

Greek Organizations: Fraternities and Sororities



Part 2

Pledging Pamphlet cont'd
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Sponsoring Revelry

This issue is especially relevant for the Greek lettered fraternities and sororities, and less so concerning Freemasons and like orders. Let us read the Scripture in *Galatians 5:19-21* and 'wild parties' (Revelry) are our focus sin in the text. This sin is sponsored and condoned by these organizations. Now realize that 'wild parties' are wrong to be sponsored by any organization, but an order claiming to be founded on Christian principles is blatantly contradicting its professed foundation by sponsoring 'wild parties.'

"When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, envy, drunkenness, **wild parties**, and other kinds of sin. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that **anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.**" (*Galatians 5:19-21 NLT*)

This Scripture is plain that 'wild parties' (Revelry) are sin. Most in the orders already realize that they are doing wrong by engaging in such activities. My call is for Christians not to affiliate themselves with organizations sponsoring and condoning such activity. This activity goes against the principles of Christian standards set up in the Word of God in Scriptures like we have read above. Then the irony comes when these same organizations that sponsor revelry also sponsor church gatherings!

I challenged a young lady in a sorority about this exact issue. I asked her that if her Pastor rented out a club and sponsored revelry would she still attend that church or would she try to find another one with a better Christian standard. She told me that she would immediately leave that congregation and find another one that had a better Christian standard.

My statement to her was that she should then hold all organizations that claim to be founded on Christian principles and/or be Christian organizations to the same judgment. She was a professing Christian and had pledged an order that claimed to be founded on Christian principles. However, this same order was sponsoring and condoning revelry. Just as she said that she would find another congregation that had a better Christian standard in the case of the church, she should find another organization that had a better Christian standard in the case of the organization.

Greek Paganism

The pagan Greeks believed in a number of deities, both male and female. These deities allegedly bestowed unto humankind various traits, virtues, talents, and many other kinds of ideals and knowledge. These also represented elements in nature. They of course had other purposes as well. Many of these deities had their own respective religious cults that followed specific rituals to honor, worship, and sacrifice to their particular gods or goddesses.

Many of these deities became known by what they gave humans. Thus you have Mars the god of war, Venus the goddess of love, Minerva the goddess of wisdom, Apollo the god of the light, youth, and music, etc.

So believe it or not, my next point of dissent has to do with the making of images of other gods! Yes indeed, other gods! You read right! In a missionary journey of the Apostle Paul and his companion Barnabas, recorded in *Acts 14:8-18*, some Greek gentiles attempted to sacrifice unto Paul and Barnabas. An impotent man was healed by the Holy Spirit through the

Apostle Paul and the Greek gentiles attempted to make sacrifice unto Paul and Barnabas, thinking that their gods had come down unto them in human form.

These Gentiles frequently sacrificed to their Greek deities, as well as other Gentiles affiliated with their own false religious systems did all over the world. The "priest of Jupiter," which is the Roman name for the chief Greek deity Zeus, would have done this sacrifice until Paul stopped them and preached unto them the true and living God. As a result, in verse 19, some antichrist Jews easily persuaded the crowd and Paul is stoned.

That same Apostle Paul, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, writes in ***1 Corinthians 10:20*** that, "**But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils."**"

All deities that are not the true and living God are devils. There are innumerable evil spirits, or devils, manifesting unto us in many forms of temptation and false religion. They are very evident in polytheistic religious practice. Satan and his devils want acknowledgment and/or worship, and Satan is called the "god of this world" (***2 Corinthians 4:3-4***). All Greek gods and goddesses, as well as those of other false and idolatrous religious systems, are **DEVILS** by Christian definition! The Greek pantheon is a list of devils!

The Goddess Minerva (Pallas Athena)

The following exert is taken from ***THE OFFICIAL RITUAL OF GRAND CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INCORPORATED***, and is confidential to the membership of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. In Appendix A, the General Information section of the confidential manual on page 175 discusses the Sorority Emblem. It reads as follows: "***The Sorority Emblem: The Sorority emblem is the Goddess Minerva (Pallas Athena), Goddess of Wisdom***" (p. 175).

An emblem is a representation that functions as the symbol of something, according to the definition of the word emblem. On the emblem of this sorority (visible on some of their shirts or other paraphernalia), is a woman's head. This woman's head is the very image of the goddess Minerva, the Greek goddess of wisdom!

However, in this minister's estimation, an organization that claims to be founded on Christian principles is not wise at all when they place the image of another god as the emblem of their organization. How hypocritical is it for an organization claiming to be founded on Christian principles to take the image of another god and have that image represent their organization? That is taking a devil to represent something that is supposed to have a foundation in Christ.

Minerva is a devil, by the Biblical definition. What fellowship should Christians have with an organization bearing the image of a goddess, which according to the Scriptures is a devil? Then this organization claims to be based on Christian principles. **The True God hates the image of another god**. There are also other portions of their confidential manual that explain clandestine rituals named after this goddess.

As for the other Greek lettered fraternities and sororities, their confidential manuals likely also contain this Greek paganism. So do not assume by any means that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is alone in this practice. The other groups' confidential manuals likely will also contain references to the gods and goddesses of the Greek pantheon, which is nothing more than a list of devils worshipped by the Greeks of old time in their ritual abominations of religion.

The mere presence of this paganism should be a sure sign that these organizations are not Christian and any Christian affiliated with these should disaffiliate.

The mere presence of this paganism should weaken any organization's argument that they are based on Christian principles. This is because any organization based on Christian principles will separate themselves from the things that our Lord God hates. **And if our Lord God hates anything, it is the image of another god**.

The very image of another god is an abomination before the Lord our God. When God hears you claim that your sorority is 'founded upon Christian principles,' and then God looks at your shield and sees the image of another god, God knows that you are a hypocrite and all the world should too.

Miscellaneous Issues

"Our founders were well aware of the need to transfuse the ideals of Greek moral virtues with the later concepts of brotherhood and love. This is why they clearly wrote: 'We are a sisterhood founded on Christian principles...' (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, CANDIDATE SYLLABUS, 1990, p. 30).

Why did these ladies feel the need to 'transfuse' Greek moral virtues with Christianity? This is a clever deception. The word 'transfuse' literally means to pour out of one vessel into another, like a blood 'transfusion.' They attempted to pour Greek moral virtues into the later concepts of brotherhood and love, with Christianity being specifically implied here as 'brotherhood and love.' Are brotherhood and love truly 'later' concepts, with Greek moral virtues pre-dating them?

Christianity mixed with anything is a falsehood, especially Greek 'moral' virtues. The Roman Catholic Church mixed the Christian doctrine of the Godhead as found in the Sacred Scriptures with Greek Philosophy, and came out with the Trinity Doctrine, which has damned many souls. The 'moral' of that story is, that we should not mix the Faith with anything 'Greek.' The 'moral' virtues of the Greeks definitely don't measure up to the Church's moral standards in Scripture anyway.

I would hardly call Greek society, with all of their polytheistic myths, philosophies, and attitudes, 'virtuous.' On the contrary, Greek society was very pagan, full of revelry and fornication (Spiritually and naturally), and therefore very demonic. The devil used this system to seduce the world.

"The most direct line of descent from Greek societies to America is the Freemasons (called Masons). Historians of American fraternities and sororities trace most of our rituals, ceremonies and rites to the Masons. An examination of Masonic rituals open to the scholars suggest that our Founders were also influenced by Masonic ritual, symbolism and initiation experiences." (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, CANDIDATE SYLLABUS, 1990, p. 30).

Now I personally can verify this. I have Masonic rituals, the Heroines of Jericho, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Since I have read the entire DST ritual and have it in my possession, I can easily see the Masonic influence. Freemasonry manifests the very power of Satan in this world. The name of Jesus is even **BANNED** in the Lodge.

This is so not to offend Masonic 'brothers' of other religious beliefs, because Freemasons allow for alternate religions from Christianity to be equally recognized by the Lodge. The only requirement to join is that you must believe in '**some**' higher power.

Which god you believe in is not important. Then you end up calling someone your 'brother' or 'sister' (frat or soror) which worships a different god and has a different faith from Jesus Christ and the Apostolic Faith! The Word of God elaborates on this topic of being unequally yoked together with unbelievers in ***II Corinthians 6:14-18***, and commands us not to do so. We are warned against being in such fellowship.

Q&A

Q: What is the ultimate goal, then?

A: Wisdom! The college educated woman seeks to become wise rather than smart. That is why Minerva, the Goddess of Wisdom, is our Sorority mentor." (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROGRAM, 1990, p. 106).

Do I even need to elaborate on why that is evil? Is Minerva truly their mentor, as 'college educated women' seeking wisdom as the ultimate goal?

All wisdom comes from God. If anyone lacks wisdom, then let them ask of God. God is the giver of wisdom, not Minerva, who is a devil and an idol. The 'college educated woman' seeking wisdom should look to the God of Israel as

the mentor and not Minerva, a false whore goddess of the Greeks. ***James 1:5 - If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.***

The mentor of Delta Sigma Theta is the goddess Minerva, the image of a woman seen on the shield of their sorority. This false whore goddess is allegedly the giver of wisdom, according to the Greek myths.

"We believe in a spiritual life, but we leave to the individual the selection of the medium for its outward manifestation." (Quote from the National President at that time- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, Ritual, 1990, p. 30).

Now would 'Christian principles' agree with the above statement? No, of course it would not! There is only **ONE** legitimate medium for the 'outward manifestation' of spiritual life, and that is Jesus Christ and the Apostolic Faith based upon the Apostolic Doctrine (*Acts 2:42*). Anything other than that **ONE**, is on the wide road to hell (*John 14:6*).

"A woman who becomes a Candidate is under the shadow of Minerva, and in no way could we offend one who is under her grace!" (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, INC., GRAND CHAPTER, CANDIDATE SYLLABUS, 1990, p. 38).

What about being under the '*shadow of the Most High?*' What about being under the grace of Jesus? Have these sorority sisters replaced the true God with a false whore goddess named Minerva in these descriptions?

Psalms 91:1 - He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Ephesians 1:7 - In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his (Jesus Christ's) grace.

Must the Christian be under the shadow of the Almighty, and also under the shadow of Minerva, a devil and an idol? Must the Christian be under the grace of Jesus Christ, and also under the grace of Minerva, a devil and an idol? Does not our God refuse to give His glory to another? (*Isaiah 42:8*).

Now before the "*it's just symbolic*" card can be played, think about what is being symbolized here. Under the shadow and grace of a devil and an idol! Now is Jesus pleased with this paganism, regardless of whether or not it is intended to be '*literal*' or '*symbolic*?' Having it be '*just symbolic*' is just the devil's attempt to get it '*glossed over*' and '*accepted*.' Watch out for the '*just symbolic*' excuse. Ask yourself one simple question. '*Should such blasphemous and sacrilegious messages even be symbolized by an organization claiming to be 'founded on Christian principles?'*

I find it very sad that the ladies who founded this sorority DST allegedly 'upon Christian principles' did not even have the Spiritual discernment to see that Jesus was not pleased with them making the image of an idol to represent the sorority. This is because Jesus hates the image of another god.

Masonic Teaching About 'God'

Freemasonry teaches doctrine about 'God,' whom they refer to as the GAOTU (Grand Architect Of The Universe). Yet they claim boldly that they are not a religion, but merely a fraternity. I believe that the evidence will demonstrate Freemasonry to be a 'fraternal religion,' and the religion that this fraternity teaches is definitely not the Christian religion. I believe the religion of the Masons is a false religion when compared to the Bible.

Masons invite all religious systems under one banner with their organization, dogmatically proclaiming that all religions worship and are praying to the same God. There are 'Christian' Lodges, Muslim Lodges, and Lodges of all the other religions who have Masonic accreditation.

According to the Bible, the final authority on whether or not something possesses Truth, such a proclamation is proven to be a falsehood.

In *Isaiah 43:11* and *44:6-8*, the Most High makes it clear that there is no other God or Savior other than He Himself. In *Isaiah 44:8*, the Most High, the God of Israel, dogmatically proclaims: "**Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have I not told thee from that time, and have declared? Ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? Yea, there is no God; I know not any.**"

There is one thing that the Most High, the God of the Bible, does not know. That is, the God of Israel does not know another god. This means that all the other religions' gods are false gods and devils. The Greek pantheon is a list of the names of devils. The god of the Lodge is a devil, a god with a generic acronym (GAOTU) as a name, which is supposed to represent all the gods of those who have membership in the Masonic Lodge, whoever or whatever they personally believe their God to be.

Dear reader, do not be deceived by false doctrines, creeds, traditions, and organizations teaching unscriptural rhetoric; yet at the same time calling themselves and their practices "Christian." I call all Christians to reject this falsehood if you are affiliated, and don't pledge if you are thinking about becoming initiated. Light has no fellowship with darkness as the Word says.

Conclusion

In conclusion of this pamphlet, it is the sincere desire of this minister that what was written here has at least led your mind to question the things you do and involve yourself in as a Christian. The Scriptures tell us that we are not our own, but are bought with a price. Therefore we must glorify God in our bodies. (*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 KJV*). Our entire body and soul are to be used to the glory of God through the instruction and direction of His Spirit indwelling us. Sin is to have no part of our lives, whether it involves a literal or symbolic manifestation. Sin is not your friend.

This is why we as Christians must take caution when involving ourselves in something, evaluating it as to whether or not God is pleased with our decision. We should question self and our actions and motives to see if these are in line with the principles which Jesus Christ directed us to live by in His Word. I leave you with the Apostle's Word.

"Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, rebuke and expose them." (*Ephesians 5:11 NLT*).

