

**Self-Study Guide—Freemasonry and Catholicism  
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**Introduction**

This study guide is intended for use with *Freemasonry and Catholicism* by Max Heindel. The guide contains two groups of questions for each section in *Freemasonry and Catholicism*. The first group of questions for a section are questions whose answer may be found somewhere in the section. The second group of questions are labeled as "thought questions." The answers to these questions are not given in the section, but rather can be answered by relating what was said in the section to one's own experience and by using one's creative imagination.

In using the study guide it is recommended that one first read an entire section from *Freemasonry and Catholicism* to get an overall picture of the topic being discussed. Then answer the questions below, referring back to the text as needed.

It is hoped that this study guide will help the reader clarify and make more precise the understanding of esoteric Truths, so that he or she may tread the path with a more certain step.

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**Section 1 (*Freemasonry and Catholicism*)**

1-1] In each blank insert the appropriate word or phrase.

The element Heat was the only element present in the \_\_\_\_\_ Period. In the \_\_\_\_\_ Period the elements of Heat and Air were present, and these elements worked together to produce \_\_\_\_\_. Thus, unity prevailed. In the \_\_\_\_\_ Period, the element \_\_\_\_\_ was added, which fought against the fire, trying to quench it. The Spirits who were attuned to the \_\_\_\_\_ were actively striving for enlargement of consciousness. The Spirits who were attuned to the \_\_\_\_\_ were seeking to check any expenditure of latent power as dynamic energy.

1-2] Why did some of the Angels rebel against Jehovah's command that they help create forms on earth?

1-3] What is the name of the leader of the rebellious Angels? On what planet do the rebellious Angels dwell? Where is the dwelling place of the Angels who remained servants of Jehovah?

1-4] Next to each item on the left, put the letter of the item on the right which is most closely related:

Free Masonry

\_\_\_\_\_

Catholicism

\_\_\_\_\_

A. Fire

B. Water

Living by faith \_\_\_\_\_

Seeking knowledge

\_\_\_\_\_

The Lucifer Spirits

\_\_\_\_\_

Jehovah and the  
Angels \_\_\_\_\_

Death  
\_\_\_\_\_

Creation of bodies  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tying of the silver cord  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 2 (*Freemasonry and Catholicism*)

2-1] Why did Jehovah make humans uni-sexual?

2-2] Genesis states that a serpent induced Eve to eat of the Tree of Knowledge. In reality, what did the Lucifer Spirits teach women to do?

2-3] Next to each item on the left put the letter of the item on the right which is most closely related:

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A master workman \_\_\_\_\_

A. Abel or Seth or  
their descendants

One who conquers the physical  
world and learns to achieve  
material comfort \_\_\_\_\_

B. Cain or his  
descendants

A creative, courageous person  
\_\_\_\_\_

One who looks to God for  
comfort \_\_\_\_\_

A master magician \_\_\_\_\_

A docile, trusting person  
\_\_\_\_\_

2-4] In each parentheses choose the correct word or phrase.

Solomon, a descendant of (Cain, Seth), was directed by (his own inner self, Jehovah) to build a Temple. Solomon (had, did not have) the creative skill to build the Temple himself. Hiram Abiff, a descendant of (Cain, Seth) was skilled in the (arts and crafts, priestcraft) and was (chosen, not chosen) to direct the construction of the Temple.

### **Thought Question:**

2-5] If the sons of Seth and the sons of Cain had learned to work peacefully together in the building of Solomon's Temple, how might things be different today?

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### **Section 3 (*Freemasonry and Catholicism*)**

3-1] Next to each item on the left put the letter of the item on the right which is most closely related:

The Queen of Sheba was impressed by the Wisdom of Solomon. \_\_\_\_\_

A. A person cannot be initiated until he has developed the power within.

The Queen of Sheba was impressed

B. Humanity has not been willing to become completely obedient

by the person who directed the builders. \_\_\_\_\_

to the Church, nor to relinquish Religion in favor of dominance by temporal powers.

The Queen of Sheba could not see the workmen until Hiram Abiff showed them to her. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Humanity is impressed by those who have skills in arts and crafts.

The Queen of Sheba did not marry either Solomon or Hiram Abiff.  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. Humanity receives Spiritual direction from the Church.

Some of the workmen were unhappy because Hiram Abiff had not promoted them.  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. The forces of nature are not perceived by the majority of people, but the effects of these forces are seen.

### **Thought Questions:**

3-2] [How is faith valuable to the aspirant?](#)

3-3] [In what ways are good works valuable to the aspirant?](#)

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## **Section 4 (*Freemasonry and Catholicism*)**

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4-1] Why was Hiram not initially satisfied with the construction of the Temple, according the plan of Jehovah?

4-2] What, then, did Hiram plant to add to the Temple?

4-3] How was the Molten Sea to be used in the Temple services?

4-4] What materials were gathered for the construction of the Molten Sea?

4-5] What was extracted from these materials?

4-6] What benefits would people gain from laving in the Molten Sea?

4-7] What element, poured into the vessel cast to receive the Molten Sea, frustrated the completion of the Sea?

4-8] When Hiram jumped into the seething mixture which had been intended to be the Molten Sea, he received the baptism of fire. What baptism did Cain predict that Hiram would receive in the future from the Lion of Judah?

4-9] What dual role did (does) the Lion of Judah combine within himself?

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## **Section 5 (*Freemasonry and Catholicism*)**

5-1] Which of the following was not true concerning Melchisedec?

- a) He was a priest of the Most High God.
- b) He was a king of Salem (peace).

c) He was born of a virgin.

d) He did not die.

5-2] In what respects was Christ like Melchisedec?

5-3] In what order did the following occur in the past?

a) Christ came to proclaim the kingdom of heaven which was to be established.

b) Humanity was double-sexed, and ruled by divine rulers (Melchisedec) who were both King and Priest.

c) The Lucifer Spirits opened men's eyes.

d) The offices of King and Priest were separated.

e) The sexes were divided.

5-4] Why will marrying and giving birth to bodies be unnecessary in the kingdom of heaven?

5-5] After his baptism of fire, whom did Hiram Abiff leave? Whom did he then begin to serve?

5-6] After his baptism in the water of the Jordan, whom did Jesus leave? Who did Jesus then begin to serve?

5-7] What makes the blood a particularly important part of the body from the spiritual point of view?

5-8] In ancient times, people married within the family. What did the blood then contain, which it no longer contains when people marry outside the family?

5-9] Why did the practice of marrying in the family need to be discontinued?

5-10] On Golgotha when the blood flowed from Jesus' body, this blood etheralized and was spread over the earth by the Christ Spirit. What effect did this have on the earth and on man?

### **Thought Questions:**

5-11] Why do conflicts arise as a result of having Statecraft and Priestcraft exercised separately?

5-12] How does faith in the blood of Jesus aid the Sons of Seth?

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## **Section 6 (*Freemasonry and Catholicism*)**

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6-1] In each blank fill in an appropriate word or phrase.

\_\_\_\_\_ in the air combining with \_\_\_\_\_ in the blood results in a type of combustion which liberates \_\_\_\_\_ which form an aura around an individual. Red color in the aura indicates a \_\_\_\_\_ nature, and indicates subservience to the God \_\_\_\_\_ and to the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirits. Yellow in the aura indicates the use of \_\_\_\_\_, and indicates response to the vibrations of the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit. The changing of the auric color from red to gold requires the raising of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the vibrations so that they are the same as those of the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit.

6-2] When the Initiate creates a new adult body for himself

a) from where does he get the mold or matrix into which to build the new body?

b) from where does he get the materials which he builds into this mold?

6-3] For what purpose may the Initiate create a new adult body?

**Thought Question:**

6-4] Apart from the changing of the colors of the aura, what other evidence would there be that alchemical transmutation was occurring in a person?

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**Section 7 (*Freemasonry and Catholicism*)**

7-1] In each blank, fill in either the word 'imagination' or the word 'will'.

By \_\_\_\_\_ the Great Architect of the Universe visualized everything as it was to be created, and then by His \_\_\_\_\_ the physical atoms were marshaled into this matrix of thought. When the divine Hierarchies are fashioning the crystal, plant, or animal they use their \_\_\_\_\_ to create pictures in the archetypal region of the earth and then use their concentrated \_\_\_\_\_ to mold the coarser matter into this matrix. Man also is learning to use his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to become an independent creator.

7-2] At one time man-in-the-making was a hermaphrodite. For what purposes were his creative energies then used?

7-3] When humanity became uni-sexual, what were their creative energies initially used for (prior to the arrival of the Lucifer Spirits)?

7-4] Next to each item on the left put the letter of the item on the right which is most closely related:

The beings who herded the

sexes together  
for propagation at propitious  
times, when  
one half of the sex force was  
diverted to  
build the brain. \_\_\_\_\_

A. Angels

The beings who taught  
humanity how the  
sexes could cooperate to  
produce a body at  
any time. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Lords of  
Mercury

The beings who are teaching  
humanity how to use the mind.  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Lucifer Spirits

Salt \_\_\_\_\_

D. The spiritual  
Hierarchy  
from Neptune

Sulphur \_\_\_\_\_

Azoth \_\_\_\_\_

The beings who help humanity  
to use the creative force  
for generation \_\_\_\_\_

The beings who stimulate  
humanity to use the creative  
force for degeneration \_\_\_\_\_

The beings who help  
humanity to use the creative  
force for regeneration \_\_\_\_\_

The sympathetic nervous systems \_\_\_\_\_

The sensory nervous system \_\_\_\_\_

The spinal canal \_\_\_\_\_

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7-5] What made the moral and physical nature of man gross and coarse?

7-6] In what manner does humanity misuse the creative force?

7-7] If humanity is to become as the gods, able to create from itself by the power of the mind, how must it direct the creative energy?

7-8] What must one do in order to draw upward the second half of the creative energy (which is the spinal spirit-fire)?

7-9] When the spinal spirit-fire reaches the head and sets the pituitary body and pineal gland to vibrating, what new power does one attain?

7-10] Under what circumstances is performance of the generative act legitimate for the Rosicrucian Student?

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**Section 8 (*Freemasonry and Catholicism*)**

8-1] The path of initiation starts at the surface of the earth and goes

- a) eastward
- b) inward

- c) outward
- d) westward

8-2] What prevents the uninitiated from traveling the path of Initiation while they live on earth in their physical bodies?

8-3] What prevents the uninitiated from traveling the path of Initiation after death?

8-4] What law is the Initiate taught to suspend, so that he can travel the path of Initiation?

8-5] How many strata are in the earth? How many degrees are there in Mystic Masonry?

8-6] What animal is the spinal spirit fire related to, in Alchemical terminology?

8-7] Why is this animal associated with wisdom, in alchemical terminology?

8-8] Cultivation of what quality within people would bring peace on earth and would bring people most quickly to the New Heaven and New Earth, where the sons of Cain and sons of Seth will be united?

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## **Section 9 (*Freemasonry and Catholicism*)**

9-1] Next to each item on the left put the letter of the item on the right which is most closely related (in Alchemical symbolism):

King \_\_\_\_\_

A. Fire

Priest \_\_\_\_\_

B. Water

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Sons of Cain \_\_\_\_\_

Sons of Seth \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Industry \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual welfare \_\_\_\_\_

9-2] In what sequence in time did or will the following occur?

- a) Floods drove people out of the basins of the earth.
- b) Humanity in general learn to function in the air in soul bodies.
- c) Humanity lived close to the fiery core of the earth.
- d) Humanity lived in the basins of the earth and breathed by means of gill clefts.
- e) Pioneers learn to function in the air in soul bodies.
- f) Some pioneers developed lungs and began to live in the highlands.

9-3] What must one do in order to develop the soul body?

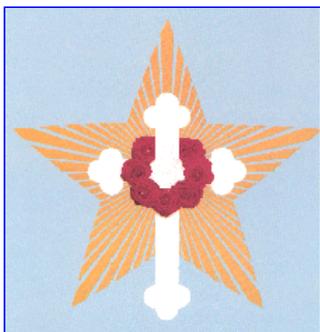
9-4] What human has become overall leader of the sons of Seth?  
What human has become overall leader of the sons of Cain?

9-5] What ideal are both the sons of Seth and the sons of Cain striving toward?

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