

# MASONRY and ASTROLOGY

Here is an interesting comparison. The concept of Masonry in another dimension depicted in grandeur.

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We all know that Masonry, in one of its many facets, may be considered a science. As such, we can draw some comparisons between it and Astrology.

Let us commence at the beginning—at the Entered Apprentice degree. As the object of all ancient mysteries was to impart information about the origin, proper culture, and final destiny of the human soul, it will be seen that an Entered Apprentice is a candidate for soul knowledge.

Now in opening a lodge of Entered Apprentices there must be present the Master or one of the lights and at least six apprentices.

The room in which these seven assemble is said to represent a ground plan of King Solomon's Temple. The ground plan, of course, refers to the earth, with the walls of heaven coming down on all sides to meet it at the horizon.

In the Grand Lodge above, the Sun as Master, the Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn form the seven types of celestial power, all of which must be present that life on earth may find complete expression.

In the Entered Apprentice lodge on earth there must be present the equivalent of the seven planets:

namely: the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Deacon, and Junior Deacon.

Saturn is emblematic of one of the seven principles of nature, whose qualities are coldness, contraction, and concreteness. Individuals dominated by Saturn are careful, deliberate, subtle, cautious, prudent, and practical. The Treasurer in the lodge corresponds to the planet Saturn and represents man's material form.

Jupiter expresses another of the seven principles of nature, the qualities of which are warmth, expansion, and geniality. Individuals dominated by Jupiter often become philanthropists, or take active part in work having for its object social welfare and moral uplift. Jupiter corresponds to the Secretary in the lodge, who represents the ethereal form of man.

Venus stands for the third of the seven principles of nature, the qualities of which are lightness, joy, mirthfulness, and clinging affection. Individuals dominated by Venus are mirthful, pleasure-seeking, and convivial. The Junior Deacon corresponds to Venus and to man's astral form.

Mars is emblematic of the fourth principle of nature, the qualities of which are combativeness, aggression, fiery impulse, and passion. Individuals dominated by this planet are selfish, aggressive, and cruel. The Senior Deacon corresponds to Mars, and likewise represents the animal soul of man.

Mercury stands for the fifth principle of nature the qualities of which are restless activity, intellectuality, volatility, and changeableness. Individuals dominated by Mercury are studious, seekers of knowledge, finding delight in science, conversation and literature. The Junior Warden corresponds to Mercury, and also to the spiritual body of man's domain.

The Moon is emblematic of the sixth principle of nature, the qualities of which are purely magnetic and formative. Individuals dominated by the Moon are mediumistic and greatly influenced by their surroundings. They are changeable, submissive, and inoffensive. The Senior Warden corresponds to the Moon and represents the divine soul of man.

And finally, the Sun is the planet that stands for the seventh principle of nature, the qualities of which are power and dignity. Those dominated by the influence of the Sun are proud, majestic, combative, discreet, magnanimous, self-confident, kind, and benign. Therefore, the Worshipful Master corresponds to the Sun and to the ego in man.

Thus we see clearly that, in founding Freemasonry or Masonic Fraternity, its founders, who were the wisest sages and philosophers, had in mind the constitution and characteristics of the Grand Lodge above, of which the Creator, the Deity, God,

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Masons in Germany responded to the recent earthquakes by sending approximately 17,000 DM from the United Grand Lodges and the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite.

American Freemasons responded generously to the same cause. The Masonic Service Association reports more than \$10,000 forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Chile from Grand Lodges in the United States.

The present Grand Master of Connecticut, Rev. Russell H. Milnes, and Harold C. McAllister, Past Grand Master of New Hampshire (1951-2), served together as Stewards of Washington Lodge No. 61 in Manchester, N. H., twenty-four years ago.

Stephenville, Newfoundland, is location of Ernest Harmon Field, a U.S. Air Force Base. The Masonic lodge in Stephenville, under England's Provincial Grand Lodge of Newfoundland, is known as Canam (Canadian-American) Lodge No. 72-19. It has been laboring for only eight short years. Its first meeting place was a wing of a large furniture store, but it has now erected its own temple devoted exclusively to Masonic purposes. Membership is made up of U.S. Airmen and Officers, "Mainlanders" (Canadians born outside Newfoundland), and "Newfoundlanders", natives of the island.

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Architect of the Universe, or by whatever name we choose to call Him, is the Grand Master or, as we say, the Supreme Grand Master, whose most fitting symbol is the majestic and all-commanding Sun.