

## FREEMASONRY UPDATE

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### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS THE STORY GOES ON... AND ON

Over the last year or so, we have commented on the tainted report on Freemasonry generated by the Southern Baptist Home Missions Board. The problem was that Dr. Gary Leazer, the man in charge of the study, was getting “clandestine” help in its preparation from Masonic friends.

A letter surfaced during the study, written by Leazer to one of the Masonic leaders, thanking him for all the help and making several depreciating remarks concerning those who were opposed to the lodge. That letter had Leazer removed from his job as head of the study, but both Leazer and the report continued on at the HMB without correction. No more. His obvious ties to the Lodge have now gotten him ousted.

In the Columbus Dispatch, dated 11-6-93, Religious News Service writer David Anderson reported,

“Larry Lewis, president of the Home Missions Board, said he requested Leazer’s resignation for “gross insubordination” following publication in October of a speech Leazer gave to a Masonic group.  
“Lewis said Leazer’s Aug. 8 speech violated an order to “refrain from any and all involvement in the Freemasonry issue.”  
Lewis told Baptist Press, the denomination’s official news agency, he had accepted Leazer’s resignation Oct. 22.  
“He has clearly violated that directive and in doing so has demonstrated his unwillingness to submit to the authority of his supervisors,” Lewis said. Whether Baptists can also be members of a Masonic Lodge has been a volatile issue.”

**We pray that the Southern Baptists wake up and see that this Masonic influence will never leave them until they leave it!**

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A Masonic pastor of the First Congregational Church of Salt Lake City sums up the attitude of many Masonic pastors and Masonic laymen of today. He is quoted in the Masonic book *The Craft and the Clergy*, written by 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Freemason Rev. Dr. Forrest Haggard, as saying, “I am in a mighty army of men who have committed themselves to minimize the importance of moral and ethical teachings.”

This brings us to phase seven, the Masonic infiltration of American churches. In 1926, the Scottish Rite published an article in its January *New Age Magazine* telling Masons to join Christian churches. It was an order coming directly from the Supreme Council at Charleston, South Carolina, the head quarters of Universal Freemasonry. Written by W.B. Zimmerman, the article entitled “Let There Be Light,” stated that every Mason “should cast his lot with the Church – to help vitalize it, liberalize it, modernize it and render it aggressive and efficient – to do less is treason to your country, to your Creator, and to the obligation you have promised to obey.” Each Mason was to follow these instructions as directed by his local lodge.

A Mason’s obligation is more powerful than any law of the land. Under oath he obligates himself to carry out all orders given him by the Masonic hierarchy. Consequently, following the publishing of this article in 1926, Masons throughout the United States flocked to join local Protestant churches. In time these Masons worked their way into church leadership. And in time they turned the evangelical churches materialistic and lukewarm.

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Matthew 16:18 is our encouragement; “upon this rock (Jesus Christ) I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

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