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NOTES ON HIRAM ABIFF ETC.

Hiram or Chiram is Hermes who is the Messenger (Mercury) and is also Hera and Heracles of Egypt.

He is the word of God or creative speech. Further, Hari is a Hindu name of the Sun.

The form and measurements of the Tabernacle symbolized the Sidereal cycle of 25,868 years and also coincide with the Great Pyramid.

On these data the Jewish High Priests constructed the allegory of Solomon's Temple. In one aspect King Solomon himself is a Solar Myth, the word being composed of the Sun in three different languages, Sol - Latin and other Root languages, Om - Hindu, and On - Egyptian.

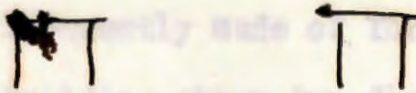
Further, all ancient writers admit that Solomons Temple was a type of the Universe.

The emerald tablet of Hermes introduces us to the original of Hiram. This is taken from the Chaldean Chiram.

The second line on the tablet, in large letters, reads, Chiram Telat Mechasot, which means the Universal agent, one in essence but three in aspect. Chiram is composed of three words denoting the universal spirit, Chamah Fire, Ruach Air and Majim Water, while their initial consonants Cheth, Resh and Mem give us Chiram, the universal agent who assisted King Solomon to build the Temple.

The Talmud says that King Solomon built the Temple with the assistance of Shamir which signifies the Sun. 37 years

to Translators of the Bible have made Chiram into Hiram through carelessly mixing the signs which are as follows:-


eh (chell) H (He)

- Mac McKenzie and Mackey say that this is from Macha, to smite therefore "is smitten" (but how can the M change to M).
- Maq is rottenness, therefore the meaning is "he is rotten".
- Benac A corrupt Hebrew word, signifying the builder.
- Mah An exclamation or interrogation. How, by what means, wherefore.
- Mac - benah The Son of putrefaction.

McKenzie says this word was introduced by the Stuarts who used Masonic Lodges for political purposes. The widows son was applied by them to James the second, using the Gaelic word Macbenac or the blessed Son.

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The Great Pyramid was 706' high and 760' at the base of the sides. Herodotus tells us that it took 20 years to build and 100,000 men worked at a time. Their rations consisted of radishes, onions and garlic with jugs of wine. Mention is frequently made of Three Chiefs of the Stonemasons.

The building shows two distinct styles, and the later style has so deteriorated that Professor Petrie suggests it was owing to the death of the man who had really directed the superfine accuracy of the earlier work.

We ~~are~~ are told that the temple was 120' x 67' and 45' high or about the size of a village church and yet it employed 163,000 men 7 years.

The name Hiram is borne by 2 men, the King and the Builder.

Hiram means:

Exaltation of Life.

Or Their liberty.

Or Whiteness.

Or He that destroys.

While the addition of Abiff means the Father of (source of).

In Chronicles II.2.18. appears:

I have sent a cunning man of Hiram, my Father.

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Hiram was King of Tyre. H.A.B was the son of a man of Tyre and a woman of Israel. Doubtless there were many other connections with the neighboring countries, royal and common, religious and commercial. Was the compounding a concession or a compliment to as many as possible, while retaining the distinctly Hebrew name within the holy circle and upon the four-square altar top? If we find that the H.R.A is comparatively modern in its present form, it has a very ancient foundation, probably ante-dating even King Solomon: but that notwithstanding, it is good for us, it is very helpful to us, and it must increase our reverence for our Maker when thoughtfully studied.

I submitted a draft of this paper, with certain safeguards and reservations, to my non-masonic friend and pastor, the Rev. S. J. Goldsack, who is known to many of my brethren as the author of five ~~invaluable~~ papers of great masonic interest, and he was good enough to reply on 22nd February, 1939 as follows:-

As a point of further interest, may I send to you one short paragraph taken from a paper dated 4th March 1939 written by a colleague of Mr Goldsack, and headed "In his Name": - (p. 101 as marked)