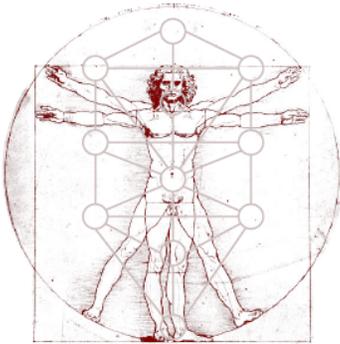


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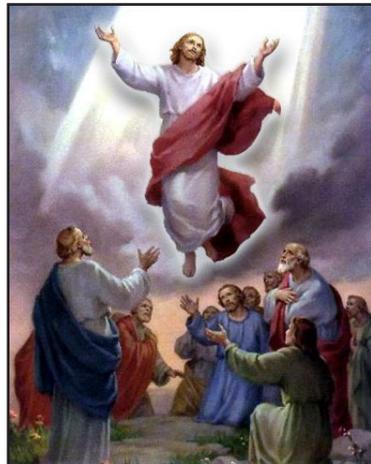
RELIGION AND THE AMERICAN/YORK RITE - PART 4



It is not until Templary, when we see the differences between the Jewish and the Christian Mason. For the Christian Mason, the lesson here is very simple, and illustrated by the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. For the Jewish Mason, the idealism of the perfected man, called Adam Kadmon, is the central symbol of the degrees, as was from the beginning in both Christian and Jewish faiths.

The Adam Kadmon is referred to by Paul in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15. He describes the spiritual and physical sides of man. Verse 45-50 states: "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."

The primary difference is that the Christian Mason views Christ as the savior and perfected man ascending to Heaven. The Jewish Mason sees Christ as the idea of

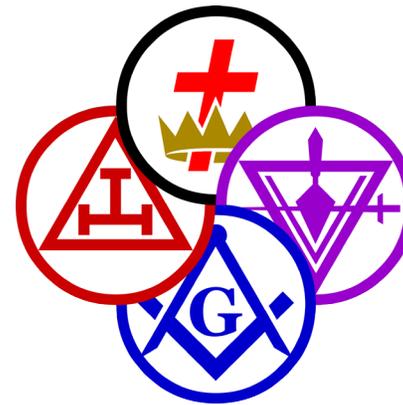


FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to encourage all Sir Knights to submit articles, letters, pictures, or comments for inclusion into this supplement. Articles need to be submitted to me by the 1st of the month for the next issue. (May 25th for the June issue.)

the perfected man, or "quickened spirit" like and the ascension to heaven is viewed as the "return to God" and is achieved by that perfection. This was also idealized by Moses in the Torah.

The American/York Rite explains the Chivalric orders in this manner:



"The Chivalric Orders are a set of three Orders culminating in the grade of Knight Templar, and controlled by that body. This body is markedly different from its foreign counterparts, in that it exhibits a paramilitary structure and outlook on Masonry, being the only branch of Masonry in the world that is a uniformed body. Being a requirement that its members be professed Christians has led to calls of condemnation from other Masonic bodies and organizations both inside and outside the United States, claiming that the

body is more of a Christian organization rather than a Masonic body. These have had little effect on the body, however, as many of the organizations criticizing the body have similar degrees among themselves."

"The American body is also arranged different from its nearest relatives in England. The American body includes the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, which is not conferred in any other organization, though it has very close cousins in the Irish and American Order of Knight Masons and in the English Allied Masonic Degrees grade of the Red Cross of Babylon. Also, in the United States, the Order of Malta is conferred on members before being eligible to receive the Order of the Temple, whereas in England, the Order of Malta is an honorary grade bestowed on Knights Templar. In the United States, all business is transacted in the Order of the Temple, the other bodies only being opened for the conferral of the Orders. In England, the Order of Malta meets and operates as a separate body in addition to the Order of the Temple."

