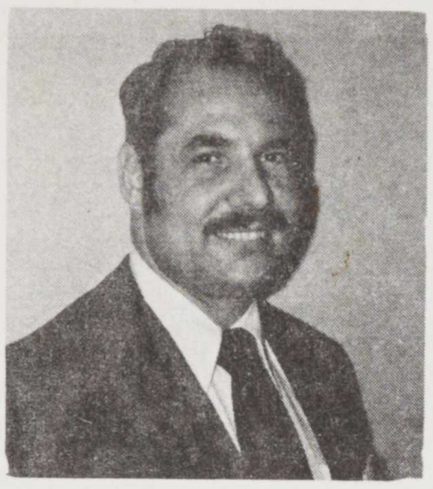

ALERT SHEET #11

FREEMASONRY: CHRISTIAN OR PAGAN?

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SAMPLE

INTRODUCTION TO MASONRY

This editor knows well that what is to follow may cause a furor among many, including Christians. But because it is of utmost importance to make the truth known to believers, the truth must be said no matter whom it may, or may not offend. This editor also knows that many, both in and out of Freemasonry, are ignorant as to what it is. To some the lodge is no more than a non-religious social club, while others say, "Your guess is as good as mine." It is our purpose to clear up this ignorance and challenge you with some daring facts, not only to know them, but also to expose them. Once you become "Mason conscious", you will doubtless find them nearly everywhere around you. In *The World Book Encyclopedia* we read, "About 1 of every 12 adult American males is a Mason." *1 With the lodge as large and influential as it is, we should learn more about this giant which exists among us. Now for a documented examination.

CAN A CHRISTIAN BECOME A MASON?

We challenge you to weigh Masonry in view of their own words, and then decide for yourself. In the book, *Freemasonry – An Interpretation* by Martin L. Wagner, a very good exposé, used as a foundation for this research, states on page 76, "Now the essence of Freemasonry is such that it is morally and absolutely impossible to hold and to adhere to it, and to hold and to adhere to Christianity. The two are ... mutually exclusive, and no juggling with or distorting of religious terms can circumvent this fact."

IS MASONRY A RELIGION?

Since some of our very close fundamental brethren declare that Masonry is not a religion, but a secular organization, we want to be very clear on this point. We believe that Freemasonry can be proven to be a religion indeed by testimonies from leading Masons themselves, as well as by non-Masons. J.S.M. Ward states, "...I boldly aver that Freemasonry is a religion, yet in no way conflicts with any other religion, unless that religion holds that no one outside its portals can be saved." *2 Other Masonic authorities state, "... there is a universal religion covering all the particular religions of the world. We profess this universal religion, and consequently we welcome those who profess a particular religion, which is but a part of it." *3 "The system of Masonry, as in its original inception, still claims to be a system of religion in which all men can unite." *4 We should hope that our Christian brethren would not care to contest the words of leading Masons themselves who profess it a religion. If they be a religion, then whom do they include? "Masonry is tolerant and universal, embracing all men, and all religions with a belief in God. We therefore welcome, for example, a Christian, or a Jew, or a Buddist, or a Mohammedan." *5 "It is dedicated to bringing about the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and the making of better men in a better world,..." *5 Now this should prove once and for all, to the dismay of certain Christian brethren, that Freemasonry is indeed a worshipping religion. This editor has had many Christian brethren argue with him about this issue. Now let us ask:

IF MASONRY BE A RELIGION, IS IT A TRUE ONE?

"... upon Mason's own confessions and declarations, the proof is conclusive that Freemasonry is