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Disrespect To Apron

The rush and hurry of modern times has unfortunately shown a tendency to extend into the lodge and to lead Masons, both old and new, to treat the apron in a careless, hasty fashion, especially when the lodge has been working late, and the moment of closing approaches.

The emblem which every Mason is admonished to “wear with respect” is all too often discarded with disrespect. And yet only a few seconds are gained by fumbling with the apron strings while the master is closing the lodge. The apron at all times is more than a piece of linen. It should never be worn without thought being given by the wearer as he invests himself with it, to its origin, the principles and precepts for which it stands, the purity of life to which it calls, and the last rites and honors which it guarantees.

Masonry works by signs and symbols, by insignia of various kinds to which it attaches the utmost importance. Above all it honors the lamb-skin; and when the “working apron” is donned, - the linen square which is worn into the lodge at every meeting, - it should be remembered that it represents the sacred leather apron confessed by the master.





NEWS



In Memory of Brother Ben Benninghoff

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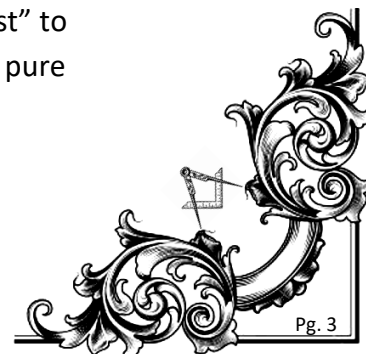
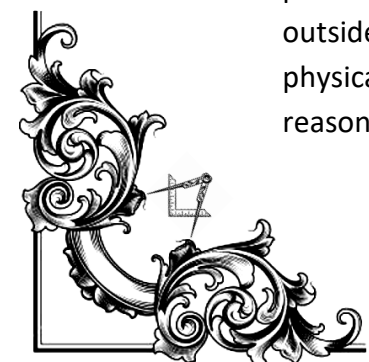
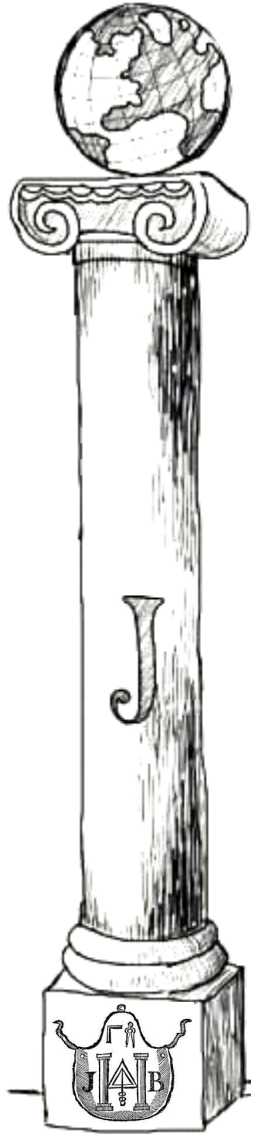




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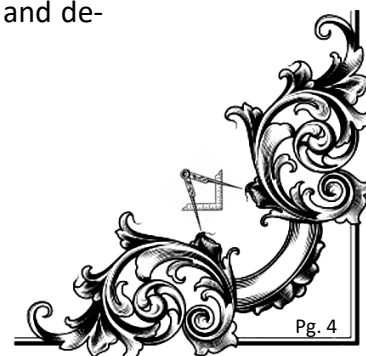
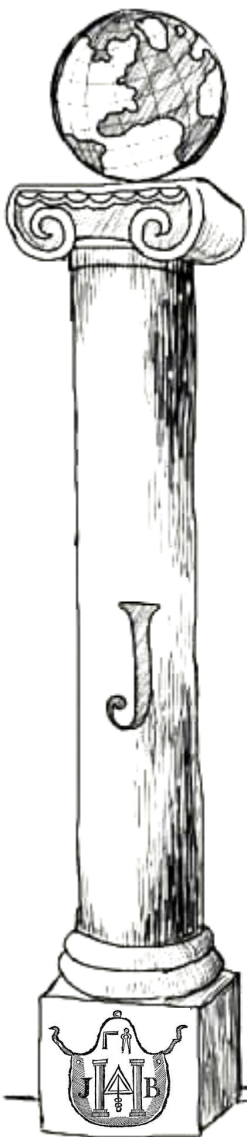
By J.W. Norwwood

Some recent scientific investigations and their bearing on the continuity of life after physical death as taught in the Master's degree. "Occult" is a most objectionable word to many Freemasons, though it means merely, "That which is hidden." They are even a little ashamed of the term "esoteric" as applied to the lost wisdom we seek and which wisdom constitutes the "secret" of Masons—generally a "secret" that remains such until the day of physical death of the initiated. Yet he might find it (within himself) for the seeking! "Immortality" or a survival of personality, individual intelligence, after physical death and the decay of the physical body, is taught in the Master Mason's degree. A belief in it is general with most Freemasons. But belief is ever unsatisfactory to the inquisitive mind when no reasonable ground can be seen upon which to formulate belief. So it is with the teaching of "immortality." To many honest doubters, acceptance of the Masonic statement implies more or less credulity simply because they do not investigate for themselves as to whether there is really a scientific basis for what both Masonry and religion have taught from time immemorial. But modern science has recently come so close to the proof in the case it may seriously be doubted whether it has in reality not directly passed the borderline between physical and spiritual planes of existence — without realizing it. In a most singular manner French investigators are the ones to place before the world, experiments in both physiology and psychology, demonstrating beyond apparent question, that physical matter reaches a degree of refinement within the physical body beyond the power of physical sight to "see it" but not always beyond the power of the sensitive camera plate to preserve a photograph of it. Beyond its camera visibility, as it were, it has been positively detected. This material has been found to be capable of projection outside the human body, has been felt, seen, photographed and then "lost" to physical perception only to be logically and unavoidably connected by pure reasoning processes with the mental current itself.



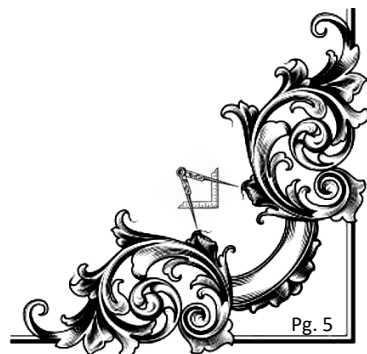
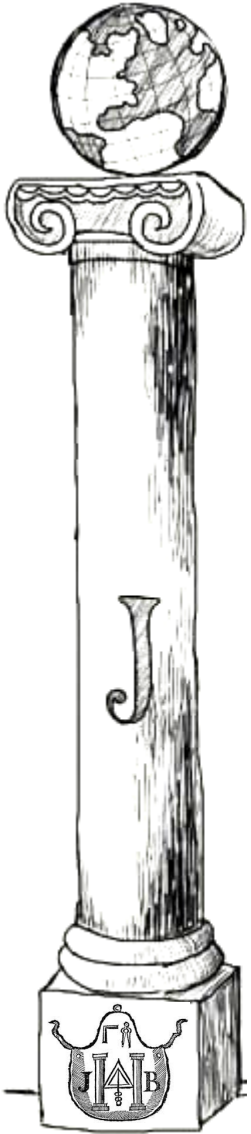


THOUGHT (whatever thought may be as an ultimate) has been found to be the power which controls this plastic material both inside and outside the human machinery of "the body." An interesting account of the French psychological experiments is to be found in November Metropolitan Magazine, by Mrs. Reginald De Koven, wife of the famous composer, English Freemason, and author of "The Freemason Song. Those who might recoil from the unusual as something "uncanny" or "occult" however, will find the same problem unconsciously approached from the physical side by Dr. Serge Veronoff, head of the psychological laboratories of France. Dr. Veronoff has announced a "discovery" that youthful powers of the aged may be restored by replacing the worn out or atrophied interstitial glands with those of young and robust humans, or even of certain animals nearest akin to man. He has found, as other more silent men have found before him, that the glands of the body secrete special "juices" which have the effect in some mysterious way of keeping that elusive thing known as "life" and "energy," in the blood. And behind or within these peculiar secretions is a "vital energy" or "nerve force" that is capable of being directed by the mind. Certainly the "mind" currents are in some way inextricably mixed up with the vitalizing forces hidden in these purely physical secretions. Glands may be preserved "live" says Dr. Veronoff, for an indefinite time in cold storage, as "life" leaves the glands of the body several hours after its "death." Some American physicians think it the irony of fate that French scientists should get all the credit for these discoveries. Dr. Crile for example, and others, discovered that various tissues and even skin, could be preserved "alive" even tho separated from the body to which they belonged. Many years ago Thomas Edison announced his conviction that every cell in the body had its individual "life" and every organ its "individual organic life" so that the life of the individual intelligence known as "man" was really a community life of all his cells coordinated and directed by—the "man." Cardinal Gibbons raised the voice of ridicule and denunciation and Mr Edison thereafter kept his convictions to himself.





Perhaps the best explanation of why France and not America now gets credit for the public announcement of important discoveries in this borderland realm, the physical side at least of which no man of science can deny, is to be found in the lament of Dr. G. F. Lydston, an eminent surgeon of Chicago who “discovered” the process of gland implantation in 1914. Dr. Lydston thinks he has gone even further in actual experiment than Dr. Veronoff but says “Americans will not recognize a thing of this sort until it comes to them from abroad.” But it is barely possible Americans are like the rest of humanity in repudiating the conclusions some men of science like Dr. Lydston, make from their experiments. If Dr. Lydston is correctly quoted, one of his conclusions “convinced him that all ‘LOVE’ is simply ‘glandular attraction’ and leads to an explanation of the eternal triangle and ‘affinity.’” That, as every real lover instinctively knows, may be the chief explanation for physical sex attraction, and as such plays an important role in the affairs of this old earth. But as every real lover also knows, without the necessity of “reasoning” about it, there are at least two higher phases of “LOVE” which proceed from super-physical forces within himself— that make LOVE a deathless thing; that make it laugh at the destruction of the body and all its glands; that “passes all understanding.” So Dr. Lydston would have doubtless been rejected by the instinctive desire of Americans for a “ more spiritual” interpretation of his discovery. The French are simply more frank in expressing themselves about such matters. They are so frank that puritans are “shocked” as they always are at Nature and her ways. Puritans “BELIEVE” in God; French men, especially Freemasons, endeavor to “KNOW” as much about the matter as possible. But to the Puritans the Frenchman is an “Atheist” because he refuses to quarrel about religious beliefs.

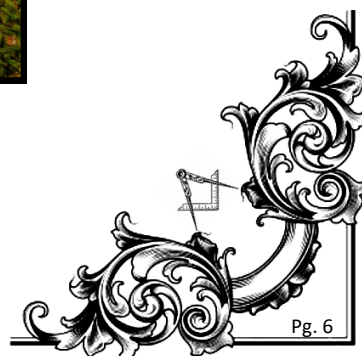
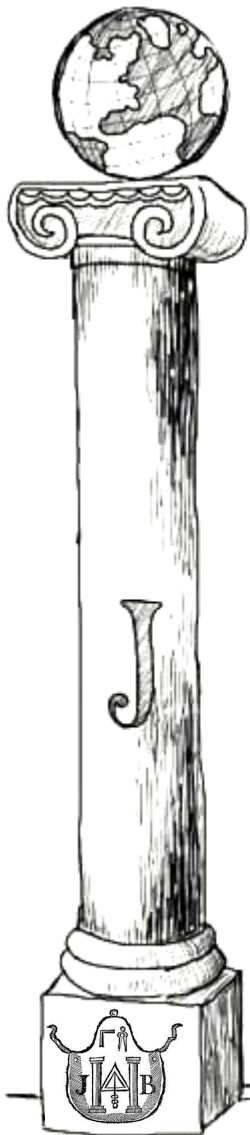




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