

From the Original Chapter 4 of
Character Counts
Freemasonry USA's National Treasure
and Source of Our Founding Fathers Original Intent



24 Franken-Bones from a Frankenstein Pygmy

There never was a good knife made of bad steel.

Benjamin Franklin 1706-1790 - Founding Father of United States of America

24 Franken-Bones ... Bone by Old Bone

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In the land where honor lives and character counts,
Frankenstein is a fictional man sewn together from old body parts.

Franken-Bone 1—Footnote Mutation w/out Transitional Forms

With Bill Gordon's *Closer Look* on the table and opened up, the first Franken-Bone pops up, offensively, to those for whom character counts. When the two documents are set side by side, we do not have to say much more—just point.

Look: 15 endnotes in the 1993 *Original* mutate into 23 completely different endnotes in Gordon's *Closer Look*, with only one remaining, and even the sources change! An amazing trick, since Bill Gordon copied—*copied*—the eight negative items exactly from the 1993 *Original*. Look: Gordon change the sources for eight negative items *officially* approved by the 1993 SBC delegates without a rationale and without approval. Did Gordon think no one would notice?

Similar to atheistic evolution, we have millions of fossils in the geologic record and nearly zero transitional forms where we should have millions for evolution to be true. Bill Gordon's *Closer Look* is a Pagan evolution that takes a lot of faith to believe, more faith to believe than it takes faith to believe in the good character and reputation of the Southern Baptist Freemasons mentioned in the 1993 *Original*. Truly, without any transitional forms, it is impossible to swallow whole. It is far easier to believe that Washington and Truett were Christian men of honor, and Freemasonry clean of all Pagan dirt because of their honor and the honor of ten legions of legends with them. Gordon's evolution in his *Closer Look* is bad enough, but Godzilla appears without any transitional forms in Gordon's *Comparison Chart*. What a miracle that is!

Franken-Bone 2—Unethical Rhetorical License

Look at the rhetorical changes: the 1993 *Original* had eight good teachings like “many tenets and teachings ... considered compatible with, and even supportive of” juxtaposed to teachings “not compatible” with Christianity, and the eight non-compatible items were listed as eight items of “concern.” Even having the same problems indicated below, the 1993 *Original* at least had the *appearance* of balance. From there, Bill Gordon mutates those eight negative items of “concern” into “incompatibilities” in his *Closer Look* by deleting references and rhetorically mutating each item—a clear change in rhetoric. That is, a *change* in rhetoric and *not* a change in the coherence of rationale. Compared to the 1993 *Original*, just what was looked at *closely*? Each one of the eight is itemized in bold text as an *incompatibility*. Frankenstein wobbles forward.

What license? That is a Secret Agent 007 license-to-kill gone mad.

Between Gordon's declaration and Bible quoting, there are no transitional forms. Godzilla just appears—it's a miracle and freak of nature, meant to terrorize innocent SBC citizens from Freemasonry. Even the language does not synchronize, except to children. That might have worked 50 years ago, long before special effects wizardry, but today we have a vast resources. Bill Gordon duplicates anti-Mason arguments a hundred years old, acting like he has made new discoveries, and Gordon's Godzilla spits fire at SBC legends and at our American Founding Fathers.

Only those reading about our Founding Fathers and SBC legends will know that Bill Gordon's *Closer Look* Godzilla is nothing but a small rubber bathroom ducky. Look at it. How on earth can it hope to be more than a yellow Rubber Ducky in the light of legions of legends? Ironically, if you go to www.CaptainQuack.com, you will actually find more work on the famed *yellow* Rubber Duck than SBC expert Bill Gordon did in his *Closer Look*. There are (James L. Holly, M.D., would love this) Devil Ducks, a Glow Devil Duckie, and a Devil Duckie Applique (bright red). And more! There are Occupational Ducks,

and Fishing Hat, Jell, Backstroke, Royal, Summer Hat, and Sport Ducks, even—I kid you not—“Little Rubber Duck Squirters.” The Squirter—I would like to send to SBC expert Bill Gordon, but do not think he would catch the symbolism. There are even Ducks with an Attitude. In this context and apropos, there are Pirate Ducks—*Ahoy, the scallywags!*



Quack, quack. Those scallywags! And the SBC faceless brainless Frankenstein pygmy wobbles forward, supported from the top of SBC academia for over ten years now. The mighty SBC and ten legions of legends deserve so much more than, figuratively speaking, a little *yellow* rubber duck. Unfortunately for Gordon, et al, I did not an little rubber Academic Duck at CaptainQuack.com. In the land where honor lives and character counts, and we have just begun to quack.

Franken-Bone 3—Gross Summary Mutation

The summaries are different, as though Bill Gordon has *added* research. In the 1993 *Original*, the summary conclusion reads:

In light of the fact that many tenets and teachings of Freemasonry are not compatible with Christianity and Southern Baptist doctrine, while others are compatible with Christianity and Southern Baptist doctrine, we therefore recommend that consistent with our denomination’s deep convictions regarding the priesthood of the believer and the autonomy of the local church, membership in a Masonic Order be a ***matter of personal conscience***. Therefore, we exhort Southern Baptists to prayerfully and carefully evaluate Freemasonry in light of the Lordship of Christ, the teachings of the Scripture, and the findings of this report, as led by the Holy Spirit of God.¹ [Bold mine.]

That starts with an unsolved balance between negative and positive in an integral indecisiveness that concludes with character counting and with a respect for conscience. Contrary to that, Bill Gordon’s *Closer Look* itemizes eight incompatibilities in his summary with a conclusion that changes the 1993 *Original* from what the 1993 SBC originally approved by deleting a ***matter of personal conscience***. See the huge rhetorical differences in Bill Gordon’s *Closer Look* conclusion below:

While it is clear that some Christians, moral persons, and outstanding government leaders have been and are members of the Freemasonic movement, several points of the Lodge’s teachings are non-biblical and non-Christian. And, while Freemasonry encourages and supports charitable activities, it contains both multireligious and inclusivistic teachings that are not Christian in its religious instruction.

Taking the above into consideration, and being consistent with our denomination’s historic deep conviction regarding both the priesthood of the believer and the autonomy of the local church, we [the SBC?] recommend that

each individual Baptist, as well as each congregation, carefully *review* the issues of the teachings and practices of Freemasonry. Since, in the final analysis, the Bible alone is the only guide for faith and practice, issues related to Freemasonry and any other fraternal organization, especially secret societies, must be evaluated only in light of the plumb line of Scripture. The divinity and lordship of Christ, the substitutionary atonement of Christ, and salvation by grace through faith are foundational and nonnegotiable doctrines and the teachings of any organization or society in contradiction to such biblical tenets must be evaluated accordingly. It is, therefore, the *duty of every Christian to resist and avoid false teachings* to speak the truth in love and to embrace only those doctrines which are revealed in the inerrant Scripture, the Bible (see Matt. 7:24-27; 2 John 7-10; 1 Cor. 10:14; Jude 3). [Bold mine.]²

Those changes in the SBC message were not authorized and are hostile to honorable conduct. “Duty,” says Bill Gordon! A “duty” to what? We have a “duty to resist and avoid false teachings,” he says. Who is he talking to? What about duty to avoid *teaching* false teaching—like changing the entire 1993 *Original*’s message? What duty led him to delete conscience?

Slap my face, pinch my leg—but Bill Gordon does not speak for all Baptists, and a shallow report had already been done in the 1993 *Original*. “We recommend,” says Bill Gordon parroting the 1993 *Original*—oh yes, but who is *we* there? Not “we” or the 1993 authors of the 1993 *Original*, and certainly not the 1993 SBC delegates.

What teachings do the readers of Bill Gordon’s *Closer Look* need “to review” or have a “duty to resist”? Are we to resist the Freemasonry teaching in the 1993 *Original* that held up Jesus Christ and that Bill Gordon deleted? Are we “to review” or have a “duty to resist” the respect of conscience that Gordon deleted? We ought to resist Bill Gordon’s Paganism in his *Closer Look* and smaller *Comparison Chart*?

We go straight from lizard in the 1993 *Original* to a Komodo dragon in Gordon’s *Closer Look* and then—up, up, and away—all the way to the Godzilla of accusations in Gordon’s papier-mâché Pagan in his itsy-bitsy *Comparison Chart*. Grrrrrrr ... that’s scary. We go from brain to no brain, from conscience to no conscience, and then to Paganism without any transitional forms and without even a definition of Paganism.

Franken-Bone 4—Passing Prominent People

The 1993 *Original*’s mentions prominent Southern Baptists, and Bill Gordon culled them. That’s intolerable. Even in the 1993 *Original* there were a mild-mannered allegations of Paganism—there was a Frankenstein. Bill Gordon’s *Closer Look* takes infamy to a new low in nonchalantly passing over so many prominent SBC men’s contribution and reputation. In Gordon’s passing over the reputations that history has laid upon good men, Gordon is revising U.S. and SBC history with his own little rubber duck Godzilla declarations and teeny tiny references. Our Founding Fathers were Pagan dupes masquerading as honest folks. What a Frankenstein pygmy.

Franken-Bone 5—Mouse Magnification

It's fair when one lion challenges another lion. There is no contest between a lion and a mouse, especially when the mouse *needs* the SBC support to squeak. There's no match between a lion and a pygmy either. But it's malignant to publish how a mouse has overcome the lion without any reference whatsoever to the lions. At least one interview with a real lion would have helped. Even in the jungle there are laws. Perhaps that's why Bill Gordon's *Closer Look* did not mention any famous Freemasons? The mention of Washington and Truett alone are synonymous with integrity and Christian faith in trying times. *Lions*. Therefore, the very mention would have required Bill Gordon to work. We are compelled to ask for an accounting. Without the accounting and with the conspicuous occulting, Gordon's *Closer Look* flips over on its face and becomes something entirely different in a proper light. Poof—a mouse is magnified without due respect for lions.

Franken-Bone 6—Mouse Malignance in Manipulation of Innocent

Without proper mention of a few of history's sterling Freemasons—true lions, several of our Founding Fathers, legions of lions, several SBC history makers, and millions more—the *Closer Look* attempts at the start to capitalize and even cater to the innocence of a SBC reader unaware, and then an attempt is made to undermine Freemasonry for that unaware reader. That is calculated malignance and malignant mouse manipulation of the innocent indeed. Franken-Bone 6 is about a very wobbly Frankenstein pygmy that *needs* to be held up by Paige Patterson's character-endorsing quality alone, because Bill Gordon has not the strength to hold up his own pygmy. And the pygmy cannot stand by itself anywhere in the academic jungle. Without Patterson's support and the support of other powerbrokers, the Frankenstein pygmy falls. As such, Gordon is a malignant mouse *using* SBC credibility and powerbrokers' character to manipulate the innocent Southern Baptist.

Franken-Bone 7—Mouse Malignance Multiplied

That malignance starts with the 1993 SBC leaders themselves who were not innocent or ignorant, but surely everyone of them *knew* of George Washington's and George W. Truett's membership in Freemasonry as well as many others, even ten legions of legends. Having known that, and then having pushed the report through the 1993 SBC convention's processes *regardless* of that knowledge, that implicates all of them in the calculated malignance of the unnamed authors of the 1993 *Original* that succeeded in catering to and then capitalizing upon the innocent delegates. How many of the 1993 delegates were truly aware of George W. Truett's history saddled to God and Freemasonry all the way? That would have made a significant difference in many of the delegates if the leaders had been unafraid to allow honest discussion. The 1993 leaders did *not* allow the character of George Washington and George W. Truett to *count*.

That is inexcusable non-Christian malignance and a cabalistic affair that bore false witness to good men. The SBC cabal hid history and allowed malignant allegations and became a truly secret society in their hush-hush ways. And then in

1993, the leaders hushed Gary Leazer too. They remain so today, and the reputations of our Founding Fathers suffer because of them.

Franken-Bone 8—1st Incompatibility—Religion Status Dependence

The prevalent use of offensive concepts, titles, and terms such as “Worshipful Master” for the leader of the lodge (he names others) and use of words such as “Abaddon” and “Jah-Bul-On” and other so-called secret names of God led Bill Gordon to conclude that the “leaders of Freemasonry confuse Pagan deities with the true God of the Bible” and that the “Christian Scriptures never represent Pagan deities as simply different representations of the one true God.”³

What in the world is that? The declaration hardly makes it so. Who confuses Pagan deities? Who are those confused people? No matter what the use of the name “Abaddon,” no one is worshipping or giving allegiance. No one is asked to worship or give allegiance to Pagan deities. And no one is expected to give allegiance, even indirectly. Who then confuses Pagan deities? Bill Gordon confused Pagan deities, for he is the one corkscrewing the deities *into* his *Closer Look*.

Freemasonry allegories and enactments are not worship services. The only time a worship may happen would be as the participant’s own faith is enriched through the moral lesson—*through* the character-counting moral lesson. Tell me you have never received a spiritual lesson from a good movie. Even from a bad movie. From an opera or a play. That does not mean you worshiped John Wayne or Judy Garland or Pavarotti, does it? The *Wizard of Oz* is certainly not about worship or even about the reality of the Wicked Witch of the West. How much more if you were actually in it? Throughout Freemasonry, nothing is ever meant to challenge a man’s faith, only offer a moral lesson for the taking in a symbol or through an enactment—allegory or metaphor—and the *Free*-mason is truly *free* to take it from there (we shall expand on Freemasonry there, something Bill Gordon totally leaves out).

The February 1993 *Scottish Rite Journal* was sent to 5,000 SBC leaders *before* the 1993 SBC convention. In it, scholar Jim Tresner asked and answered several points directly to this subject.

Is a Masonic service a worship service? No. Except, perhaps, in the sense that, for a Christian, EVERY act is an act of worship. Our meetings open and close with prayer. Masons are encouraged to remember that God sees and knows everything we do, and the Bible is always open during a Masonic Meeting. But it is a meeting of a fraternity, not a worship service.

And that brings up one of the most ridiculous charges sometimes made against us—that our members are “really” worshipping a demon or some pagan god as the Baalim, Baal, Osiris, Mendes, Pan, etc.—only they don’t know it! But you cannot worship something without knowing it. The act of worship is an act of full concentration, knowledge, and devotion—“with all their heart and with all they soul and with all they mind.” We honor and venerate GOD, not His adversary.⁴

Sad that Tresner even had to write such, yet the authors of the 1993 *Original* occulted that, preferring not even to reference it, lest someone take a closer look.

That occulting was malignant. When Bill Gordon in his little *Closer Look* occulted that a second time within the same year, malignance is multiplied. But there you have it. The 1993 leaders occult, and then Bill Gordon occults too. Jim Tresner is a Christian 33° Scottish Rite Mason scholar who said precisely what he knew would be misrepresented. And the 1993 *Original* authors occulted, and Bill Gordon followed like a lackey.

Importantly, are any of Bill Gordon's *confused ones* Southern Baptist Freemasons? Any of them? The 1993 *Original* was supposed to be about Freemasonry's compatibility with Christianity and SBC doctrine. And Bill Gordon's *Closer Look* was approved to be a *closer* look at something—but what? Who confuses Pagan deities?

The Pagans sure do not confuse their deities, as we show below in chapter 5. Does that make some of the SBC's most sterling examples of Christian statesmanship dumber than Pagans? Dupes if not duplicitous? Just who is being duped and doing the duping here. There is a super-*duper* in the church house, and it is not Freemasons.

Given the above as crucial to the vivisection—let me address Bill Gordon's use of what he calls “the official Masonic commentary on the Scottish Rite” 31st degree⁵; he uses one single solitary quote from Hutchens here (who is a commentator on Albert Pike).⁶ If indeed the candidates are, as Bill Gordon says, giving “honor and glory ... to Egyptian deities,” then *that* is troubling for Christians. It ought to be troubling, and that is precisely why Bill Gordon chose those words: Gordon chose those words because he knew that those very words would turn the stomach of any Southern Baptist and turn the stomach of any Christian. The reality is that SBC expert Bill Gordon lied, because the enactments to do not give “honor and glory” to Egyptian deities, and no Freemason is asked or expected to give such allegiance. Bill Gordon knew that and just lied, and Paige Patterson supported Gordon's faceless, brainless Frankenstein pygmy.

The 31st degree re-creation of the Court of the Dead is where an allegorical judgment takes place. The candidates view this drama in a theater, like going to play. The actor is led through a character-counting allegory that strives to emulate judgment where “through Horus, the candidate claims to have led the most virtuous of lives” and the “gods express their hope that he speaks the truth”; then, after having addressed a few questions, the person *playing* Osiris in the allegory renders “the final judgment—this man is worthy of admittance into the realm of everlasting light and rest and peace.”⁷

Since the majority of Freemasons do not pursue the Scottish Rite, what *precisely* is Bill Gordon's point in abusing a character-counting allegory into a worship service? What Gordon meant to say—but just could not say it straight like Joe Bob—was that the SBC Freemasons who pursue the Scottish Rite are worshipping Horus? If Bill Gordon had been straight, they could have at least said what they meant: SBC Freemasons worship Egyptian gods. Now that is clear. What is also clear is that such a question could have been answered with a telephone call—if character had counted. If honor, legacy, and SBC dedication had meant anything at all to Bill Gordon, he could have made one phone call to a

SBC Freemason. Gordon could have called the Scottish Rite and asked if they were worshipping Horus. The SBC is pays his office phone bill.

What about the 1993 February *Scottish Rite Journal* that spoke straight?

Gordon's *Closer Look* is truly a faceless brainless Frankenstein pygmy. Even though seen as a pygmy in the above—SBC men worshipping Horus and all—let us go ahead deal the pygmy itself as explained by Gordon. Just to be clear about how Frankenstein wobbles around in the underworld today.

Hear ye, hear ye—if the 31st degree is a religious worship ceremony, that is offensive to Christians. We know that Bill Gordon knew that would be offensive to Christians. That is why he cork-screwed his only quote from Hutchens. What Bill Gordon should have done was prove that the quote from Hutchens was truly a religious worship ceremony. All of Freemasonry is about character counting, and every degree of every rite is an allegory on character counting. One has to literally stick their head in a heap of sand to miss that.

Bill Gordon should have proved that the candidate was giving “honor and glory” to Egyptian deities. You see, that is not what the quote says. Let me repeat, that is not what Bill Gordon quoted. What Bill Gordon quoted from Hutchens in his *Closer Look* was a *description* of a re-enactment! How many people have seen Faust (or played a part in Faust)? Or the cinema. My goodness, why did Gordon leave out the “honor and glory” in his quotation that was *his* own point? Because Hutchens never says the enactment is giving “honor and glory.” Bill Gordon molests Hutchens’ quote to mean something it does not. After molesting, Bill Gordon occults the moral lesson of the enactment. Why molest and occult? Bill Gordon leaves out the moral lesson because he does not care about character counting. Bill Gordon inserts “honor and glory” because that is what breathes life into his brainless Frankenstein pygmy.

Indeed, if Bill Gordon had proved that the candidate was giving “honor and glory” to Egyptian deities, that would have been a *closer* look. If he had devoted just a few of his other 22 of 23 endnotes to proving that, that would have served his purpose. Gordon uses only one quote from the end of Hutchens’ entire book in this first incompatibility, then Gordon molests that quote and occults the moral allegory. And Gordon calls that a Christian service.

Bill Gordon takes the 1993 SBC Frankenstein, sedates it in his secret laboratory—with Paige Patterson’s support—cuts it open and removes its brain. He deletes conscience at the start and takes a buzz saw to the its face and removes all the good of Freemasonry. What laboratory work is this? No where in academia do find this kind of surgery, except in the cheapest hotels or secludes castles on hill. Then he commences to sew his Frankenstein back together again—this time far more grotesque—and adds extra Franken-Bones, like “honor and glory” to Egyptian deities. Gordon calls it a *Closer Look*. In Gordon’s *Comparison Chart*, Frankenstein looses his legs from the knee down and becomes a Frankenstein pygmy. It fools and scares children and others innocent of history’s ten legions of legends in Freemasonry. All of them were pygmy worshippers as they changed the world for good—or worse.

As we shall see, if “Freemasonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols,”⁸ and not a religion, then there is more to the story and

more to the allegory. Every degree of all of the rites is all about character counting. There is much more that Bill Gordon malignantly left it out. The quote by Hutchens is said by Gordon to be from the “official” commentary that Gordon references to Hutchens—an ugly piece of negative rhetoric. Bill Gordon quotes something from pages 299-302, yet the reader deserves to know some kind of a context. Gordon’s quote is about the Scottish Rite 31st degree, and most Freemasons never go there. Furthermore, the Master Mason or 3rd degree is the highest degree in Freemasonry, also left out by Gordon. That single solitary quote cannot and does not represent all of Freemasonry, and then Gordon *adds* “honor and glory” like pulling a rabbit out of a hat—no one knows where the rabbit came from. And Gordon hides under the table when you ask him (see his e-mails in appendix 6). Gordon misrepresents Freemasonry. All of Freemasonry is based upon the first three degrees, the heart and base of all; without the base, there is no York or Scottish Rite. Bill Gordon knew that.

Let’s look closer at Rex Hutchen’s quote itself. What about a Christian going through an allegory of the Egyptian court of the dead? To every evangelical, that sounds strange *even* in allegory. I admit that. It sounds strange *even* in allegory. But if one focuses upon *allegory* and truly understands the first three degrees—even as a non-Mason—there is no threat in an allegory. Even a non-Mason can see the public information about the three degrees and understand that Freemasonry is a philosophic fraternity on the tradecraft of character. If one truly understands that Freemasonry is not a religion and is truly a philosophic fraternity, there is no essential difference about the nature of the allegory itself.

Here is the deceptive malignance—fully comprehended malignance by expert Bill Gordon and fully supported by Paige Patterson—it is not the allegory that Bill Gordon brings out. No sir, Bill Gordon uses that quote to say—listen closely—that the “31st degree of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction is especially troubling for Christians because of the honor and glory it attributes to Egyptian deities.”⁹ That is what Bill Gordon said and declared and cork-screws into SBC innocents. Then and only then does Bill Gordon—like a Pagan treasure hunter—lurk and insidiously insert his prize solitary quote from pages 299-302 of Hutchens to prove the point without any other reference in the entirety of Hutchen’s book. To make Gordon’s Frankenstein pygmy stand, Gordon has to ignore and hide millions pages in the rest of Freemasonry; Gordon has to also ignore and hide the difference between the Scottish and York Rites (Gordon only uses the Scottish)—all the while ignoring that those Rites are *dependent* upon the first three degrees of Freemasonry.

That deceptive piece of malignance twists the quote of Hutchens out of its allegorical harbor and pulls it across the continent of Bill Gordon’s imagination to his own pagan moon. Once there, it is a snap to attack—because we are no longer on earth. A character-counting allegory is corkscrewed into Egyptian worship.

The real question is this: what moral lesson is the allegory attempting to teach? See William J. Bennett’s *Book of Virtues*.¹⁰ Look at Humpty-Dumpty, talking animals, lessons from nature—even *playing* a talking tree in grade school—are these not how we teach children? Adults indulge in movies, operas, plays, books, the mighty cinema, and epoch novels: adults *learn* from them and

get *inspired* from them precisely because—for the moment—we are infused with them. We live by transference of the role of the hero or the heroin. Do all moral lessons necessarily have to come from the Bible or Grimes? Is Gordon making himself out the grimy parable police?

If Bill Gordon is going to attack allegories and parables, then he might ought to attack all of them. The allegories in Freemasonry are *not* worship services; for crying out loud, they are *allegories*. Parables enacted. Bill Gordon does not want to learn the moral lessons and does not care about character counting. That is too bad for him. We cannot help him there.

Also, Bill Gordon's quoting from Albert Pike's essays on comparative religions and etymology does not prove Gordon's point either, which is where Gordon began his first incompatibility. Pike is by no means "one of the most influential," except as Gordon's strained interpretations *need* Pike to be; though Pike *was* influential, he is not read as much as the anti-Masons need him to be. Yet clearly—no question at all about this—Bill Gordon did see a copy of the February 1993 *Scottish Rite Journal* sent out to 5,000 SBC leaders. S. Brent Morris addressed Albert Pike specifically and said this with straightforward and serious concern:

To understand the more subtle methods of [anti-Mason] attack, a brief review of Masonic historians is required.... In the late nineteenth century, it was fashionable among Masonic historians to argue that Masonry descended from the so-called "Ancient Mysteries" and other forms of pagan worship. Albert Pike, Albert Mackey, and scores of others squandered much of their intellectual effort in chasing these specious theories. The Fraternity today, while acknowledging the scholarship of the authors and admiring their lasting contributions to the Craft, has let their silly suppositions on Masonic origins die a quiet death. Mackey, in fact, killed off the Ancient Mystery theory in his last book, *History of Freemasonry* (pp. 185 and 197). It is sadly ironic that only anti-Masons believe and perpetuate these discredited theories.¹¹

There's much more to this. Yet Gordon uses only two persons, Albert Pike and a commentator on Pike, Rex Hutchins. Talk about teeny tiny support for Godzilla accusations. That is a rubber Godzilla ducky that will not float.

Laugh or cry. Bill Gordon like the authors of the 1993 *Original* start off with a determination to make Freemasonry a Pagan religion. Then they look for a few oddities, make the oddities far more odd than they are, do *zero* work on symbolism, do *zero* work—none, *nada*—no work at all on Southern Baptist Freemasons of good report, and then Bill Gordon malignantly ignores the 1993 *Original* material that would refute his own work as well as ignores the 1993 *Scottish Rite Journal*. That is malignant cork-screwing without even good rhetoric, even sloppy mud slinging that leaves more mud in the pond than on its target. With that mud slinging, it is a snap to quote Bible verses at the mud just slung.

A *snap*. What kind of children's games are these?

What about "Worshipful Master" that Gordon laments? Cannot a master of the lodge have a worshipful spirit, and therefore be a worshipful master of the

lodge? What is wrong with having a worshipful attitude about everything? Most especially Christians who are instructed to pray without ceasing.

Whatever the origin of Abaddon or Jah-Bul-On, did Gordon at all—in the least, even try, attempt, or even squeak a phone call to a SBC Scottish Rite Freemason who had an alternative meaning to Gordon’s own Paganism? Is Gordon in love with Paganism?

The proper question is this: What do those terms mean today, in spite of their etymological roots? That is the proper question. Like unto it is this: Are those terms Pagan *today*? Origins are important to etymology and history, but thousands of words no longer mean today what they did a hundred years ago, much less thousands of years ago. What does the word mean in Freemasonry? Whatever it means in the Scottish Rite, it does *not* mean that the Freemason is giving devotion to or worshipping a Pagan god by that name. What does the character-counting allegory mean?—that’s the question.

The Christian use of the fish is a symbol for the Greek word *ichthus*, where “*i-ch-th-u-s*” is from a 5-letter Greek word for fish; therein, the 5 Greek letters form an acronym for “Jesus Christ God’s Son Savior” when the Greek letters are transliterated into English. In this context, by the SBC expert Bill Gordon’s rationale, the fish could be just as Pagan, for several ancient Pagans had fish gods. But my placing of a fish figure on my car’s bumper does not mean I am secretly worshipping an ancient fish god simply because there is an ancient connection to some Paganism in the past. It is almost embarrassing to state this. Listen, if you want to know what my use of the fish means to me—ask *me*.

But then again, we are not sure what the authors of the 1993 *Original* or Bill Gordon are referring to here, because their references are not very substantial, and they are very much speaking on things about which they have no personal experience, relying upon hearsay to substantiate their heavy conclusions.

Saturn refers to an automobile and to a planet *and* to the Roman god of agriculture (father of Jupiter). A fish shape can refer to several things, among them a symbol of the Christian faith. For the meaning of a symbol or set of words ... *ask* the adherent.¹² And for Southern Baptist Scottish Rite Freemasons—ask one? And if they are not Scottish Rite Freemasons, as many are not, then this entire point of Gordon completely fails in itself no matter what merit Gordon implied.

My goodness, what child’s games are these?

If Freemasonry were a religion, there might be a cause of concern. There are some Freemasons who may make it religion-like, like some make fishing and hunting and golfing (etc.) a veritable religion without it actually being one. Bill Gordon and other anti-Masons would be able to make a stronger case for Freemasonry *being* a religion on that count. But they would have to interview good Southern Baptist fishermen and golfers to make their case stick. Even intuitively, and nevertheless, the case of *fishing being a religion* is still stronger than the implied case that Bill Gordon (and others) make for Freemasonry being a religion.

Since Pike was not a Southern Baptist or evangelical by any modern understanding—and Pike knew Freemasonry was not a religion—his writing and

interpretations on etymology may square with modern etymologists today (Gordon does not tell us, and I doubt if he looked). What is true is that Speculative Freemasonry holds the Holy Bible as The Great Light in most of the world's Grand Lodges, and that indicates a religious character: hence, not *a* religion but *religion* in general “lies as the foundation of Freemasonry, it inevitably follows that religious tolerance is required of every Mason.”¹³ It is not Pike or any other Masonic scholar who determines a single thing for any particular Freemason, contrary to Bill Gordon's elevation of Pike, for the Freemason is *free* and charged and encouraged to follow his own religion.

So let's see—does Freemasonry confuse Pagan deities *now*? Listen and look closely at the SBC expert Bill Gordon supported by President Paige Patterson. Does Freemasonry confuse Pagan deities when it holds up the Bible?

So as the 1993 *Original* did indicate a little and Gordon did not—removing the face of Frankenstein in removing all the good—the God referred to in a Christian lodge is the God of the Bible in and through faith in Jesus Christ. For further instruction on *faith* itself the Freemason is encouraged to go to the church of his choice. How Bill Gordon missed that is *not* a child's game—as childlike as the *missing* seems. How can Gordon and anti-Masons corkscrew respect of the Bible is Pagan-like.

Why were the meager renderings of good in the SBC 1993 *Original* unimportant or uninformative to Bill Gordon? Why is the Bible as the Great Light in Freemasonry not applicable here for Bill Gordon? Especially in Texas and among other declarations “upon your honor,” my goodness, see what the Grand Lodge of Texas requires of the new entered apprentice at the beginning:

You have seriously declared, upon your honor, that you firmly believe in the existence of God; the immortality of the soul; and in the Divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures.¹⁴

Moreover,

The Holy Scriptures must be open on the altar of every Lodge. This is the first to be grasped in our study of the place occupied by the Bible in Freemasonry. The display of the Book at the center of the Lodge room is not for the sake of appearances ...; rather it is there to be to the Lodge what the sun is to the planets, a giver of light and of life, a source of law and teachings, a center of gravity about which many things revolve.

The Holy Scriptures have occupied this central place in the Fraternity from the beginning.... Long before Operative Masonry became completely transformed into Speculative Masonry, the Craft, to signalize even more clearly to what an extent the Holy Scriptures were the rule and guide of faith, made them The Great Light.¹⁵

My goodness—Gordon's *Closer Look* is not research: it is a child squeaking words in a fantasy land of his own invention. Or worse, did the child *hear* the fantasy from someone else and then parrot it *as* his own? That's called plagiarism in adult-land.

Are we to believe that SBC expert Bill Gordon, Th.D., had *not* read the most modern anti-Mason text in print, John Ankerberg and John Weldon's *The Secret*

Teachings of the Masonic Lodge: A Christian Perspective (1993, 1st 1989)? Come now? Did someone plagiarize from Ankerberg and Weldon? Why did Gordon, et al, avoid Art DeHoyos and S. Brent Morris' *Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry* (1997, 1st 1993) that dealt with Ankerberg and Weldon's *Secret Teachings*.

Franken-Bone 9—Falsely Stuffed Straw Man and Religious Cotton

Remember, making Freemasonry a religion is a necessity for Bill Gordon and all anti-Masons. Without it, their best arguments fail at the root.

Bill Gordon builds a very flimsy straw man from his teeny references, pieces of straw. Like a rabbit out of a hat, he pulls out of thin air cotton stuffing called *religion* or *religion-status* and stuffs his dummy. Where does Bill Gordon get the idea that Freemasonry is a religion? Where does he get all of the cotton? No one knows. Either Bill Gordon is a malignant liar or grossly ignorant, and the latter is inconceivable. Bill Gordon just conjures throughout—like a sorcerer—that Freemasonry is a religion when it is not, following for the most part the same false assumption of the 1993 *Original* and age-old anti-Mason lines going back hundreds of years—without reference. Bill Gordon avoided work and intentionally deceived Southern Baptists. Here's how.

Bill Gordon's straw man is not even a real straw man. Made of only a couple pieces of straw and filled the rest of the way up with cotton, we have the appearance of a straw man from the distance. Looks like one in the field, and it scares little birds. But with the cotton puffing of religion status and all, looks can be deceiving. When the rain comes, a true straw man can hold up for a while, but a false straw man full of cotton loses his pants when the weight of the soggy cotton pulls them apart. Bill Gordon stuffed his straw man with a couple of references he *knew* would be offensive to innocent SBC readers. Bill Gordon *knew* that most of the SBC readers would never follow up on his teeny tiny references (or read the 1993 *Original*); then Gordon stuffs the rest of his straw man with the cotton-like substance of religion-status throughout his *Closer Look*. It is sly, but that "religion-status" stuffing is more in abundance than the straw references and his cheesy off-the-wall and out-of-the-hat interpretations. Truly, that religion-status stuffing is the most substantial portion of the bridge over the gap of transitional forms from his interpretations on his Pagan faceless brainless Frankenstein pygmy.

Moreover, there is no bearing or reason or rationale anywhere in his *Closer Look*. Bill Gordon just stuffed religion-status cotton on his own authority.

Who would know the difference? All Freemasons know the difference, and most other persons who can read—more especially Southern Baptist Freemason theologians L. R. Scarborough, B. H. Carroll, Herschel Hobbs, and George W. Truett. What is clear is how the unnamed authors of the 1993 *Original* and Bill Gordon did not deal at all with how—for hundreds of years—Freemasonry has *not* claimed to be a religion, *has* claimed not to be a religion, has explained *how* it was not a religion, and explained how one of its fundamental missions is to urge—even require—that a man *already* have a religion prior to becoming a member.

Bill Gordon is dependent upon his own cotton stuffing to make his straw man of Freemasonry *appear* like a Pagan religion. With his falsely stuffed straw man stapled to a stake with his teeny tiny verses, Bill Gordon proceeds to hit his straw man like a piñata with elementary Bible verses. “You see the Pagan religion,” Gordon *demand*s and *decl*ares as he stuffs more cotton in his dummy from behind the back of the dummy. Then in self-righteous fervor and SBC certified emoluments, Gordon quotes Bible verses to his straw man. That should do it! And from a very long distance, from the castle on a hill, it *looks* real. Gordon hopes in vain that it will not rain. You see, in the Bible it says that the rain will fall on the good and bad. When it rains, and the pants on Gordon’s straw man drop; in the drooping and in the dropping, that would expose his cottony *religion-status* stuffing to all passers by—a real embarrassment. A straw man without a lot of straw.

At this point, I am not sure what would be more scary to little birds—a *real* straw man, or one whose soggy pants sagged apart.

Franken-Bone 10—Is Character Defense Indefensible?

A defense of Freemasonry is a defense of the indefensible—thus declares President Paige Patterson, and therein is the weakness of the SBC expert Bill Gordon’s *Closer Look* Frankenstein pygmy. Hear ye, hear ye, if that Frankenstein pygmy was true, Freemasonry would have died long before the 1776 Declaration of Independence and the 1789 Constitution and the 1789 French Revolution. If true, Frankenstein would have certainly died during the American Civil War and most certainly would have died during the Great Depression. In other words, the character of the ten legions of legends is very inconsistent with the SBC anti-Mason Frankenstein and totally inconsistent with SBC expert Bill Gordon and James L. Holly’s Frankenstein pygmy.

Legitimacy and credibility reside with the solid facts linked to character counting; when you do not have the facts, character counts all the more. Paige Patterson and his lackey Bill Gordon have a great problem.

Franken-Bone 10 is not only about Bill Gordon’s little *Closer Look* Frankenstein pygmy. Franken-Bone 10 is about our Founding Fathers’ character defense being *indefensible*. Then you have today, David Barton in his new little book, *Question of Freemasonry and the Founding Fathers*, in which Barton tries to chain the Founding Era *Christian* Freemasonry to the oars of his Christian establishment agenda with the molesting of quotes and other magic tricks; we deal with Barton in chapter 12. Some just claim that a defense of Freemasonry is a defense of the indefensible—period, with a defense—as if there is no connection to character at all. That is not only inhuman, it is truly Frankenstein through and through.

Character counts to the uttermost here.

Franken-Bone 11—Making Mice Out of Men and Women

The unnamed SBC authors of the 1993 *Original* and Bill Gordon in his *Closer Look* slap the sense out of us all here. Gordon beats reason to death if he thinks he needs to tell us that “all Pagan deities are false gods and must be

rejected” and that the “gods and goddesses of the non-Christian religions are different in nature and character from the biblical God.”

Who was Bill Gordon talking to? What idiot is Gordon talking to? Seriously—did not Paige Patterson know that already? Did the 1993 or 1994 SBC delegates need to be told that? Do they today in 2006? Who in all of Christendom does *not* know that? At this point, it is no wonder that the 1993 *Original* and the online version of Gordon’s *Closer Look* remain anonymous. They ought to hide. But there is another more insidious reason to hide, if not from shame.

Anonymous allows them a greater sense of authority too—like they are institutional policies or official decision-making memoranda. Phooeey. And in his e-mail to me, Bill Gordon does not want to talk more—“last communication”—like there had been *communication* in the first place.

Franken-Bone 12—2nd Incompatibility—Bloody Oaths

The “use of archaic, offensive rituals” and so-called bloody oaths are “considered by many to be Pagan” and incompatible with Christian faith and practice. So scary—expert Bill Gordon pretends to discover what “many” consider to be Pagan. Oooh—but ... oops, Gordon forgets to list the “many” and likewise forgets to list the many others who *do not*. Oooops! In his malignant *ooooops-ing*, Bill Gordon has taken his buzz saw across the face of an already ugly lite faceless brainless Frankenstein pygmy. It is truly *faceless* now.

Who are those folks? Just one good rationale or reference—heck fire, even an innuendo would help. Opinions—well those are nice. A *closer* look ought to look closer. We already know Gordon’s and Holly’s *opinions*. You should *prove* the opinion before casting Pagan on the reputations of ten legions of legends. So—who are those folks? Bill Gordon does not tell us. Gordon does quote us some Bible verses on oaths, as though we were children in an elementary Sunday school class (Matthew 5:34-37 and James 5:12). Oooops.

Look at this little itzy-bitsy bone. It truly does not belong to a Frankenstein *man* or *pygmy* at all. Alien maybe, but not any man or pygmy on earth. From a pagan moon—like Gordon’s—but not earth or the United States, especially not in the 21st century. What about the oath that all military personnel take upon entering the service? What about the oath we take when taking the stand in our civil duty as a juror? What about “swearing” to give the truth and whole truth “so help me God” upon the Bible that used to be a part of both our civil and criminal courts? What about the U.S. President and other public oaths of office? Are we to assume—as Bill Gordon does—that we should be content with the winner of the 2004 presidential election asking the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to forego the obligation to defend the Constitution of the United States and simply say, “Yes, I’ll be President”?

What about the pledge of allegiance to the flag? More especially, what about all the right-wing hullabaloo over “under God” in that pledge? Let your yes, be *yes*, there too—how can Gordon apply?

What about our wedding vows? According to Bill Gordon’s meager and elementary-school interpretation, we need to be careful and—let me quote him—“Christians should simply let their ‘yes’ be ‘yes,’ and their ‘no’ mean ‘no.’” That thoughtless and mind-numbing statement seems to originate from a man in a cave,

or from a Pagan moon far removed from earth. That statement does not come from any person I know or have known. Is Bill Gordon married? Has he ever married anyone? Is that all that was exchanged in *his* wedding?

Has there ever in the history of the world—ever, ever—been such a marriage like Bill Gordon’s fantasy? Just one? Just one marriage where “let your yes be yes” was the substance of the vow? Has there? Where does the SBC get people like Bill Gordon and commentators that think that way? These people are out of this world—literally, not thinking or living even close to what they are demanding of Freemasons.

There is no way out of this insanity. Frankenstein pygmy is alive!

The oath of a Freemason is less about “swearing” and more about the seriousness of the “obligation.” Some have alleged that a few Freemasons do not take the bloody oaths seriously. Yet many take their obligation seriously. And taking the oath seriously does *not* also mean that murder is on the horizon for those who break the oath. There are hundreds who have violated their oath *still* alive today! Oops.

Bill Gordon was simply not interested in Freemasonry at all, much less accurate representation. Shoot fire—he does not even represent himself well, like he himself has never made an oath or vow. What is the difference between an oath in Freemasonry and an oath of public office or marriage? The biblical concerns of Bill Gordon are not that clear, if consistency means anything at all.

I wish more people today would keep their word as though it was given with a binding bloody oath. That would keep many people from giving their word in vain, making “yes a *yes*” and “no a *no*.” But the reality is—that even Bill Gordon knows—that most today and even he himself and for the last 2,000 years have *not* been doing what he himself instructs. No one for 2,000 years have entered a marriage and made a many significant contracts with a simple “yes a *yes*” kind of handshake. Bill Gordon does not live that way—has never lived that way—and yet he has the gall to call that Pagan! Is that trickery or insanity?

Maybe Bill Gordon has not associated with enough people or had as many important dealings with people. *Ad hominem* certainly. Contrary to Bill Gordon, the majority of the people *need* oaths of office and vows of marriage to clarify the seriousness of the affairs and distinguish between a mere “yes or no” so common to life on planet earth. The normal and common person wants to hear their public officials and their future life-mate say and mean vastly *more* than “yes.” Whether that future spouse or future U.S. President repeats the words of the obligation or merely gives assent to the words of another authority (like a minister or chief justice)—“I do or do not”—the obligation and oath is vastly more than a mere yes or no.

What does Bill Gordon attack here? He attacks more than Freemasonry. He attacks our civilization and the history of law. Gordon has indeed transported us to a Pagan moon—as indefensible as it is, that makes sense to no human being in the 21st century except to other inhabitants of the Pagan moon. Has Bill Gordon ever bought a house? A car? Did he leave the loan application blank and ask if the bank would take his *word* for it—a yes being a *yes*. Ah ... I think that was how Enron did some of *its* business. Does

Look at Bill Gordon's *Comparison Chart*, where oaths are an issue even there. Because Gordon does more than "yes a yes," many times, and because Gordon has taken and maintains many oaths today—then Bill Gordon is Pagan too by his own *Comparison Chart*. In a round about way and Gordon-kind-of-stretching, oaths are condemned as part of the entire Pagan Godzilla package in the SBC expert Bill Gordon's *Comparison Chart*. There is no gray are in Gordon's itsy-bitsy *Chart*. Oaths are part of Paganism, to be categorically condemned—even though Gordon has taken and is in maintenance of several oaths today. Heck fire!—but I'll be he uses a SBC issues Visa or American Express card, charging up a storm, where every single charge is an oath-based transaction supported and paid for by 14 million SBC people. Bill Gordon also has to sign the SBC 2000 Faith and Message to stay in employed, for even his and Patterson's own "yes" is not yes enough. They do not even *try* to live that way.

Life has never been like Gordon's pretenses, even in the handshake age—whenever that age was. Unfortunately, we shall never see that age this side of heaven, nothing as simple as Gordon imply. Biblical ethics is far more straightforward and complicated than Gordon will allow, in spite of the gross inconsistency between the non-oaths he supports and what he habitually does in the multitude of oaths he takes and signs and supports in his lives.

There is no essential difference between a promise, a vow, and an oath, not in Bible anyway, and Gordon and his supporters written nothing.

Franken-Bone 13—3rd Incompatibility, Without a Single Interview

I shall quote this first sentence, for it is so poor that it can mean several things: "The recommended readings, in pursuance of advanced degrees, of religions and philosophies, which are undeniably Pagan and/or occultic, such as much of the writings of Albert Pike, Albert Mackey, Manly Hall, Rex Hutchens, W. L. Wilmshurst, and other such authors..."¹⁶ and he names a few of the books, without due reference, and—to labor the point—with no interview and no reference of any kind to any esteemed SBC Freemason theologians. This avoidance, lack of interest, or purposeful deceit could be applied throughout.

The sentence is a mouthful of gobbledygook that means to say—to innocent 1993 Southern Baptist delegates anyway—that Freemasonry is a Pagan and occult practice. Gordon's straw man is stuffed with religion-status cotton that a good wind could blow it away, to say nothing more about what a good rain would do. But *what* does the statement mean? Does it mean that Pike and Mackey are teaching a Pagan religion? Did Pike and Mackey, et al, aspire to be religious or cult leaders? That is the clear undertow and innuendo of Bill Gordon's cottony allegations. Bill Gordon should have just said what he meant, like James L. Holly's *fiendish devils*.

If one is prejudiced to see Freemasonry as a religion at the start—as anti-Masons are tireless and psycho-needy to do—one could see in some Freemasonry's works overtones. Allegories of Egypt or Solomon's temple have overtones not quite N.T. Christian, just like Paige Patterson's hunting stories. If a duck or a bear can have a moral lesson, how about something more personal? If Freemasonry is a religion—stress, stress, ponder—then for the last 300 years there would have been hosts, even legions of clear theologians instead of the none that

exist. Yet what about a single interview with an esteemed Southern Baptist Freemason theologian? Or look at any one of their works. What was Gordon so afraid of—more work? Or was he afraid of Paige Patterson more than facing the truth of character counting.

Do Baptists today give allegiance to the Greek God Juno if they subscribe to the Juno internet service? Do Baptists who drive Toyotas or Subarus support Buddhism? Oh, that is not far off from how Bill Gordon imparts the words of Pike and Hutchens into a full-fledged Paganism, as though Freemason Southern Baptist Freemasons could be supporting Paganism if they drive Saturn automobile. Gordon supports himself with only eight references and avoids thousands of pages of Southern Baptist Freemason theologians past or present. This incredulity should be pressed for all of the juice that can be strained. Gordon's work is the most shameful of investigative reporting, and it is supported by no less than President Paige Patterson from the largest Christian seminary in the world, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jesus too—who *only* spoke in parables about the highest truths of salvation and heaven to come (Matthew 13:34). In this respect, Freemasonry as a whole is more like Jesus than not, and the authors of the 1993 *Original* and Gordon in his *Closer Look* collage did no work on symbolism—nothing, *nada*. Which is nothing like Jesus.

Bill Gordon is not trustworthy, and I do not believe him. Bill Gordon's word is not good enough for me. I want solid references. George Washington's and George W. Truett's word and reputation and character are more solid for me than Gordon's rationale—more solid than diamonds. Vastly more solid than Paige Patterson's two or three words and claim of indefensibility. Ten legions of legends stand tall and cast a long shadow. Without Bill Gordon's word, there is no *Closer Look* at all, and the *Closer Look's* vitality and viability then rests upon the reputation of the SBC as a whole more than upon the researcher. This is proved twice over when one notices that the public are not privileged to see the author of the *Closer Look*, and therefore Gordon's *Closer Look* becomes an institutional SBC publication. In other words, without Bill Gordon's name attached, his *Closer Look* becomes to all readers like a government or official publication of policy and theory. It becomes more like a "Official Memorandum from the Management."

Bill Gordon is the expert SBC occultist, occulting several distinguished SBC theological professors who were Freemasons with sterling reputations. It is the very absence of solid referencing prowess that is conspicuous in Bill Gordon's closet *Closer Look*—the absence of a *close* look. Nearly everything and every sentence in Gordon's *Closer Look* comes back and slaps the integrity of that small creature—a rubber Godzilla ducky attacking the international coastlines of Freemasonry. In reality, Godzilla is just a little lizard with spikes glued on his head and let go on top Bill Gordon's dinner table city made of milk boxes.

Laughable on closer look—a faceless brainless Frankenstein pygmy.

Franken-Bone 14—4th Incompatibility—Bible Use Downgraded

The reference to the Bible in a Masonic lodge—according to Bill Gordon and after some more cheesy circumnavigation—means that “Freemasonry has no commitment to the Bible as the unique Word of God.”

No commitment to the Bible! Gordon himself is the one who downgrades the respect of the Bible in the light of the Magnificent Seven, some of which wrote more on the Bible in a year than both Bill Gordon and Paige Patterson have written together in their lives. Bill Gordon’s anti-Bible comment plainly says he was disappointed that the lodge was not a church house. Excuse me, but a lodge is *not* a church. How can one fight logic like Bill Gordon’s when he speaks such absurdities on behalf of the SBC *against* Southern Baptist Freemasons without a single interview?

Childishness does not apply. Bill Gordon is malignantly deceptive.

We have here one of the most astonishing logical leaps that Bill Gordon has taken thus far. He declares without a footnote that Freemasonry “happily substitutes non-Christian scriptures when Christians are not the majority of a Lodge.” Grab a hold of the picture here. “Happily,” he says? Would that Bill Gordon would have supplied a reference for that “happily” comment of his. *Feel* the love there—where even in rebuke, Gordon cannot get it right. That was merely his own happy observation of his own interpretation.

What in the world does that “happily substitute” slur have to do with *any* Baptist Christian Freemason on earth in the history of *all* Baptists? The Bible is The Great Light? I’ll tell you what it *looks* like—from a distance—it *looks* like Bill Gordon does not *want* to look at all. Ask the question. What on earth does Bill Gordon’s “happily substitute” mean with respect to a Christian lodge? It means *nothing* whatsoever. It is just another post-mortem Franken-Bone that Bill Gordon sewed on to his faceless brainless Frankenstein pygmy to make it look scary to children and other innocent people.

The Bible is a great light in Freemasonry, and many have referred to the Bible as *The Great Light*. A lot of confusion could have been avoided if the Bible was *the* great light for Gordon too. What does the Bible as the great light in Freemasonry mean? Gordon and the authors of the 1993 *Original* would have done well to research that.

As has been pointed out and will be more thoroughly addressed later, because freemasonry is *not* a religion, therefore, there are Islamic lodges. At least Bill Gordon got the idea of “lodge” right *this* time in his deflations to skew non-Christian lodges into his own concocted caldron with Christian lodges in his make-believe religion-status of Freemasonry. But that stew will not cook. No matter how much pork Gordon adds, rancid meat will not cook, no matter how much salt one puts on it. And if one eats it whole, one becomes sick.

Do you need a reference for food poisoning?

In most American lodges, the Bible is in the *center* of the lodge, *open*, on the altar symbolically representing the will of God. The Bible has pride of place in the lodge. Only someone trying to occult respect of the Bible—like Gordon—would say that placing the Bible in the *center* is “no commitment to the Bible.” Where does Gordon place *his* Bible at work or in *his* church for that matter? Is it in the

center of *his* office? Only a nincompoop or devious malignance would claim such of Freemasonry.

An Islamic lodge would have the Quran. So what? Freemasonry is not a religion. And if a Muslim was to go through a degree in an predominantly Christian lodge, no one would force the Muslim to swear by the Bible, but swear by what he believes represents the will of God for him. No Christian is ever asked to swear by the Quran. Bill Gordon is screwy here.

We all know that the use of symbols and allegories help make things clear. How Bill Gordon had the audacity to declare that Freemasonry “happily substitutes” the Bible reminds me of Sesame Street and that big *yellow* bird called Big Bird. Bill Gordon’s “happily substitute” is a big *yellow* bird. You see, Big Bird is just funny to look at, and Big Bird impresses innocent children. Yet Big Bird is not a *real* bird and does not have any connection to reality. Big Bird is just a big yellow funny bird designed to impress children—that’s all ... who likes to sing catchy songs too.

Ah ... did you catch the *symbolism* there? Bill Gordon created a big yellow bird to impress those innocent of Freemasonry. But on a closer look, Gordon’s *Closer Look* has no solid connection with reality.

Franken-Bone 15—5th Incompatibility—“Light” Criticized

“The prevalent use of the term ‘light,’ which some may understand as a reference to salvation rather than knowledge or truth.” What a dark statement, and among the dumbest things Gordon declares. In the light, Bill Gordon’s malignance fluoresces, even glows in the dark as if lit by a black light. You know, like the lights that make the colors glow in paintings of Elvis and cigar-smoking dogs playing billiards.

Dumb—but what can you expect from a brainless Frankenstein pygmy?

By the way, that was a direct quote of the whole *fifth incompatibility*. The person who cannot distinguish between “light” and “salvation in Christ” needs to go to a good church—or just read some good theology from SBC Freemasons Carroll, Scarborough, Conner, Hobbs, or any one of the 17,000 sermons of George W. Truett. At least *these* Freemasons were not confused, and Bill Gordon did not say anything about the influence of their writings either on non-Christians or their fellow Freemasons. In the absence, yet again, Bill Gordon occult the good Christian work and preaching of Christ by Hobbs, Conner, and Truett.

Laughable—it’s *funny* that Bill Gordon would pick “light” to criticize without a single interview or light from *millions* of past or present Freemasons. Did the unnamed authors of the 1993 *Original* or Bill Gordon want *light* on their criticism of light? Apparently *light* was not any more important to them than the communicating of light with clarity. Their declarations on *light* do not lighten the path. With the 75-page Source Document for the 1993 *Original* now deep-sixed, according the SBC expert Bill Gordon, that means that further light on the 1993 *Original*’s intent is permanently in the dark too. Just who is confusing and occulting the *light* here? Not Freemasons.

Truly, what has taken place? In Bill Gordon’s laboratory, he has taken the eyes out of his own faceless brainless Frankenstein pygmy—it’s a blind pygmy now. And character does not count here either, not with respect to *light*? Not even

with respect to the preaching of Christ by Southern Baptist Freemasons. Of all things, Bill Gordon occults the light and calls it a closer look.

Franken-Bone 16—6th Incompatibility—Works Salvation?

“The implication that salvation may be attained by one’s good works” is just that, an implication that Bill Gordon mutates in his evolutionary conniving, another Franken-Bone dug out of the graveyard and sewed on as Bill Gordon takes us down an elementary school lesson through Romans. Just how ignorant are his readers? Was Bill Gordon talking to the 1993 SBC delegates? No Baptist Freemason is that ignorant. What Christian in the entire world is Bill Gordon referring to? Who is so ignorant?

Does Paige Patterson have a clue who Gordon is talking about?

We cannot help that Bill Gordon does not know the meaning of the Freemasonry symbols. What we know is that there are many good Baptist Freemasons who do know and have written thousands of pages on the Gospel of Christ. Bill Gordon occulted that Herschel Hobbs help write the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message. The SBC Magnificent Seven cast a huge shadow over Gordon’s *blind* wobbly faceless brainless Frankenstein pygmy. Why—*why* on earth does Bill Gordon with Paige Patterson’s support occult the up-lifted Christ in George W. Truett’s 17,000 sermons?

This sixth incompatibility is deceptively malignant, a half-baked little Franken-Bone. I have seen more depth in Dennis the Menace or B.C. cartoons than Bill Gordon’s roughshod farce he dared call a *closer* look. But—please—do not use B. C. cartoons as authoritative for *my* theology. Yet here it is—the B. C. cartoons do have more theology in them than Bill Gordon articulates on his laboratory deconstructions of the 1993 *Original* Frankenstein that he defaces, de-brains, blinds and turns into a pygmy.

Bill Gordon’s *Closer Look* is scary and too full of occulting to take *lightly*. We need more light.

Franken-Bone 17—7th Incompatibility—Universalism?

“The heresy of Universalism (the belief that all people will eventually be saved), which permeates the writings of many Masonic authors, which is a doctrine inconsistent with New Testament teaching” is confused by Bill Gordon into meaning that all of Freemasonry believes or teaches the religion of Universalism or Unitarianism. See also Albert Pike on freedom of conscience and Universalism in chapter 11 for more.

Gordon says “Many.” *Many?* Where are they? Just one would be nice. Gordon himself used only two non-SBC authors. Come on now, we *are* talking about the SBC, the largest most prosperous Baptist denomination in history, and Bill Gordon is the expert. What SBC Freemason is confused? Bill Gordon does not even reference Manly Palmer Hall or fellow anti-Mason John Ankerberg, as though Gordon himself was a real researcher here and a kind of discoverer-in-the-making. Manly Hall is *the* Freemason Universalist all the anti-Masons use.

Yet, let’s deal with this old Franken-Bone as we found it. The Freemason belief in immortality supports salvation in Christ for those in the SBC as it supports the Universalism of a Universalist. Belief in God and in immortality are

a requirements for the Freemasons, yet just how immortality is attained is the purview of the individual *Free*-mason's religion. Bill Gordon occults. The actual doctrine in Freemasonry is that Freemasonry has *no* theological doctrine beyond God and immortality.

What do Southern Baptist Freemasons believe? Why is that *not* important to Bill Gordon's *Closer Look*? Or to the 1993 *Original*?

Bill Gordon says "permeates the writings of many Masonic authors" and does not indicate but two authors. *Permeates* Bill Gordon says. If Gordon had stayed focused upon SBC Freemasons, then there would have been something to report: B.H. Carroll's and W.T. Conner's theology *permeated* Southern Baptist life and the SBC's flagship Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for 50 years, and more of Carroll's books were re-published 50 years after his death than—I suspect—any three Southern Baptists in SBC history. More of Carroll's books were republished than all of the seminary presidents' books in the history of the SBC! Comparing B.H. Carroll's publication *history* to all six presidents together *today* and perhaps 90% of our seminary professors is nearly like comparing a box of Twinkies with a wedding cake. You can get Twinkies anywhere. But Carroll was unique. Freemason Carroll and Conner's theology permeated SBC life, but that is not important to Bill Gordon's *Closer Look*.

Bill Gordon proceeds with correcting those inside of Southern Baptist life with John 3:36 ("Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him") and so forth. Makes one want to whimper, it does. Those inside of Baptist life *live* for their eternal hope in Christ. Who and where are these ignorant persons that Bill Gordon referred to in his *Closer Look*? Who is that ignorant?

Franken-Bone 18—Gordon Makes SBC Men Condemned Men

Is there anyone who read the 1993 *Original* or Gordon's *Closer Look* that ignorant? If a person knew nothing about Freemasonry, nothing about the legions of legends, and nothing about anti-Masonry melodramas—that person would naturally trust the SBC to share credible information. With the innocent trust, Bill Gordon's quoting of John 3:36 would not be a mere quoting of the obvious, as elementary as it sounds. If one presumed Bill Gordon a real expert researcher, then the innocent person would easily conclude with Gordon's Frankenstein a noble beast, and then need to jettison integrity from many SBC heroes and many American Founding Fathers. For the innocent, there is no option, redemption, or alternative in Bill Gordon's *Closer Look*. There is no other option but Paganism that leads to eternal damnation for those *inside* the SBC who reject the Son as Bill Gordon's *Closer Look* implies for SBC Freemasons.

The Gordon's Frankenstein pygmy is truly scary ... to the innocent.

Let's be clear here. Gordon does not say that explicitly. Gordon's too tricky and addicted to Christian double-speak. But is there any other reading for an innocent Southern Baptist whose first exposure to Freemasonry is Bill Gordon's *Closer Look*? Gordon deceptively condemns to hell millions of Christian Freemasons, millions of SBC Freemasons, many of our Founding Fathers, and ten legions of legends. All with a couple of Bible quotes. Gordon does not leave open any other choice, for, if they are Freemasons, they are Pagans who have confused

salvation itself. Gordon gives Freemasonry more theological dressing than Freemasonry's best men have ever given. And like jelly in a Twinkie, Bill Gordon's itsy-bitsy *Comparison Chart* leaves no doubt about Gordon's one-way ticket to hell versus Christianity—that is it! George Washington, Scarborough, Carroll, Hobbs, Truett, and many faithful SBC Freemasons are—see Bill Gordon's *single* Bible quote—condemned and hell-bound men.

Contrary to Gordon, character counts for much more.

Franken-Bone 19—8th Incompatibility—Racial Prejudice

Hurray for Bill Gordon ... I guess. If that is an incompatibility, then most churches are Pagan too and need to be “resisted” as he says in his conclusion? I mean both black and white churches? And Bill Gordon *again* ignored the literature.

No, Freemasonry does not prohibit any race. I am part German, Dutch, French, Irish, and Cherokee—and *I* am allowed. Or did Gordon have a particular race in mind? Is Gordon just prejudiced to pick out African Americans when he thinks of racial prejudice? A really strange Franken-Bone this is. In our conversation Bill Gordon clarified “black” as though that meant something special to him with respect to race, as though “black” was the racial card he was trying to play wisely.

There are many black Freemasons. On March 6, 1775, 14 African Americans were made Freemasons in Lodge #441 of the Irish Registry attached to the 38th British Foot Infantry at Castle William Island in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts. The British left, but they were allowed to continue to meet, and the African Lodge was organized on July 3, 1776, with Prince Hall as Master. They received another permit under Provincial Grand Master John Rowe to walk in procession on St. John's Day. The lodge petitioned and on September 29, 1784, a charter was granted to African Lodge No. 459 by the Grand Lodge of England. It grew, and in 1791 Prince Hall was appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1791, from which the “first Black Provincial Grand Lodge” originated; see www.princehall.org for the longer history and a list of the 31 other Grand Lodges now operating in the U.S. and beyond.

Strange as it may seem, given that Prince Hall Freemasons share many of the principle and values, like character counting and all—they *were* chartered under the Grand Lodge of England, and that means that they are Pagan and evil too, according to SBC expert Bill Gordon, John Ankerberg, and James L. Holly. These days, it is a lot easier to say a group of whites is prejudice than it is to say a group of blacks is prejudice, for fear of black anger mostly; but in America, people can get together with whomever they please. It all becomes so much more strange in how Gordon, et al, *then* try to impute racism to non-Prince Hall Freemasons. Are Prince Hall Freemasons racist too? What trickery is Gordon using here!

To those accustomed to dealing with race issues, what Bill Gordon actually does is play off of the popular burr-in-pants that any white group (or whatever color) that does not have a black person is prejudice (a rhetorical principle more often employed by weaker blacks), and Gordon implies that the white group should go out of its way to include blacks simply to avoid the racial slur. But you will not see Gordon bold enough to employ that rhetorical principle to any black

group in America, even though his sloppy use does lead logically to include the Prince Hall Freemasons as prejudice too. In Gordon's *Closer Look*, he focused on the Scottish Rite and avoided the Blue Lodge, the York Rite, just as he avoided Prince Hall in his *closer* look.

With respect to African American Freemasons known as Prince Hall Masons, even they are not interested in a merger. There are several on both sides who would support the granting of visitation rights. As of 1993, "eight state Grand Lodges in the United States have extended that recognition to Prince Hall, as have two Grand Lodges in Canada."¹⁷ Oooops—I guess—Bill Gordon just *missed* that too. Is that occulting too? That does show how closely Gordon looked.

Yes, it is up the lodge. Gordon only used two authors and avoided Christian Freemasons. Bill Gordon tries to make a fraternity into a religion, and then attempts to say that his Frankenstein is racially biased, which is easier than trying to push Affirmative Action into a fraternity. That's strange? The choice of associations between three or four men is up to themselves, and themselves alone—that's *why* it's called a fraternity.

I am not advocating or denigrating integration either. I don't have a problem with my Grand Lodge or local lodge, and I am sure the same applies for Prince Hall Freemasons. It certainly does not make me a racist because there are no blacks in my local lodge or local church or fishing boat. I *am* advocating the right of both to *choose* whom they shall associate with, and I *am* advocating freedom of conscience in the face of SBC expert Bill Gordon who erased conscience in his *closer* look at the 1993 *Original*.

Every sentence reveals Gordon had not looked *closely* at anything.

SBC expert Bill Gordon *acts* like a racist in how he plays the race card—to those who know something about racism. Gordon is piddling, without a concern for real research, which will get clearer in more light. It was as if the SBC was never guilty of the same. We all know that the SBC started precisely over racial prejudice in 1845. Ahh ... that was part of the reason for the American Civil War (1861-1865). Largely, the North and South were composed of Protestants and were divided on slavery. Yet that does not prove anything today, and without Freemasonry *being* a religion this incompatibility evaporates quickly. What is clear? It is clear that Freemasonry was supporting liberty and equality and freedom of conscience 100 years before 1776 and 200 years before 1845, as will be shown—also occulted by the SBC expert and other anti-Masons.

The SBC Frankenstein gets uglier with every look—in the light.

Let me ask you this. Is there anything *more* prejudicial than writing about Freemasonry's compatibility with Southern Baptists and calling Freemasonry Pagan without a single reference or interview with a Southern Baptist Freemason? Is there anything *more* prejudicial than ignoring some of our own SBC legends? We owe their legacy more than that. How about a statement anywhere from any of the Grand Lodges mentioned and used in the 1993 *Original*? If you are going to accuse someone of being racially prejudice and Pagan, why not provide some kind of documentation—even a teeny tiny reference would help.

Franken-Bone 20—Gordon’s Unauthorized Summary Mutations

Bill Gordon closes with a summary of his eight incompatibilities as though an ugly Pagan cult had been discovered and exposed. Gordon repeats his list of eight incompatibilities like his whole *Closer Look* paper was long enough to merit his recapitulation; he is so proud of his eight embellishments of the negative items and his occulting of all the positive. So clever. If Bill Gordon had been of integrity, then his own list of eight negative items would *not* have led Bill Gordon to his own conclusion. Gordon’s conclusion slaps back at him, in the light, and undercuts the his own Pagan message. It’s my happy privilege to show you why. Bill Gordon concluded like this:

Taking the above into consideration, and being consistent with ... priesthood of the believer..., we recommend that each individual Baptist ... carefully **review** ... Freemasonry.... It is, therefore, the **duty of every Christian to resist and avoid false teachings** to speak the truth in love and to embrace only those doctrines which are revealed in the inerrant Scripture, the Bible (see Matt. 7:24-27; 2 John 7-10; 1 Cor. 10:14; Jude 3).¹⁸

Gordon appeared truly serious about his eight incompatibilities now twice listed. If Gordon was serious, he would have been straight to the point—heresy and Paganism should be avoided, and those involved are hell-bound. If truly serious about his *Closer Look* and his *Comparison Chart*, then Gordon should have screamed from the roof tops—*Pagans everywhere, millions of them*. That is Gordon’s message, driven home in his own conclusion. But Gordon backs off from that in his final closing from supporting his own conclusion—backs off like a coward unable to sum his own Pagan monster. So cowardly.

In other words, Gordon stepped out onto the street of Dodge City at noon with cap guns and became the shakiest gun in the west. From Gordon’s work in his *Closer Look*, a good Christian is truly duty-bound to “resist and avoid false teachings.” We have Bill Gordon unable to call a heresy a *heresy*, and he backs off with a weakling historical link to the SBC’s respect for the priesthood of believer and a deletion of the 1993 *Original’s* respect of “conscience.” Gordon did not respect the priesthood of the believer or any Baptist’s conscience, given the numerous Franken-Bones and his avoidance of SBC Freemason pioneers. Paganism is Christian heresy, purely wicked by every Christian standard and totally incompatible. But Bill Gordon cowardly backed away in his own conclusion.

Gordon is a coward. The SBC has no ties to Paganism, and there is no room for Paganism in *any* SBC doctrine. If Freemasonry is Pagan as Gordon makes out, there is no deferment to the priesthood of the believer with respect to Paganism. Real Paganism needs to be avoided by Christians at all costs. Gordon backs away from his own work, like a coward.

Now we have a wobbly faceless brainless blind *cowardly* Frankenstein pygmy. Will Frankenstein *ever* return to the graveyard? Not as long as the likes of mighty men like Paige Patterson hold him up—even if by prostitution of their character alone to avoid the good work articulating their Pagan aberrations in a fashion that proves their aberrations have meat and bones. *Evil* should be clear, not just claimed, for in America a man is innocent until proven guilty.

That is an unauthorized mutation from the 1993 *Original*, even an evolutionary leap over a divide vacant of any transitional forms.

Franken-Bone 21—Not Clean Compass Bearing

If any of the eight allegations were true, Bill Gordon should have kept his moral obligation to keep his boat on a clean compass bearing. But scallywags are rarely good sailors. Bill Gordon pretended like he discovered a two-hundred-year-old Pagan heresy, documented eight biblical incompatibilities that tear at the foundation of Christianity and Southern Baptists' most precious doctrines, and then in his *Comparison Chart* leaves only Paganism to contrast with Christianity.

If it smells like a dog, looks like a dog, and barks like a dog—by God, it is a dog. Bill Gordon calls Freemasonry a Pagan dog, and then Gordon closes his *closer* look by dressing his dog in drag, making his own Pagan dog look prettier in the end than at the beginning. Bill Gordon encourages others to further undress his Pagan dog. Without equivocation, know that Gordon's *Closer Look* is his own dog without resemblance to anything in reality. Bill Gordon calls Freemasonry a dangerous Pagan dog, then he *merely* encourages a "carefully review." Wild rapid dogs need to be shot, not cuddled and *reviewed*.

There is a bad dog in the neighborhood, and it is *not* Freemasonry.

Not just wobbling now, but dragging his foot too. What a beating Frankenstein is taking, and we have not even gotten to *real* Freemasonry yet.

Franken-Bone 22—Avoiding SBC Freemasons—Not Research

We cannot help Bill Gordon who cannot keep his boat true to his own Pagan compass bearing. But we are *happy* to tell you there *are* ten legions of legends and tens of thousands of pages in the writings of Scarborough, Carroll, Conner, Hobbs, and Truett that are square to biblical truth and that have been formative to SBC theological identity.

Do you want to know what good Southern Baptist Freemasons believe? The real question is why they are not definitive for the unnamed authors of the 1993 *Original* and especially definitive to Bill Gordon in his *Closer Look*?

Bill Gordon had the audacity to call his own publication "A *Closer Look* at Freemasonry" based upon teeny tiny references to two non-Baptist Freemason writers. In reality, it should have been called "A *Closer Look Away* from Baptist Freemasons." In his "look *away*, look *away*" style, Bill Gordon chose to look *away* from the contribution and look *away* from SBC theologians vastly more productive than himself. That was not honest, honorable, or bearable—not by any standard of Christian conduct. That betrayed the trust of the SBC and duped others who had placed their trust in him, who trust today.

Bill Gordon deliberately chose to look *away* from SBC Freemasons! Since his predecessor Gary Leazer was hounded for seeking Freemason experts, perhaps Bill Gordon was *prevented* and *censored* from talking to Freemasons. Regardless, several support that *look-away* style today.

Who is the greatest occultist of all? Not Freemasons.

Franken-Bone 23—Gordon Deleted "Conscience" = Brain-Ectomy

We have indicated this a couple of times, but now let's lay it upon the table for all to see. This is a big bone, a Franken-Bone that should offend everyone in

the SBC. The SBC 1993 *Original* noted the good, purported to discover some bad, then failed to note any clear evil of its discovery (except a few strained interpretations), and the 1993 *Original* closed with an honorable rendition of respect to the Baptist value of the conscience in the priesthood of the believer. The 1993 *Original* left Freemasonry up to the conscience of the individual SBC believer. Then along some Bill Gordon who defaced all the good and took the eyes out with a sloppy critique of “light.”

Then Bill Gordon deleted conscience! When Bill Gordon deleted conscience from his faceless blind Frankenstein pygmy, Bill Gordon removed its old brain and distanced himself by parsecs from the 1993 *Original* message. At the same time, Bill Gordon changed the official SBC message on Freemasonry without permission or vote. Certainly Paige Patterson has read the *Closer Look*. So, did Patterson concur on the illegal with-a-SBC-vote erasure of conscience too? Few things have distinguished Baptists in the last several hundred years like a respect for freedom of religion, especially since Baptists in the colonies were the minority and often persecuted by other Christians. Of all the things Bill Gordon deleted, changed, embellished, and squeaked—of all—Gordon’s deletion of conscience was the second most ugly thing he did—next to calling men like George W. Truett and George Washington Pagan. This becomes more sordid when one becomes aware that Freemasonry is the fraternity that has valued liberty, equality, and freedom of conscience more than any other religious or non-religious group in 1776 and over 100 years *before* the SBC was started.

Freemasonry is the senior ally in valuing liberty, equality, and conscience *over* the SBC. Are you tired yet of all of the occulting and prostitution?

We drive Gordon’s deletion in—help us—we cannot allow the deletion of conscience to continue in the SBC. And we should not allow Paige Patterson to continue to support it for 10+ years now.

Franken-Bone 24—Rest of Bones in SBC Frankenstein Pygmy

How much more malignance exists in Bill Gordon’s simple-minded less-than-a-comic-book-size document? A hundred, a thousand if you include innuendoes? In addition to the 23 Franken-Bones above, there are more old bones. So we collect all the other bones together and call the collection Franken-Bone 24. The 24 Franken-Bones contrast with Gordon’s 8 itsy-bitsy incompatibilities. Nice touch, trying to lampoon *itsy bitsy* too—then all of this works out into 16 chapters and 8 wedges too. There are more than $8 \times 8 \times 8 = 512$ Freemasonry books that directly apply in our little bibliography, and a good top-shelf selection is in the 888 endnotes. Yeah, I guess you could say we fairly well *eight* up Gordon’s 8 incompatibilities.

The bottom line is that an innocent Southern Baptist will read the 1993 *Original* and Bill Gordon’s *Closer Look* and *Comparison Chart*. If inclined to believe them on the authority of the SBC’s and Paige Patterson’s reputation and character alone, that innocent Southern Baptist will be turned away from Freemasonry. He or she will be turned against his or her own father, grandfather, and many USA Founding Fathers. Other Christians too, who respect the mighty SBC, will likewise be turned away. Many Southern Baptists could likewise be tempted to think of *any* Freemason as errantly Pagan or a duplicitous Pagan—all

based upon duplicitous and occulting material. That's the rub of Frankenstein for as long as character does *not* count in the SBC documents. Our Founding Fathers too—just as David Barton contradicts in the latter chapters below, choosing as Barton does to defend their Christian faith and ignore and occult Freemasonry.

If Pagan, then not Christian—simple.

There is no room to breathe here. Paige Patterson says *evil* without a scribble of proof. Bill Gordon left us no room and deleted conscience. I have known some true Pagans who were more honest than Bill Gordon, James Holly, John Ankerberg, and Patterson with respect to Freemasonry. The legions of legends in Freemasonry carry more esteem to some Pagans than they do to the anti-Masons in their own Frankenstein concoctions.

Occulting and prostitution of character should *stop* in the church.

The SBC documents were *calculated* to devalue and discredit Freemasonry in the eyes of innocent Southern Baptists. Gordon especially culled in order to doubly occult all the good, deface SBC heroes, and forward his version of Paganism. Gordon was more interested in pro-*Pagan*-da than honor or history. Our case grows upon fertile ground of the 24 Franken-Bones, now plowed into Frankenstein's graveyard. As from Miracle Grow, in the light of the Son, Gordon's deceptive malignance grows fast—like a big yellow weed.



Occulting and prostituting character needs to stop, especially in the church.

There is hope. Ten legions of legends cast too large a shadow over the Frankenstein pygmy, including many of our Freemason Founding Fathers. Even Paige Patterson is not big enough to distract from the good character of legions of legends, millions of good Christian men, and even several SBC theologians who were more theologically productive. Why occult legions of legends? In the light, the ten legions of legends shine brightly, and the more light we can shine on character the better.

We need more light on character counting today—much *more light*.



Character Counts and 24 Franken-Bones

¹⁷ John J. Robinson, *A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right* (1993; 179p.): 17.

¹⁸ See www.namb.net/evangelism/iev/PDF/Closer_Look_Freemasonry.pdf, bold italics mine.