

Witnessing to a Loved One

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“Here is an approach you can take in talking with a Mason who claims to be a Christian. If he does not profess to being a Christian, it is suggested that you first present the gospel to him.

1. *State the fundamental Masonic principle – that every candidate for Freemasonry must affirm belief in a Supreme Being.* Masons may be Unitarians, Muslims, Hindus, Jews, Buddhists, etc. Men of these faiths, however, do not believe in the Christ of the Bible.
2. *State the fundamental Christian principle regarding truth – that there is a distinction between “It is true for him” and “it is true for him.”* The first is subjective; the second is objective. The distinction is between what he *thinks* is true versus what is *actually* true. Earlier in [“Masonic Rites and Wrongs”] I described a person who believes with all his heart that the 1993 Cleveland Indians won the World Series. It is true *for him* (He *feels* that it is true.), but it is not *true* for him (*in reality*). We are concerned with this second category. The fundamental Christian principle is that a statement must be true in reality.
3. *Discuss some of the symbols of Freemasonry.* You might start with the symbolism of the Lambskin Apron. Note how the Lodge teaches that the Lamb has in all ages been deemed an emblem of innocence. He, therefore, who wears the Lambskin as the badge of a Mason, is thereby continually reminded of that purity of life and conduct, which are so essentially necessary to his gaining admission into the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Ask the Mason if the Lodge thus presents a framework in which the Unitarian, Muslim, or Hindu is *falsely* “reminded of that purity of life and conduct, which are so essentially necessary to his gaining admission into the Celestial Lodge above.” Stress that his answer needs to concern what is true *in reality*; though it may be true *for him*, it is not *true* for him (John 14:6). You might move on then to note the symbolic teachings of the Covering of a Lodge, the Common Gavel, the Three Steps, the Rough and Perfect Ashlars, etc.

4. *Note that the real issue becomes one of allegiance.* Does the professing Christian want to be a part of an organization that promotes spiritual brotherhood with Hindus, Muslims, and others?

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