

looking in a *wrong* direction, and for that which was *not* to be found.

For this reason, I revere the Order of the Temple, as taught in the British Dominions, *not* because it represents the once famous religious and military confraternity of that name in the middle ages, but because it holds up to the view of its members the *crucifixion, death, resurrection, and ascension*, of Jesus, the Lord and King of Glory, and the Prince of Peace, teaching the Divinity of Christ, and Trinitarianism of the God-Head. Need I add—"The object, the end, the result, of the great speculations of antiquity, was the ultimate annihilation of evil, and restoration of man to his first state, by a *Redeemer, a Messiah, a Christos*,—the incarnate *Word*. This is what we learn from "*Mesouranee*," where the *great Masonic secret* is to be found. My views on these subjects, no doubt, will be looked upon as those of a visionary enthusiast, and I am well aware, have already been commented upon as expressing extreme opinions considered Utopian, and even by some of "The Wise of this advanced age," as the childish dreams of senility, being quite contrary to all pre-conceived ideas of Masonry. It may be so? but I have the consciousness of their absolute truth, and do *not* flinch or swerve from any criticism that may be offered, or give up the precious doctrines I advocate.

CONCLUSION.

The able and clear remarks of the learned ex-Grand Master, Dr. Graham, of the Quebec Grand Lodge, in his admirable and exhaustive address of January last, renders it unnecessary for me to add anything further as regards the different rites and degrees of Masonry. I fully concur with him in all he has stated, and assert that the English (York) Rite comprises everything that is useful and necessary to know in Modern and Ancient Freemasonry. To those who do not fully assent to the orthodox principles and dogmas of the Christian religion, let them stop at

the Royal Arch—the completion of Modern Masonry; but to the Christian Mason the United Orders of the Temple and Malta contain in the *old* doctrines all that can be desired or is worthy of investigation. There is no new principle or information to be found in any other rite. It may be truly said of them "*Cui Bono?*" At the same time the "Masonic student" will learn from the *Hauts Grades* that there are vestiges left of the "Sacred Mysteries." The Masonry of to-day evidently originated from them as far as the *basis* is concerned, but the *true* explanation is utterly lost, and replaced by the fancies of dreamers and follies of men, who, not satisfied with the primitive degrees and doctrines, have manufactured *new ones* in such numbers that there is no room for more, many of these tending, if not carefully controlled, to materialism and infidelity.

Fratres, accept my best thanks for your patient attention, and may the watchwords of Masonry,—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth be ever our guide; trusting with faith in the Templar's creed, belief in the Great Captain of our salvation.

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The election of Grand Hierophant for the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, caused by the death of General Garibaldi, will take place next month. M. W. Bro. Giam. Pessina, M. W. G. M., of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Italy, will, in all probability, be nominated.

The Cryptic Rite in Canada is not flourishing as it should. The degrees are instructive as well as beautiful, and well worthy of a better support from Royal Arch Masons.