



The Simplicity of Freemasonry

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Quote: the Ancient Order of Freemasonry stands out as the most influential power for good in the world today! It is remarkable it should be so. We live in an age of scientific advancement in which the latest discoveries of science are applied to the industrial and commercial enterprises. Labour and time saving machinery are utilized by man for the promotion of industry and business. Steel and iron are taking the place of wood and stone in the erection of buildings. Electric and steam power have taken the place of man and animal power. There are constant improvements. The methods of today are quickly being superseded based upon the discoveries of tomorrow. In a sense Freemasonry is old fashioned. It still retains its ancient simplicity; it has means of identification between members. It is generally believed by Non- Masons, in such secrets lies the strength of the craft.

When it is incorrectly said Freemasonry owes its success to improper secret influences, to political and religious intrigues, and to sinister associations, then the entire world should be made aware the secret of its success is attributable to its profound simplicity upon the unerring belief in the fatherhood of God, whose will is revealed in the Volume of the Sacred Laws.

The most important function of Freemasonry should be its effect upon the character of its members. Can we truly say belonging to the brotherhood makes a man more honourable, more fair, than do those not being a Mason? Do Freemasons dissociate themselves from exploitation of all kinds, professional and commercial? Are they universally known as men of the highest probity and honour? It must be remembered our candidates are selected as "worthy men, and worthy men alone." In this respect the onus is on those who are members to continue to select, for membership, men who are above reproach. We must never forget there are men of high character who have, as yet, never considered Freemasonry.

The true purpose of the Order is the tightening of brotherly love under the fatherhood of God, and the spreading of the knowledge, the history and the purpose of our great organization. Unquote. Never stop learning! So Mote It Be!