## Maggie's Story of the Order of the Eastern Star

I was raised from early childhood in the church. If the doors were open, we were there. My best childhood memories are of church and family-related activities. Why Christians get involved in Masonry or the Order of the Eastern Star is something I do not understand, even though I did it myself. On the outside, the Eastern Star looks like a really great organization for women for a social outlet; however, once you are in there, you are not truly aware of its true nature. It takes some of us a lifetime to realize we are in the wrong place. Granted, most Eastern Star members are Christians, but they are ignorant (just like me), until someone points out the soul sacrifice of the Eastern Star.

My problem with the Eastern Star started from the beginning, but I ignored it. I often wondered why so many churches forbid membership in the Eastern Star — after all, it was supposed to be a good Christian organization for women. That just proves one more time that "you cannot judge a book by its cover." My initial problem was with the way the Eastern Star changes the Holy Scripture. I knew it was wrong, and it bothered me, but I thought it really isn't hurting anyone. But I was wrong — *it was hurting me*.

There is much more wrong with the Eastern Star than the fact that they change Scripture. There is a definite occult connection. I was, as I am, sure 95% of the members are totally unaware of this occult connection. I was alerted to this by my niece who read a book about the Masons. I, like any other Eastern Star member, did not believe her, so I went searching for information and found more than I could handle. I found Ex-Masons For Jesus and knew right then I must resign quickly and did so at the December 7, 1999 meeting. Ex-Masons For Jesus put me in touch with others who had found the truth. One person in particular is Dr. Cathy Burns, author of "Hidden Secrets of the Eastern Star". I sincerely encourage you to get her book quickly and read it. It is well worth the money. There is much you need to know, more than I could put here. Your eyes will be opened to the truth.

In Deuteronomy 4:2 and 12:30, Proverbs 30:6 and Revelation 22:18–19, we are warned about adding to and taking from the Scripture.

I resigned from the Eastern Star at the December 7, 1999 meeting. Here is my resignation:

## References:

Adah (unnamed in the Bible): Judges 10:6, 12:7, 11:30-40. Bible scholars do not believe the Scripture means she was slain. The belief is that Jepthah dedicated her to the temple, therefore, she would forever be a virgin — never marry and have no chance of being the Mother of the coming Deliverer (Jesus). Also, God condemns human sacrifice as indicated in Jeremiah 7:31, Ezekiel 16:20–21, Deuteronomy 12:31 and 18:10. Jepthah's daughter is not named in the Bible. Jepthah's daughter did not raise her veil to Jeptha — it is not in the Scripture.

**Ruth**: Ruth 2, 4:22, and Matthew 1:52. According to Scripture, Ruth did not raise her hands to Boaz, she fell at his feet.

**Esther**: Esther 2:7–18, chapters 3–10. Esther was not Mortica's niece, she was his cousin. She did not willingly go before the king to gain the safety of the Jews; she was rather reluctant. She did not use the sign alluded to in the Eastern Star lecture.

Martha: Luke 10:38–42, John 11 and John 12:2. The account of Martha is correct except for the sign.

**Electa**: This is a non-existent person made up by the creators of the Eastern Star. This is taken from the elect lady mentioned in 2 John Chapter 1. In fact, some New International Version study Bibles refer to "a chosen lady," and most Bible references, indexes and annotations say it could very well refer to a particular Church.

I was also distressed to learn of the occult aspect related to the five-pointed star used to represent the Order of the Eastern Star. This star is enclosed in a circle with two points facing up and is an occult symbol (the pentagram), used in mystic and Wicca (witchcraft) practices. It is not the Star of David or the Star of Bethlehem as we are led to believe, rather it is the "dog star," the star of Isis, who was an idol that was worshiped in ancient days. We are asked when we join the Eastern Star if we believe in a supreme being, and I "assumed" they meant the One Living God whom Christians worship, but this is not the case. You cannot mix God with idols.

The Eastern Star cabalistic motto, "Fairest Among Thousands, Altogether Lovely", (FATAL) is also of the occult. Look it up in your dictionary. The cabala is a medieval and modern system of Jewish theosophy, mysticism, and thaumaturgy, marked by a belief in creation through emanation and a cipher method of interpreting Scripture; a traditional esoteric, occult or secret matter. Look it up for yourself — don't take my word for it. The triangle used for the five-pointed star badges are also of the occult, Wicca nature. The Bible warns us to have **no** graven images before us, to bow to *no* man (Deuteronomy 5:7–9). God warns us specifically about [not worshiping] symbols and idols.

There are many writings by Masons, including Rob Morris (who wrote the Eastern Star ritual), revealing the true meaning of everything that Masonry and the Eastern Star represents. None of it is good. I have spent many long hours researching this and found other Eastern Star and Masonic members who have renounced their membership because of these very things.

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