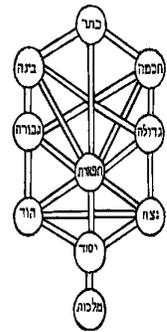




The Role of **Kabbalah** in the founding of the **United States of America**



*A look at Masonic Influence in Colonial America
and what it borrowed from the Kabbalah*



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Introduction - The Origins of Different Types of Kabbalah

Before one can recognize the Kabbalistic influences on the founding of America, one must first understand what Kabbalah truly is. Kabbalah is commonly referred to as Jewish mysticism, but this definition does not do Kabbalah justice.

Kabbalah is the Hebrew term for “that which is received.” What “is received” is nothing less than the metaphysical and spiritual teachings practiced and handed down by the schools of the Biblical prophets.

It is clear in the Bible that prophetic access to G-d was not arbitrary. In order for one to become a prophet one had to go to school for prophetic training; to learn how to meditate, how to experience spiritual reality and how to discern between good and evil. Eventually the aspiring prophet would merit to experience the presence of G-d.

These spiritual disciplines have never been lost to the Jewish people. As a result of the Jewish exile into foreign lands, these prophetic

teachings were safeguarded and passed down only to those who were worthy and able to receive them. Thus the prophetic teachings became known as the “received”, i.e., the Kabbalah.

These teachings were passed down almost exclusively by word of mouth for twelve hundred years since the destruction of the holy Temple in Jerusalem in 68 C.E. After this time, the Kabbalists teach, permission was granted by Heaven to put many of the ancient teachings into writing. And that is when problems began.

Since the public dissemination of Kabbalah in Jewish circles in medieval Spain, there has also been public dissemination of Kabbalah outside of these Jewish circles. Kabbalistic manuscripts of all kinds were copied by non-Jews, mostly Catholics, and translated into European languages and Latin. Today, the Vatican library houses one of the greatest collections of Kabbalistic texts in the entire world. For proof of this, one need simply check the bibliographies of any modern scholarly Kabbalistic work for the source of its references.

Even with access to these manuscripts, Christian

transcribers of Kabbalah, many times were not experts in Hebrew and, therefore, made many mistakes in their translations. Another problem that arose was the obvious Christian bias to reinterpret Kabbalah in the light of Christian doctrine.

This led to the rise of another form of Kabbalah, one which today is spelled with a "C" i.e., Cabbala. This Christian school of Cabbala also incorporated many ideas, doctrines and teachings that were not of Jewish origins.

Unfortunately, the adulteration of Kabbalah did not stop with its Christianization. The holy Kabbalah of Torah was subject to yet another twist and turn. Being that Kabbalah (or Cabbala) is a metaphysical science, its teachings were also adopted and integrated into the European schools of occult and magic. Thus there developed a Kabbalah (of the Jews), a Cabbalah (of the Christians) and the Qabbala (with a "Q") used by practitioners of the occult.

It is this last form of Qabbala that is most popularly known around the world. This form of "Q"abbala incorporated aspects of Egyptian and Greek mystery school teachings. In fact, this perversion of Kabbalah teaches that Moses received the Kabbalah from the Egyptians, and not from Divine revelation at Mt. Sinai. There is sufficient scholarly evidence to disprove such inaccurate claims that I need not elaborate on this point. Nonetheless, the influence of this type of "Q"abbala is widespread. It has given rise to the concept that Kabbalah is integrally related to the occult, and, therefore, of dark and evil origins. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If one is to go to a bookstore and see the selection of "K", "C", "Q"abbalah books in English, one will find that the vast majority of them come from the occult and magical schools of Europe and not from bonafide Jewish Kabbalistic authors. It is of no wonder that many people in the Jewish and Christian communities dismiss

authentic Kabbalah as something demonic, for this is what they see portrayed; and no Rabbinic authority has risen to set the record straight. The honor of true Kabbalah is at stake.

True Kabbalah contains the wisdom of the prophetic schools of the Biblical prophets. Many cults have taken the Bible and twisted it to serve their own ends, yet no one condemns the Bible for this. With Kabbalah, however, the story is different. The detractors have hijacked the holy Kabbalah and contaminated it in such a way that the true G-d fearing audience throws away the good Kabbalah along with the cultish, bad perversions.

It must be made known what is legitimate Kabbalah and what are the impostors and forgeries. Only in this way can the true and holy Kabbalah, ordained and given by G-d, be preserved, treasured and safeguarded. It is for this purpose that I address this topic.

Authentic Jewish Kabbalah, as handed down by the Biblical prophets, contains great concepts of social justice, morality and human rights. These teachings have had a tremendous influence on the development of post Renaissance western philosophy. Yet the role of Kabbalah in influencing these matters is known to only a small few.

In my opinion, it is the correct thing to make public the role Kabbalah has played in forming much of western philosophy to set the record straight and give credit where credit is due.

Addressing the entire issue of the differences between true and false Kabbalah will have to wait for another forum. The one issue I wish to address here is simply how Kabbalistic teachings have seeped out of the Jewish community and have been adopted by others who have used them for a great many things.

The Masons

Many non-Jewish mystical groups arose in renaissance Europe. Many of these groups were political in nature. Many of them also claimed that they were Kabbalistic secret societies. As secret societies, these groups would use clandestine means to achieve whatever political agenda their spiritual beliefs led them to pursue.

Indeed according to Webster's Dictionary¹, the word "cabal", which means a group of conspirators is said to come from the Hebrew word Cabbala. So we see that in the eyes of many, Kabbalah and covert political action go hand in hand. While this is not true from a Jewish point of view. It is clear that many post renaissance European groups were of another opinion. A full list of these renaissance Cabbalistic cults and groups would be too long to cover at this time, but one of their number must be mentioned here.

This one group has played a key role in the development of western civilization. Their vision of social justice and human rights (which they borrowed from the true Kabbalah) has served as the foundation of western democracy since the 18th century. The group to which I refer is the fraternal order of Free and Accepted Masons, or the Freemasons.

The historical origins of the Masons is shrouded in mystery. Masonic legend claims their origins go back to the Temple of King Solomon. While this cannot be confirmed or denied, one thing is certain: the Masons carry with them a large body of "C"abbalistic knowledge.

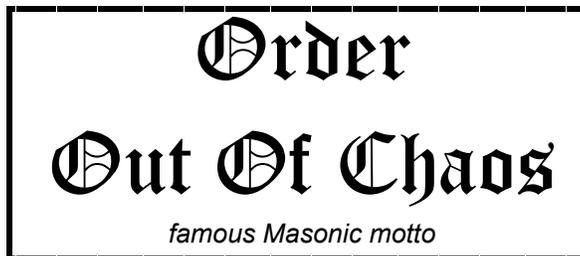
No stranger to politics, the Masons have had a monumental influence upon the establishment

¹ Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary. Merriam-Webster Inc. Springfield, MA. 1988. page 193

of the United States of America. Thus there is an actual role that the Kabbalah has played in the founding of the United States.

A number of the founding fathers of the United States were Masons.

It was from the St. Andrews Masonic Lodge in Boston that a group of Masons, who were fed up with British injustice regarding unfair taxation, dressed up as Indians and went to Boston harbor to protest. The famous Boston Tea Party was a Masonic event.



Paul Revere set out on his historic ride, crying, "the British are coming", after adjourning his Masonic lodge meeting. Revere set out on his ride from the Masonic lodge.

Thirteen of the revolutionary war generals were Masons, including General George Washington. In fact, Washington took his second oath of office as President of the United States dressed in full Masonic regalia. A painting of Washington in this outfit still hangs today in the Library of Congress.

Thomas Jefferson was a Mason, so was John Adams, John Hancock, and according to some sources, so were the vast majority of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Benjamin Franklin was not only a Mason, he was a Grandmaster Mason in charge of lodges both in the colonies as well as in France.

It seems that there were more Masons involved in the founding of the United States than non Masons. I have only listed the prominent, known Masons. It must be remembered that usually Masonic membership is secret, especially during that period when political revolution was being fomented. Therefore, we cannot know of everyone who was involved.

Today, in America the Masons are mostly known as an order which dispenses charitable services. They are quite popular, with chapters in every city and most towns, small and large. Their numbers, in America alone are in the millions. Yet, of all these people involved, only a few know of the Kabbalistic side of their order's origins.

The Masons and Kabbalah

Steeped heavily in tradition and ritual, Masonic rites are a mystery to all, except those who have been initiated into them. Masonic usage of symbols is as old as is their order and permeates all aspects of Masonic ritual. The symbols that represent the United States of America are full of Masonic subtleties. And the Masons themselves say that their symbolisms are derived from the Kabbalah.

Yet Masonic Cabbala is Christian in origin, though with many Jewish elements. Detractors of the Masons claim that their teachings are occultic and demonic and that their order is "*in league with the devil.*" These accusations come mostly from the Catholic church and fundamentalist Christians.

Masons and the Catholic church have been at odds since the inception of Masonry. The fundamentalist Christians, specifically the Southern Baptists (the ones who want to convert all the Jews) especially believe that the Masons are in league with the devil and thus, in their eyes, no Christian can ever be a Mason.

Masons, of course deny the Catholic and fundamentalist propaganda. And it is not my intention in this piece to support or to condemn the Masons. Judging from my research, I have found no occult or demonic elements in any aspect or form of Masonry. Mysticism, yes, occultism, no. It is, however, understandable how uninformed Christians could be misled into mistaking Masonic mysticism for occult interests and practices. Yet, in my opinion, the Masons have a clean spiritual "bill of health".

Why then would the church be so opposed to the Masons? Do the Masons pose a threat to Christianity? After all isn't Masonry a Christian movement? This needs to be examined.

The Righteous Gentile Influence on the Masons

Although Masonic mysticism definitely came out of Christian sources, it, nonetheless, must be asked just how "Christian" Freemasonry truly is. While a great deal of information is available on this topic to argue the point, there are two specific points that I, as a Jew, find most interesting.

Point one is that all Masonic rituals and prayers never mention the name of Jesus Christ. This completely unheard of in any Christian order.

Second, and just as interesting, is that one famous American Mason actually rewrote the Gospels of the Christian Bible leaving out certain aspects of the life of Jesus and simply leaving in the moralistic code that all scholars agree Jesus took from the Talmudic Rabbis. This famous American was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and served as the third President of the United States. I am speaking about Thomas Jefferson, the man who designed and wrote the Declaration of Independence, and thus authored the philosophical foundation of the United States.

It appears to me that in essence Jefferson was attempting to create what, in Judaism would be called, a country for "righteous Gentiles." This is the term used to describe those people who live by the commandments that G-d had given to the children of Noah after the flood.

In Jewish tradition these "righteous Gentiles" were called Noahides (benei Noah in Hebrew) because they chose to live in accordance to seven universal principles of spiritual law as given originally to Noah and his children. Later,

at Mt Sinai, G-d reiterated these seven laws to the children of Israel and commanded that they be observed by all mankind

Freemason is required to obey are those contained in the code that has been attributed to Noah."

What we see is that the United States of America was founded upon these seven principles of universal spirituality. These seven are: 1. abstain from idolatry; 2. abstain from blasphemy; 3. preserve morality; 4. not to murder; 5. not to steal; 6. not to eat blood; and last but not least, 7. to do justice. These seven principles have been fully discussed in a previous issue of Panu Derekh (double issue 16-17), therefore there is no need to elaborate upon them here further.

The relationship between the Masons and the seven universal principles is by no means a coincidence noticed only by me. According to the authoritative work, *"The History of Freemasonry"*² by

Albert Mackey, Masonic writers as early as 1723 have specifically written about this connection. On page 410 of this most revealing book, Mackey quotes the following from an old Masonic work entitled: "The Laws or Obligations laid before his Brother Masons by Prince Edwin" (the Krause MS.): *"The first obligation is that you shall sincerely honor G-d and obey the laws of the Noachites, because they are divine laws, which should be obeyed by all the world."*

Mackey comments (page 411) as follows: *"The meaning is that the only righteous laws which a*

One might think that maybe some other precepts of Noah are being referred to here. Yet Mackey makes it quite clear that he and earlier Masonic authors are talking specifically about the seven universal principles as handed down by Jewish tradition. There is one Masonic author who goes so far as to claim that Noah was the first of

the Freemasons "according to some old traditions".

Mackey makes it quite clear and pronounced that the Masons were strongly influenced by the benei Noah (righteous Gentile) teachings of Judaism. It is of no wonder then that Masons were students of Kabbalah, which is a viable and excellent path for the righteous Gentile. And, as has been shown Kabbalistic works were available

in translation for these individuals as early as the 16th century.

Masonic interest in the laws of the Noahide also explain why the Church would be so vehemently opposed to them. After all, the first Noahide law forbids idolatry. Any prayer other than to G-d the Father is considered to be idolatry.

The United States was thus established to be the greatest political achievement of mankind until the coming of the messiah.

Indeed, recently the seven principles were given formal recognition by the United States Congress. The United States government, in a



² "The History of Freemasonry" by Albert Mackey. Gramercy Books, N.Y. (a division of Random House Value Publishing Co.) 1996.

formal proclamation of Congress, has declared the seven universal principles to be the “*bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization.*”³ This proclamation was signed by President George Bush on March 20th, 1991.

As students of Kabbalah, Masons were naturally exposed to the prophetic teachings on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Again it is no wonder that these words found their way into the American Declaration of Independence and into the fabric of this country.

Yet the Masons did not limit their influence to simple words or concepts. The very seals drawn to represent the United States, which are found on the back side of every United States \$1.00 bill are full of Masonic symbolism based upon their understanding of the Kabbalah. A review of these symbols will clearly prove this to be the case.

The Great Seal of the United States

The most prominent feature in the Great Seal of the United States is the continuous appearance of images in sets of thirteen in number. Now it is well known that there were thirteen original colonies that banded together to form the United States. Yet, only those who are familiar with Jewish numerology, gematria, know the significance of the number thirteen. Indeed the founding fathers knew the significance, and it was by no means coincidence that the number of original states was thus thirteen.

A brief understanding of numerology is here needed. In Hebrew there is no separate system of numbers and letters as there is in English. So while in English we count 1,2,3 and recite A,B,C, in Hebrew, the letters themselves are the numbers, so Alef (A) is 1, Bet (B) is 2 and so on. According to ancient Biblical tradition, the entire Bible is, therefore, a numerical code just waiting to be deciphered by reading each and

³ U.S. Congress, H.J. Resolution 104, Public Law 102-14, 1991

every word numerically and exploring the numerical patterns.

Hebrew numbers, therefore, have great significance. They are simply not arbitrary as they are in English. Thirteen is the numerical value for the Hebrew word “Ehad” which means “one” as in Deut. 6:4, the verse that declares the eternal pledge of the Jewish people, “*Hear O’Israel, the L-rd our G-d, the L-rd is One (Ehad)*”. It is also the numerical value for the Hebrew word for “love” (ahava).

The country was founded upon “July the Fourth”, this date is spelled with thirteen letters. The year the country was founded in was ‘76: 7+6=13. Washington and twelve of his generals were Masons, thirteen again.

An interesting astrological note is that when the Declaration of Independence was signed thus giving birth to the new country, the sun was thirteen degrees into the sign of Cancer, and the ascendant was therefore, thirteen degrees into the sign of Scorpio.

Thirteen, we see that it pops up everywhere, but nowhere more prominent than in the Great Seal. The emblem which represents the United States is filled with Masonic references to the Hebrew numerical value for “one”, which they used to represent their initial state of unity.

Look carefully at the Great Seal and see how many thirteens you can count. In the eagles right talon, there are thirteen leaves and there are thirteen berries (olives). $13+13=26$. 26 is the numerical value of G-d’s holy Name YHWH, where the Hebrew letters Yod (Y)=10, Hey (H)=5, Vav (W)=6 and Hey (H)=5.

There are thirteen arrows in the eagles left talon. With the number 26 concealed in the right talon and the number 13 in the left, it appears as if there is a secret “Jewish” message concealed in the Great Seal, that “*the L-rd (26) is One (13)*” (Deut. 6:4).

The right wing of the eagle has thirty-two feathers. This number holds great Kabbalistic significance. The first letter of the Torah (the five books of Moses) begins with the Hebrew letter Bet (B), which equals 2. The final letter in the Torah is Lamed (L), which equals 30. $30+2=32$. Thirty-two is also the number value of the Hebrew word for "heart" (lev, spelled lamed, bet).

In the ancient Kabbalistic text the Sefer Yetzirah (the Book of Creation), it is stated that G-d created the universe using 32 wondrous paths of wisdom. These 32 paths are none other than the ten spheres of Divine emanation (sefirot) and the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. These are the heart (lev=32) of the universe and of the new country.

On the left wing of the eagle, there are thirty-three feathers. Thirty-three is a number of significance to Masons. Their highest rank in their order is the thirty-third degree.

Adding the entire number of feathers together we have the number 65. This points to yet another Jewish message, i.e., the name of the L-rd.

In the Bible, and especially Jewish prayer, G-d is always referred to as Adonai. This word in Hebrew is numerically equal to 65. Alef (A)=1, Dalet (D)=4, Nun (N)=50, Yod (Y)=10.

These are not the only Jewish symbols in the great seal. Above the eagle's head are a group



of thirteen stars, the symbolism of 13 we already know. But notice that the thirteen stars are in the shape of the six-pointed Star of David. The stars are arranged in rows of one, four, three, four and one.

Even the statement "*E Pluribus Unum*" is spelled with thirteen letters.

The Kabbalistic significance of these Masonic symbols cannot be denied. But it is in the reverse of the great seal where even greater and more subtle secrets are.

The Reverse Seal

In order to give you a sample of "Masonic" Cabbala, I have included a major section from one of the works of Paul Foster Case, a known author of esoteric and Masonic works. The following selection is from his work entitled, "*The Great Seal of the United States - Its History, Symbolism and Message for the New Age.*" Written in 1935, Mr. Case's coverage of this topic is quite detailed. Personally, I was surprised to

see how much he knew about Hebrew numerology and Kabbalistic teachings. In order to give you a full taste of this type of “C”abbalah, I have quoted Case’s discussion of the reverse side of the Great Seal in detail. I will include commentary as I feel necessary.

“As a single figure the triangle represents the number 3⁴ , and since the Eye is equivalent to the Hebrew letter Ayin, having the number 70, the triangle and the Eye, apart from glory, represent the number 73, the value of the Hebrew noun Chokmah (Ch K M H)⁵ , “Wisdom”. 73 is related to the letter-name Gimel (G M L). Thus the number 73 is related to the letter which in English is “G”.⁶ In other words, the Eye in the triangle represents the same overshadowing Wisdom that is suggested by the constellation in the crest on the obverse of the seal.

All this symbolism was familiar to Qabalists⁷ and Freemasons of the eighteenth century, who would certainly have understood the Eye in the triangle just as it is understood by present-day members of the Craft, who learn from their monitors that the All-seeing Eye is the symbol of the Heavenly wisdom “which the sun, moon and stars obey, and under whose watchful care even

⁴ Simply the pyramid is a triangle which is a shape of three sides. This it is associated with the number three and the Hebrew letter Gimel.

⁵ These letters and those like them are Case’s way of identifying the Hebrew letters used in the words and phrases he is quoting.

⁶ The letter “G” is the letter chosen by the Masons to represent their order. The reasons behind this are the subject of another book written by Mr. Case. In brief, “G” stands for G-d, or for the Hebrew letter gimel, which when spelled out numerically equals the numerical value of the Hebrew word for wisdom. Thus the symbol representing Masonry means wisdom.

⁷ You will notice Case’s choice of spelling Kabbalah with a “Q”. While I cannot confirm that this means his exposure to Kabbalah was from the schools of the occult, yet neither can I deny this.

comets perform their stupendous revolutions⁸.” They also learn that the vision of this Eye “pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and rewards us according to our merits.”

Careful analysis of the unfinished pyramid underneath the Eye of Providence shows that in whole numbers each of its sloping lines is 60 units long⁹ , its base-line 70 units, and each of the four lines of its square top 24 units. Thus the length of the four lines enclosing each of its trapezoidal faces would be 60+60+70+24 units, or 214 units¹⁰. 214 is the number of the Hebrew noun Ruach (R V Ch), “Life-Breath, or Spirit.” Here is a hint that the structure of our national government was intended by its founders to be a spiritual building, truly a “temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”¹¹ ”

91, the length of units of each side of the finished pyramid corresponding to that on the seal, is the number of the Hebrew word Amen (A M N), signifying “to be firm; to be faithful,” and this also agrees with what is written in explanation of the meaning of the pyramid.

⁸ In the original text this is earmarked a quote, yet the source of origin is not noted. What is emphasized here is the emancipation from the forces of astrology. Kabbalah teaches that one who serves the L-rd rises above the influence of the stars. This is a very un-occultic statement.

⁹ Case must be referring to the individual lines formatting the bricks of the pyramid. The founding fathers were very detailed in their pictorial representation of their new country. This type of detailing is very Jewish.

¹⁰ I have to admit that after reviewing the original Great Seal on the back of a dollar bill, I cannot find base line units spoken of here.

¹¹ This concept of a temple built without human hands is to be found in the Christian Bible. Yet, it is also to be found in the holy Zohar, with regards to the Third Temple which is to descend to earth fully built (without human hands). To which Case is referring is impossible to determine.

182, the total length of the two equal sides of each face, is the number of the proper name Jacob (I O Q B), and of the phrase, melakh ha-elohim (M L A K H A L H I M), "messenger of God"¹². Here is a suggestion that the finished work of the New World Order¹³ begun in 1776 is to be the fulfillment of the promises to Jacob, or Spiritual Israel¹⁴. That fulfillment is to make the completed realization of the principles of true Americanism a message of God to all the world.

The basis of this structure of government is represented by a line of 70 units long. 70 is the number of the letter Ayin, corresponding to the Eye in the triangle. It is also the number of Adam Ve-Chavah (A D M V Ch V H), "Adam and Eve." Thus it suggests that the foundation of the building contemplated by the fathers of the republic is the Heavenly Vision (Ayin, the Eye), expressed through the illuminated consciousness of humanity (Adam and Eve).

On the bottom course of the pyramid is the date

¹² Like the concept of the "divine right of kings", Case is suggesting that the United States is the new Jacob, invested with the divine calling to be G-d's chosen .

¹³ **The New World Order**, is a term that carries very ominous meanings. To certain fundamentalist Christians, this term refers to the coming government of the anti-Christ, (who in Jewish tradition is called Armilus). For Case, the New World Order refers to the enlightened society created by the United States. Under the pyramid, on the Great Seal are the words, "Novus Ordo Seclorum", which is best translated as "New World Order." Does this mean that the of the United States is the government of the anti-Christ (Armilus)? I know that some conspiracy theorists believe so.

¹⁴ Jacob is "Spiritual" Israel. This sounds like Christian replacement theology, wherein which the Jewish people have been "unchosen" by G-d in favor of a "spiritual" as opposed to physical Israel. The Church has thus become the new or spiritual Israel, whereas the Jews are put onto G-d's "back burners." Is it this that Case refers or to something else? I cannot say.

MDCCLXXVI, or 1776. This date is significant¹⁵ to all students of prophecy. It is the culmination of a time-period which began with the first captivity of Israel in 745 B.C. Seven prophetic "times" from that date is a period of 2520 years, or seven times a prophetic year of 360 ordinary years. This makes the year 1776 the culmination of the seven "times" mentioned in the Book of Daniel.

In the gematria of the Greek language, 1776 is the number of the phrase he soteria Israel. "the salvation of Israel." It may be regarded as mere coincidence by those who prefer that explanation; but the fact remains that the New World Order begun in 1776 was the first to admit Jews and Gentiles to political, social and economic equality¹⁶. Since then, all over the world, except in reactionary Germany¹⁷, there has been a steady trend toward the emancipation of the descendants of the Tribe of Judah."¹⁸

There are yet other points of interest with regards to this side of the Great Seal. According to Manly P. Hall's "Secret Destiny of America", quoting from an earlier text, "The History of the Seal"¹⁹, by Gaillard Hunt, the eagle on the Great Seal is supposed to resemble the mythical bird, the phoenix.

¹⁵ Again Case is making the attempt to apply cosmic significance to the founding of the United States.

¹⁶ In spite of Case's claims, America was (and in certain cases still is) as anti-Semitic as it was (and is) anti Black.

¹⁷ This original text was written in 1935, during the period of the rise of the Nazis.

¹⁸ The Great Seal of the United States - It's History, Symbolism and Message for the New Age by Paul Foster Case. Builders of the Adytum, Ltd. Los Angeles, 1976.

¹⁹ The Secret Destiny of America by Manly P. Hall. Philosophical Research Society Inc. Los Angeles, 1944, 1972. pages 175-180.

The phoenix bird is one of those mythical animals that actually is mentioned in the Bible. "I will live as long as the Phoenix" (Job 29:18). Quoting Hunt, Manly states that the majority of drawings submitted for the Great Seal were actually of the phoenix and not of an eagle. The phoenix represents rebirth or resurrection. It is the symbol of universal good.

Another interesting point is that this side of the Great Seal was only first placed on the back of the U.S. dollar bill in 1935. Hall makes note of the precarious threats to democracy that were growing in the world at that time. He suggests that maybe the state of international politics played a role in the timing of the proclamation of the Great Seal.

Masons and Modern Day Politics

As can be seen by the words of Case, America, under Masonic influence, was meant to embody the best moral codes of the Kabbalistic prophetic traditions. Yet, it is clear from American history that America has never lived up to such a lofty goal.

Racism against Blacks, Jews and native Americans have long been ingrained in American culture, all in blatant contradiction to Masonic influence. In reality, the American Masonic lodges reflected the racism of the community at large. The Grand Masonic Lodge of New York went so far in 1851 as to declare African and Native Americans "unfit" for Masonry²⁰.

Indeed the B'nai B'rith, the Jewish fraternal, charitable and benevolent association was

20 "The International Encyclopedia of Secret Societies & Fraternal Orders" by Alan Axelrod. Facts On File, Inc. N.Y., 1997. section "Black Freemasonry", (page 97). see also the section on the "Ku Klux Klan" (page 159), where it states that the K.K.K. recruited large numbers of new members from the ranks of the Masons.

founded in part because Jews were not admitted to Freemasonry.²¹

Granted, these conditions no longer exist. Nonetheless, they did exist in their time. Masonry, in spite of its grandiose proclamations of a New World Order certainly did not feel all people had an equal place in it.

So what can be concluded from all this? The influence of Kabbalah on Masonic symbolism is quite clear. Yet, in spite of words, was there a Kabbalistic influence on Masonic action?

The Kabbalah, like general Judaism, proclaims mercy and compassion to all as the highest of spiritual attributes. Did the Masons show equality, mercy and compassion to all? History bears witness that they did not.

Even after many years, Masonry still bears its ominous reputation as a mystical secret society that is to be reckoned with. In the 1970's and 80's a Masonic lodge in Italy called the P2 came to world attention. This came about due to the collapse of the Italian bank, Banco Ambrosiano. Its managing director, Robert Calvi, who was a staunch Catholic was also a "leading personality in the P2 lodge."

Investigating the collapse of this bank and the loss of multi-millions of dollars, led to the unraveling of clandestine connections between the Masonic lodge P2 (and thus world Freemasonry), the Vatican Bank, the American C.I.A. and the Mafia.

Before Robert Calvi could testify in any court about what happened to his bank and to all the missing money, he was found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge in London. Rumor has it that his "suicide" was really murder. He was allegedly silenced to keep him from revealing

²¹ *ibid.* page 35

the inside secrets of international Freemasonry.²²

A new Pope was elected shortly thereafter, Pope John Paul I. While to the public he was endearing, Vatican insiders considered him to be a socialist. They feared his liberal stands on traditional Catholic matters. Only thirty days into his rule of the Catholic Church, he was found dead in his bed. Natural causes or another murder? It all depends on whom you ask.

During the 1970's the power of Italy's Communist party was great. There was much concern about their ability to take over the Italian government. Such supporters of personal individualism and human rights as the Masons might have found themselves to be "unnaturally" aligned with other forces that would have feared an Italian communist takeover, such as the Vatican in Rome and the American government through its intelligence agency, the C.I.A.

History relates how the Masons were involved in the American revolution. Political intrigue is thus no stranger to them. They were active again in Italy in the 1970's and 80's. Where might they be active today?

The answer to this question may be more simple than not. Maybe we should look to where high ranking Masons are in positions of political power. Funny, but in the Middle East, there were three very high ranking Masons. One of which is dead, yet, the other two are very much alive.

The one who is dead was Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Prime Minister of Israel. The two living Masons of importance in the Middle East are King Hussein of Jordan and Chairman Yassar Arafat of the Palestinian Authority.

Is it conceivable that the Masons would be involved with men of such high rank? Could

²² ref. "The Occult Conspiracy" by Michael Howard. Destiny Books, Rochester VT. 1989. pages 157-159.

these men somehow be influenced to use their political positions to influence politics in favor of certain Masonic interests? It is truly possible or simply another conspiracy theory?

Maybe George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin are in a better position to answer these questions for us. They were men in political positions of power who used their offices to further Masonic interests. Should we believe that maybe things have changed over the centuries. Judging from P2 in Italy, I think not.

So, whether we like it or not the saying on the Great Seal: "Novus Ordo Seclorum", best translated as "New World Order" is coming our way. According to Case it has been here since 1776. President George Bush, another member of a clandestine organization known as the Skull and Bones Society has declared the post communist era as the "new world order." Is this new world order the era of the American Empire? Judging from modern day politics and economics, one may argue this point. American influence, overt or covert is a dominant force in world politics today. Where are the Masons with regards to this? Do they stand behind the country they founded? Again, we do not have the answers to these questions. Many will say that it is simply best not to ask them.

Yet, one question I must ask. Is this "Novus Ordo Seclorum", (New World Order) something good or bad for the Jews. It has all the markings of Jewish emancipation and at the same time the trappings of being very hostile to Torah and Kabbalistic values.

Is there indeed a new world order? Or is this simply conspiracy theory hype? Kabbalah and Cabal, is there a connection? In the eyes of many, yes there is. So what is the "Novus Ordo Seclorum" (new world order) Is it the emerging government of the anti-Christ, or worse yet, the government of Armilus? Masonic opponents will heartily say yes.

One way or another, time will tell us all the answers. We need but sit back and wait and pray that whatever G-d sends upon us it be for the highest good.

Are the Masons true righteous Gentiles serving the One G-d or are they demonic agents of evil out to destroy the world? Again, it all depends upon whom you ask. Let us judge not by conspiracy theories, nor by political or religious agendas. Let us simply look at the facts and the actions that be. The Masons will be judged by their actions, both before men and before G-d.

A Modern Day Masonic (Illuminati) Conspiracy Theory

I had thought that I had finished this article when I received the following piece via e-mail from Jerusalem. I cannot confirm or deny any of the information in it. I can only say that this is what was presented to me. The source of this report is the R&B Information Services and is written by Barry Chamish. I am not familiar with this organization or individual and as I have said cannot address the legitimacy of the claims herein. Yet, after making my final point of possible Masonic (a.k.a. Illuminati) political interests and interventions, I found this piece to be most interesting and thought provoking.

"BET SHEMESH, ISRAEL, March 11, 1998, Root & Branch: What a week for New World Order Developments in Israel! Without a doubt, something extremely dramatic is in the air and all of about 100 people in Israel know it. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who was groomed and placed in power by the Illuminati of America, decided on March 2 to switch allegiances to the Illuminati of Europe.

For those unfamiliar with the modern conspiracy trend now commonly known as New World Order theory; the world's diplomacy is secretly controlled by a cabal of extremely wealthy and influential men who adhere to an ideology of

creating a one world government. There are two rivals within the conspiracy, one Anglo-Saxon, the other European. Both share the same goal but differ on who will run this global tyranny.

The seat of the New World Order in America is The Council On Foreign Relations (CFR) in Manhattan. To reach consensus with the rest of the cabal, the CFR created one sister organization in the 1970's called the Tri-Lateral Commission and joined another in 1954, called the Bilbergers, named after a Dutch hotel where the conspirators first gathered to bring their order to the planet.

The NWO planners corrupt governments worldwide and when they refuse to cooperate, arrange wars, hyper-inflation, starvation and the like until they relent. Yitzhak Rabin was firmly in the hands of the Anglo-Saxon branch; Shimon Peres, in those of the Europeans. Binyamin Netanyahu was also thought to be beholden to his American masters...until the first week in March.

After three soldiers were killed in Southern Lebanon, Netanyahu became the first Prime Minister to call for the implementation of the UN resolution calling for Israel's withdrawal from the Lebanese security zone. And if this wasn't shocking enough, he invited the French to replace Israel in Lebanon and bring their own security plan to the region.

Not a day later, Netanyahu invited the EU to submit its own peace plan for the region, not so subtly, as an alternative to the American CFR program, which was outlined in a task force report last July. The CFR's idea of peace is having Israel withdraw to its pre-1967 lines everywhere including Jerusalem.

Within two days the EU announced its own initiative to break "the deadlock in the peace process." My, wasn't that fast? The plan, reprinted in Haaretz, "would include a significant Israeli withdrawal from the West

Bank, the immediate opening of the Palestinian airport at Dahaniyeh, an unequivocal cessation of all settlement activities by Israel..." and if you think there's nothing in it for Israel, "a mutual commitment to implement security measures."

All around, it's as bad a deal as the CFR was demanding, yet on March 4 Netanyahu took a NWO tour of Europe. He first visited King Juan Carlos of Spain, then Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, then British Prime Minister Tony Blair and on the last day, the unnamed Prime Minister of Norway. I say unnamed because in all Israeli press accounts, the reporters didn't know his name nor that of his wife who would also be meeting Bibi.

Now surely, somebody must be asking, why would Netanyahu's first stop be to visit the King of Spain? For that matter, why Spain at all? How much clout does Spain have in the Middle East, or even in Europe?

Now here is where conspiratorial literature really helps put the pieces together. Let us look at a brief biography found in Texe Marrs' book, "Circle of Intrigue":

"Juan Carlos lays claim to the title, "King Of Jerusalem." He is further called the 'Defender of Catholic Holy Land Interests.' Juan Carlos has close ties with Jewish Zionist interests. The Spanish King, accompanied by the President of Israel, Chaim Herzog, has visited Madrid's Jewish synagogue to cement these ties...King Juan Carlos is not only a member of the Illuminati's Inner Circle, he is also a member of Opus Dei, a powerful and secretive Roman Catholic Order."

You just don't get this kind of background in the mainstream press. After Blair was elected, the same anti-conspiracy media was quick to point out that Phoney Tony was a member of the Bilderbergers and sat in on its last annual meeting. The literature on Kohl is vast and it cites his manipulation of the Socialist

International to bring a European Union with its own currency into being as part of the grand one world government plan.

And why did Netanyahu take this trip? The respected conspiracy author, Joel Bainerman, author of "Crimes Of A President," notes, "Netanyahu visited Mitterand, Kohl and Major while he was the opposition leader and numerous reports and rumors strongly suggest that he promised to maintain the Oslo Accords if he was elected prime minister. It's not the first time he's revealed some serious European ties. The Americans may be his masters but he is capable of rebelling against them."

It is very foolish and deadly to betray NWO alliances. In 1995, Peres was forced to abandon Europe by the Anglo Saxons and he was rewarded with a string of bloody suicide bombers and a murderous mini-war in Lebanon.

Shifting allegiances cost Peres his career but abandoning NWO vows can also cost one his life, as may well be the case with Yitzhak Rabin.

Prime Minister Netanyahu appears to have broken with the American power brokers and gone with the European insiders. If recent history has taught us anything, Israel will be bled in retaliation and/or Netanyahu had better trust his bodyguards."

Conclusions

It is clearly evident that Masonry has adopted a great deal of wisdom teachings from the Kabbalah. Yet, in my opinion, it is clearly evident that Masonic "C"abbalah contains within it many non Jewish elements. After all, a pyramid with an eye is not a symbol to be found anywhere is kosher "K"abbalistic sources. Regardless of what form of Kabbalah the Masons had been exposed to, be it "K"abbalah or "C"abbalah, it was this wisdom that laid the philosophical foundation for American freedoms and human rights.

Although the founding fathers of the United States professed the highest values for freedom and equality, the country they founded did not stay long on the altruistic path they endeavored to create.

Masonic prejudice throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries demonstrates that while Masonry might make use of Kabbalistic symbolism, they certainly did not live up to the what those symbols were to represent. This is a great shame.

So close and yet so far. Where and how the Masons went wrong, I cannot say. Perhaps, rather than being a true spiritual order, the Masons were (are?) more interested in politics. This is what appears to be.

Masonic involvement in politics is clearly documented by the fact that they fermented the American revolution. As has been shown, in recent years the Masons are still at the center of much political controversy. The P2 lodge in Italy and alleged Masonic connections to the Vatican, CIA and mafia, how much of this is true? How much is fiction? The Masonic connection here, however big or small, reveals that their politic agendas are still alive and well.

Whether or not the Masons are involved with Middle Eastern affairs as alleged, I for one, cannot say. But judging from previous Masonic political intrigues, I wouldn't be surprised. Yet, as far as I am concerned none of this really matters.

For me the important issue is one of spirituality, not of politics. Kabbalah offers the greatest depths of spirituality and the highest calling for human rights and freedoms. What we must remember is simply this: Kabbalah is spiritual, not political.

How shocked I was to find that the standard dictionary identifies Kabbalah, the holy

metaphysical teachings of prophetic Judaism, as having anything to do with Cabals, secret groups of political collaborators. In all my years of study, I have never seen any covert political actions on behalf of any Kabbalistic individual or group. I find it slanderous that others do not also see things in this light. All discussion, therefore, of political Cabals being related to Kabbalah is an outright fabrication and slanderous lie.

Kabbalah is something holy. I am honored that Masonry has chosen Kabbalistic symbolisms to represent some of the highest ideals for the best political government ever conceived of by man. I am disappointed that the Masons have not lived up to these ideals.

G-d, indeed has made a covenant with the righteous Gentile. This was first established with the children of Noah. Seven universal principles were then ordained to be observed by all mankind. The Masons know this. They themselves declare these seven principles as their own. I applaud such a relationship.

Whether modern day Masons are living up to the seven universal principles is a judgment call best left to G-d. My prayer is that by expressing the need for the observance of these seven principles and by defining the true Kabbalah, Masons and non Masons alike will walk in the correct paths of the Holy One, blessed be He, in truth and sincere righteousness.