

Afterword

Our investigation of the Legend of the Temple has brought us to the following conclusions:

The Temple of Solomon represents the house or dwelling place of the Soul in three states of awareness. Each state of awareness has its own symbolic house or temple, including:

- The Tabernacle, or house of the incarnate soul, is the persona (including the mental, emotional, physical-etheric and physical-dense bodies).
- The Temple of Solomon, or house of the Spiritual Soul, is the Light Body of the Soul.
- The Temple of Ezekiel, or house of the Spirit, is the body of the Spirit.

Each of the characters in the Legend represents one of the Three Aspects of Divinity, including:

- The builders represent intelligent beings of substance, directed by the Soul.
- The Three Ruffians represent the three-fold persona, consisting of the three bodies mentioned above (reflected in the physical-dense body), and the three-fold goddess.
- Hiram Abiff represents the Spiritual Soul or Son Aspect.
- King Solomon represents the Spirit or Father Aspect.
- King Hiram represents Substance or the Mother Aspect, the Great Goddess.

The furnishings of the Temple, such as the pillars, Ark, and tracing board, represent portions of the human instrument used in the creative process.

The Lost Word represents the creative Word of God, or that portion thereof wielded by each of the Three Aspects and fragments of the three aspects (such as a Spiritual Soul).

The activities of the characters in the settings (especially the temples) represent the process of spiritual growth and development, and of creative service to the One Life.

When we put all this together, we can retell the Legend in plane language.

The Legend of the Temple

Ages ago, Spirit sounded a creative Word and created a Soul.

Again it sounded the Word, and the Soul projected a portion of itself downward into incarnation. That spark of awareness identified with the form, became trapped in the cycle of rebirth, and was lost to its self. The Soul “died” under the assault of the three ruffians of body, emotions, and mind.

After thousands of lives, the incarnate soul slowly built up the quality of its forms and the height of its consciousness, moving the center of its life and identity from the physical-dense body to the emotional, and from the emotional to the intellectual, until finally it reached the higher mind and contacted the Spiritual Soul.

The initial work complete, the spark left the Tabernacle and entered the Temple. More lives followed. More quickly now, the Soul worked its way from courtyard to porch, porch to middle chamber, and from the middle chamber to the Holy of Holies.

There, in meditation deep, the Soul prepares for the final step in the great cycle of incarnation. Aspiring upward to the Spirit, it sounds the creative Word, and

waits. The Spirit responds, and a new Intent is received. The Soul translates that Intent into Idea, and leaves the Inner Chamber.

In the middle chamber, the Soul translates the idea into a plan of action, inscribing it on the tracing board, and leaves the Temple.

In the courtyard, the Soul encounters the portion of its self that refuses to respond to the higher intent, fragments still identified with the bodies they inhabit. Those fragments attack the Soul, and it enters the long dark night.

Spirit and Substance search in vain. With the Soul silent, the workers pause. The Spirit waits until the final moment, calls to Substance, and Sounds the creative Word for the third time.

The radiant sheath surrounding the Soul bursts in an explosion of light, and the Soul is freed, raised to at-one-ment with the One Life.

Hiram Abiff has been raised, Horus has become Osiris, “I’ and the Father are One”.

The Meaning of Freemasonry

The entire process of spiritual growth and development lies within the rites and ritual of Freemasonry, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It is not merely a fraternal order or “old boy’s club,” but a last remnant of the Ancient Mysteries. Within its Lodges lie hid the Ageless Wisdom that reveals our purpose, place, and function within the One Life.

The co-masonic orders seek to preserve a basic understanding of the Truth and stand equally ready to admit men and women of goodwill who long for the Light.

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