

## Faithful Masonry

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Every man here is here because he answered 'I do' to each of three questions:

- 1) Do you believe in a Divine Creator – a Supreme Being?
- 2) Do you believe that your actions have consequences, good or evil?
- 3) Do you believe that you will be held accountable for your actions before the Divine Creator?

Each of our Rituals speaks to the GGOTU and the GAOTU and revolves around the building of the first Temple to God.

I think it's fair to say that the foundation of Masonry is Faith.

Faith that our actions matter; that our inculcating the truths and lessons of Freemasonry into our lives will make us fit for our final reckoning.

And, according to our individual beliefs, that the fruit of our reckoning is peace at our end.

But, given this avowed belief that we share, given that this belief is our foundation as Masons, I'd like to ask you to consider, according to your own personal beliefs, are you honouring your faith?

Are you dedicating time each day to consider, act, or demonstrate that belief?

Do you make this your first priority?

If your faith calls for you to attend services each week or perform a ritual or rituals as you believe is appropriate, do you honour these beliefs?

Early in my Masonic life, I was told of my priorities per Masonic teachings:

- 1) My Faith
- 2) My Family
- 3) My Work
- 4) My Masonic Journey

Is this reflected in our lives?

Is our Faith first?

Are we more engaged in honouring our individual belief than our family, work and Lodge?

To get the most of this journey, it must be.

So, consider if your priorities and actions need to change and take a moment right now to reaffirm your commitment to this foundational cornerstone.

Starting today, and continuing tomorrow, take the time to enact this priority and inculcate it into your lives.

Make Masonry your 4<sup>th</sup> priority.

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Post Script:

If you have entered into Masonry on the false pretence; if you believe yourself an atheist or agnostic; if you are just giving lip service to the Ritual and don't believe there is a GGOTU or GAOTU then know two things:

- 1) Being false to your Brethren and having sworn and sealed empty Oaths will never bear fruit. You cannot build a Temple without a foundation, you can only build a rock pile.
- 2) You can redeem a falsehood. If you have not a faith, consider the men around you: Men you respect and admire; Men of Faith; Men of learning. Consider that your atheism or agnosticism may be in error.

If you are content to perpetuate your broken oath, I have nothing to say to you - aside from a request that you demit. Masonry has no home for the untrustworthy, for Oath breakers, or false Oath takers.

However, if being that kind of deplorable wretch is abhorrent to you; if you truly seek more light; then do so: Seek out a brother to discuss faith (outside of Lodge of course); explore the faith of your fathers; examine, research, make the pursuit of faith your highest priority.

Seek and ye shall find.

Seeking more Light is what we are all here for.