

most worth that findeth all other; This Science was first found out by one Lamecke in the 4th of Gene: and Lamecke had two Wives the one called Ada and the other Sella by Ada hee begott two Sonnes the one called Jabell the other Juball, And by the other Wife he had a Sonn and a daughter, and these Four Children found the beginnige of all Crafts in the World, This Juball was Eldest Sonn and hee found the Craft of Geometry and hee parted Flocks of Sheep in the Feilds, and First Wrought House of Stone and Tree Gen: 4th and his Brother Jabell found Musicke of Songe, Harpe and Organe, The Third Brother found Smith Craft as of Iron and Steele and their Sister found weaveing These Children did know that God would take vengeance for Sinn either by Fire, or water Therefore they Writt the Sciences which they found in two Pillars of Stone that they might be found after the Flood the One Stone was called Marble that cannot Burne with Fire the other was Saturns and that cannot drown in the water

Our intent is to tell yo. in what manner these Stones were found that these Sciences were written in the great Hermaraynes that was Sonn vnto Cus, and Cus was Sonn vnto Sem, wch was sonn vnto Noah the same Hermeraynes was after wards named Hermes the Father of Wise men, Hee founde the two Pillars of Stone, and the Sciences Written there hee taught to other men and att the makeinge of the Tower of Bablon there was Masonry First made much of and the Kinge of Babilon that hyght Nimwroth was a Mason Himselpe and Loved the Craft as itt is said and when the City of Ninive and other Cities of the East should be made Nimroth the Kinge of Babilon sent thither sixty Masons at the desire of the Kinge of Ninive his Cozen and when hee sent them forth hee gave them a Charge on this manner That they should be true each of them to other and that they should Love truly together, and Serve their Lord truly for their pay for that the Craft might have Worshipp and all that belonge to him this was the First time that ever Mason had charge of his Craft.

Moreover when Abraham and Sarah his Wife went into Egypt he taught the Seaven Sciences and he had a Worthy Scholler named Euclid and he learned right well and was master of all the Seven Sciences and [in] his daies itt befell that the Lords and Estates of that Realm, had soe many Sonns that they had gotten some by their Wives and some by other Ladies that they had not a competent maintenance for them, wherefore they made great sorrow, then the Kinge of the Land called a great Council to Know how they might relieve their Children honestly as Gentlemen should vnder a condicion that they would grant me a Comission that I may have power to rule them honestly as those of that Science of Geometry for to worke in Stone all manner of Worthy Worke that belongeth to Building Churches Temples, Tower and all other manner of Buildinge. And he gave them a charge on this manner first that they should be true to the King and to the Lords that they Served and that they should Love well together and be true each One to other and call each other his fellow or Brother and not Servant nor Knave nor any other foule name and that they should truly deserve their pay of the Lord their Master they served and that they should ordaine the Wisest of them to be Master of the Worke and neither for loue riches, nor favour to sett another that hath little cunninge to be Master of the Worke whereby the Lord should be evill served and they Ashamed, and also that they should call the Governor of the Worke Master the tyme that they wrought with him and many