

Freemasons' hand exposed in the Temple Mount affair

by Christopher White

Investigations into the ongoing effort to set off a renewed round of fratricidal religious and racial warfare in the Middle East under the fundamentalist cover of the effort to rebuild the Temple of Solomon have now focused on the role of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and its international, inter-denominational allies.

Directly implicated is the research lodge chartered by the London-based Grand Mother Lodge, and known as the Quatuor Coronati. Investigators were first tipped off about the significance of this lodge in connection with last year's ritual assassination of Italian banker Roberto Calvi, member of the fascist weapons- and drug-running Propaganda-2 (P-2) Lodge, who was found hanged under London's Blackfriars' Bridge, his pockets filled with bricks.

Terrorist incidents, combined with television, magazine, and newspaper coverage in and outside Israel, have combined to underscore the fires of conflagration that are now being stoked in Jerusalem and the West Bank. Certain features stand out in these recent developments, apart from the on-the-scenes terrorism of the Jewish Defense League (JDL). These are, first, the publication in the 100,000-circulation U.S. magazine *Biblical Archaeology Review* of a cover story by plasma physicist and cultish amateur archaeologist Asher S. Kaufman called "Where Was Solomon's Temple? New Evidence on Where It Stood." An editorial assistant on the magazine is Barbara Ledeen, the wife of Henry Kissinger and Alexander Haig-protégé Michael Ledeen, long under investigation by Italian authorities for his involvement in the criminal activities of the P-2 lodge. Mrs. Ledeen says of the Temple Mount project: "It's my baby."

Kaufman's article provides a new cover for disruptions around one of the holiest sites of the Islamic religion, the Dome of the Rock, where, for over a thousand years, it has been claimed Solomon's Temple stood. Kaufman claims to have discovered that Solomon's Temple was 330 feet from the present site of the Rock, so that the new temple could be built next to it—a formula which preserves the explosive potential of the project. Kaufman's work is primarily based on the work of a 19th-century fellow cultist, Sir Charles Warren. Warren was successively a British colonial admin-

istrator in southern Africa in what was then Ottoman-ruled Palestine, the London Chief of Police who failed to solve the Jack the Ripper murders, and the founding member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. Kaufman drew on the surveys Warren had conducted for the Palestine Exploration Fund.

The Quatuor Coronati connection is not merely a question of academic footnoes. Kaufman's career as a plasma physicist was sponsored by Professor T. E. Allibone, who worked on the Manhattan Project in the United States before returning to a physics career in Great Britain. Allibone is a trustee of the British Museum, which serves as an intelligence center, and a member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. "The Research Lodge was going to publish something on Professor Kaufman's work, but the man supporting it [Professor John R. Clarke of the University of Sheffield—C.W.] died a fortnight ago," said Allibone. "I keep asking Professor Kaufman for it. I've pressed him very hard to get that over here. I would help to get it published." Kaufman had earlier told an interviewer that the British Freemasons were among the most enthusiastic supporters of his work.

Clarke, like Allibone, was a member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. The present head of the lodge is a Church of England priest, the Reverend N. B. Cryer. The Church of England's Foreign Relations Committee, under Christopher Hill, has in the past reported its perspective for the Middle East: a decade of religious warfare of the sort that would be triggered if the Temple Mount operation were not stopped.

As Right Worthy Brother Betham, also of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, told an inquirer, "The Middle East could well be hit by a new wave of fundamentalism. . . . The scene certainly seems to be set for a Northern Ireland situation. . . . The one thing that would unite the whole Arab world would be to attempt to rebuild Solomon's Temple; this would lead to no end of trouble. . . . People may try this, but they won't achieve their aim. It would be very nice to see the Temple of Solomon there, but you would have to do something with the mosque first, like blow it up, but that would unite the whole Arab world." Meanwhile, Meir Kahane of the JDL has called for the "destruction" of the Dome of the Rock mosque, whose existence he terms a sacrilege.

Quatuor Coronati protégé Asher S. Kaufman is also a member of Terry Reisenhaver's Temple Mount Foundation, which in turn works closely with Doug Krieger's Oregon-based Tav Ministries, and Lambert Dolphin of Stanford Research Institute's Department of Biblical Archaeology. Through the networks created by the Heritage Foundation's Religious Round Table, these characters have succeeded in making the Quatuor Coronati's efforts on behalf of religious warfare in the Middle East a rallying cry for the armageddon and apocalypse mongers, like Hal Lindsay, author of the book *The Late Great Planet Earth*, in the ranks of the U.S. fundamentalist movement. With help from the preachers, as in the case of Billy Graham's March 12 televised sermon about the Temple, such sheep are now being herded into supporting the Masonic project as the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.

The Quatuor Coronati Lodge has had an important part to play in this process of cult creation over the past hundred years of its existence; for the group that now proposes to unleash fratricidal warfare to exterminate Jewish, Arab, and Christian populations in the Middle East played an important earlier role in the creation of the cults that led into Adolf Hitler's Nazism.

Working with members of the Trinity College Cambridge Apostles group such as A. J. Balfour and Henry Sidgwick, who were members at the time of the Society for Psychic Research, the founding members of the lodge helped to take the leadership of the Theosophy Society away from its Russian founder, the mystic and fraud H. P. Blavatsky, and install the whorish Annie Besant as its head. At that time, the Theosophy Society was intended to subvert the nascent Indian nationalist movement of Bal Gandakhar Tilak, using the worst cultist features of the British view of Hinduism to foment communal violence between Hindu and Muslim, just as is now proposed for the Middle East.

The Theosophy Society, whose cultish "all religions are one" theories mirror those of the Unitarians, put forward a racial theory of evolution, culminating in a "new age" run by a "new race" and used a form of the swastika as its emblem. Circles involved with the Theosophists in Paris and St. Petersburg were involved in fomenting anti-Semitic hate campaigns, such as those associated with the Dreyfuss Affair in France and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion in Russia. Such activities, conducted within the ruling circles of those countries, were key in setting up the respective governments for overthrow, and building the network of alliances that led into World War I and subsequently World War II.

The same circles spawned the notorious Order of the Golden Dawn within the broader recruitment base of the Theosophy Society. Anglican priest Rev. Adolphus F. A. Woodward of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge provided Freemason Dr. Wynn Westcott with the documentation from the library of the Freemasons' Hall in London that was the basis for the cult. Out of the Order of the Golden Dawn were developed the Order of the Temple of the East and the Thule

Society, which were the breeding grounds for the inner core of the Hitler movement. Such are the forces which leading circles in Israel, such as Chaim Herzog (once a colonel in British military intelligence, now a candidate for president), Yigal Yadin, and their manipulated fundamentalist allies in the United States are proposing to work with.

Undermining the United States

It can also be shown that those operations which have done most to undermine the integrity of the American republic down to the present can be traced back to the Masonic core which controls the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. Allied with the Kaufman archaeological team in Jerusalem is the Franciscan order, which is also a prominent supporter of another Masonic front group, namely Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund, itself set up as a Masonic front by British circles who had supported Nazism, and run in the United States by Masons such as Elliott Richardson, Robert McNamara, a member of the Theosophists' Lucis Trust (known previously as the Lucifer Trust), and the lying Walter Cronkite.

The same holds for the rock and drug counterculture, which was promoted by the Schizophrenia Program of the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite in the United States, whose personnel collaborated with World Wildlife Fund supporters at Hoffman LaRoche, the company which invented LSD, and the Theosophical and Buddhist followers of guru Alan Watts in California.

There are nearly 3.5 million Freemasons in the United States. Much effort is spent on their behalf to prove that their lodges are simply ritualized social clubs, unlike Italian and French lodges. Anglo-Saxon Masons, it is said, do not permit politics or religion to enter into their lodges. The dumbly gregarious often join; they probably heard they could get a parking ticket fixed, or that the brothers would help with a deal in the community. The more venally ambitious also join, for is it not said that a job cannot be had on Wall Street, or in the Morgan interests, unless one is a Mason?

And so the secret society denounced by John Quincy Adams early in the 19th century as "an irrationalist cult" has done part of the job in corrupting the morality of the nation. But grid the list of corporate contributors to the World Wildlife Fund with the list of corporate contributors to such Theosophical projects as the Temple of Understanding at the United Nations, or the similar temple that was planned for Washington, D.C. The same names reappear—the Marshall Field Foundation in Chicago, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in New York, the Morgan interests, and so on.

Behind the Temple Mount affair, the people who created the Ayatollah Khomeini are attempting to build a fundamentalist form of fascism in the United States. Richard Falk, one of the architects of the Khomeini movement from Princeton University, put it this way in a recent interview: "Religion and race . . . this is what will develop conflict in the United States." Or rather, that is what the Masonic controllers of the Temple Mount affair want to see develop in the United States.