iclander, Leif Ericson in the year 1000; her colonization by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620; her founding on the divine symbolic principles of Masonry by Washington and his compatriots; and her entire spiritual history, place her as the spiritual Leader of the world, the place prepared for the second appearing of Christ, who is the only Ruler of America, and who shall reign forever and ever, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

I close with the following quotation from Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., student of Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

The mental atmosphere of today is pregnant with the query,
What is Truth?

Truth's mighty arguments are rolling down
From inland mountain to seaboard town.

The question confronting the twentieth century thinker is,—
shall we continue, from material concepts, to evolve material
phenomena — discord, disease, and death — or shall we refuse
longer to attempt to open "the Future's portal with the Past's
blood-rusted key?" Shall we not rather accept Truth, Christ,
now, and find the way to health, holiness and immortality?

The timid or the unilluminated, who desire popularity and prefer
the mesmerism that shuns conflict for the sake of personal
ease, who fear ecclesiastical authority and materialize our

Leader's teaching, would relegate the Church to a mere *material* organization, and would rob it of the power of spiritual healing — the proof of spiritual Life. Humanity demands the religion of Love, revealed by Mrs. Eddy; and they who admit no compromise of her clear utterances, but maintain them in their spiritual strength and integrity, honor her, and thus overthrow animal magnetism in all its insidious and subtle suggestions of a power opposed to God. (*Sermons and Other Writings on Christian Science* by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., page 840-841.)