

The Christian Worldview of Tri Sigma

Tri Sigma's Secret Symbolism

The secret symbols, emblems, and customs are the HERITAGE of every Tri Sigma, and in daily life remind the membership always of Sigma Sigma Sigma Idealism.

The charm of long ago secrecy is faithfully passed on to new generations, for whom the classic language and TRADITIONS may seem strange, even as it is recognized they represent the strength of the past for Sigma Sigma Sigma, upon which the present stands and the future will be built.

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This is a foundational statement. So we must look into what the symbols, emblems, customs, and traditions are to see if they are Biblically based.

The Greek inscription below the shield is the open motto of Sigma Sigma Sigma and is translated "FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH."

When I first saw this statement, the question arises, **faithful unto WHO?**

Revelation 2:10

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou **faithful unto death**, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Who are Trisigs suffering for? Are the believing Trisigs aware of this problem? Dying for SSS and Christ are two different things.

The official badge of the Triangle Degree, which distinguishes a fully initiated member of the Sorority, is an equilateral, indented triangle with pearls on its border and a Greek Sigma on each point of the raised inner triangle, in the center of which is a skull and crossed bones, a symbol adopted by the Founders because of its ancient meaning, "Death to all that is wrong." It is a revered emblem in Tri Sigma. Its signifi-

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Death to all that is wrong! When you see statements like this, relative morality is always the object. What is the basis of wrongdoing? What is the bar of morality; The Bible, The Koran, Sigma Sigma Sigma, etc.?

C.R.—Wisdom is greater than the human mind can comprehend. Fame, Fortune and Attainment are subservient to her, and those who prove themselves worthy before her shrine may command them at will. With her bless-

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What kind of wisdom are they discussing here? If wisdom is greater than human intellect, it must come from a higher being. Let's see if we have a match to the Bible.

ing, you will understand what is now hidden from your understanding, and you will be given to guide others along the upward path. Wisdom stands before you. In her eyes shines the clear light of learning, before which only truth can stand. It is wisdom which brings the capacity for clear vision. But vision comes only through struggle, a struggle that lifts us above the mists of ignorance, selfishness and greed into the clear light of truth and freedom.

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Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

I Corinthians 1:18-24

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

But unto them which are **called**, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

It is obvious that they are discussing some form of esoteric wisdom. If they were discussing Godly wisdom, why not simply say so? Instead, they leave it neutral. They discuss another powerful word, truth. What truth? The key to see that it is not Biblical wisdom being discussed here is the phrase, “what is NOW hidden from your understanding”. If what was hidden was Jesus Christ, I would have no problem. But the rest of the ritual does not have Him as the hidden wisdom, truth, etc. THIS IS WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD LOOK BEFORE THEY LEAP!!!!!!!

L.S.—Sister C.T. will you please explain the Shrine of Power?

C.T.—High Power sits on her throne, a queen with gem-encircled brow. In her hand she holds the world-moving scepter, and at her feet are the tablets of law and the scales and the sword of justice. Let your desire be to be powerful among your fellowmen in all that is good and pure and just. If you would attain this power among your fellowmen, you must first be master of yourself—your thoughts and your deeds. Such mastery comes only through the exercise of self-control and the highest will power.

UNISON—BE NOT WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE AND FOUND WANTING.

Jesus said that we must DENY ourselves and follow after Him. What is good and pure and just? Self-Control and highest will power are the ingredients of humanism. Humanism is a nutshell is man’s ability to function and prosper without God.

L.S.—Sister S.R. will you please explain the Shrine of Faith?

S.R.—Faith bids us follow the gleam that leads us ever onward and upward, never doubting the radiant guide. In her hands she bears a light, small perhaps, but ever clear and constant. Let that light of Faith be your polar star. Just as the magnet's contact with the needle gives it a power that makes it ever constant to the pole, so may Faith ever lead you in duty's path. Then at last, when the stormy voyage is over, by Faith shall you enter into the harbor of peace.

UNISON—BY FAITH SHALL YOU TRIUMPH OVER LIFE'S STORMS AND TEMPESTS.

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Now who is this radiant guide for your faith? Who is this she? What is this light in her hand? Biblical faith has nothing to do with what is mentioned here. The object of the Christian's faith is to be Christ alone. Faith does not lead one in duty's path. It leads one to their knees in repentance for being a sinner.

L.S.—Sister S.C. will you now explain the Shrine of Hope.

S.C.—You are now standing at Hope's Shrine. In her hands she holds an anchor, strong enough to hold through every tempest. She leads us on when all the way seems dark, and bids us see the sun through the clouds that strive to hide its face. She points to another life for which this life is only a preparation, and bids us ever rise to higher, better things.

UNISON—LET HOPE BE YOUR GUIDING STAR, AND YOU SHALL SURELY ENTER INTO LIFE ETERNAL.

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Hope in whom? According to SSS, it's not Jesus Christ. So how will one SURELY enter into eternal life without Jesus Christ? Well according to SSS, He is not necessary. THIS IS WHERE I DRAW THE LINE. People like to say that I condemn people to hell for simply being Greek, while they tell people hoping in anything will get you to heaven.

S.C.—But let us pass on, guided by our highest officer, Sister L.S. to the high Shrine of Love.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." This is the first commandment; and the second is like unto it—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." And again we have from God's word, the following: "If a man love not his fellowman, whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" Love for God

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The scripture is valid in and of itself, but does SSS itself follow it. See the examples above, especially the one about hope. This is what makes Satan so dangerous. Taking God's Word and mixing it with his demonic philosophy.

must be our inspiration to love and serve our fellowman. True Love SEEKS to express itself through service and will not be denied. He loveth best who serveth best God and fellowman. Love then, IN ITS HIGHEST FORM should regulate our lives, mould our thoughts and purify our deeds.

As L.S. says "... should regulate our lives, mould our thoughts and purify our deeds," the C.R. steps to the candidate's left side, takes her left arm and indicates by gentle pressure that she is to kneel just as the L.S. says "Kneeling then at Love's Shrine." C.R. assists candidate in placing her right hand on her heart and left hand on the Bible, sees that her dress is not caught on her heels, and then returns to her position BEHIND the shrine of Wisdom.

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True love obeys God's Word and His teachings on love, not an organization's opinion. Now we have one of the most powerful scriptures read to us about love, but look at what happens next. TRUE LOVE DOES NOT HAVE US DISOBEY GOD.

KNEELING then at Love's Shrine, with your right hand on your heart and your left hand on the Bible, open at the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, and having on it the colors and the badge of Sigma Sigma Sigma, repeat after me the following oath:

I, _____, . . . of my own free will, . . . voluntarily before Almighty God . . . and these witnesses . . do solemnly and sincerely swear, . . . that I will never reveal . . . any of the secrets of this Sorority . . . to any person or persons of the world . . . except to true and lawful Sigma Sigma Sigmas . . . to whom such secrets rightfully belong. . . . That I will in all things . . . strive to reflect honor . . . on the order . . . whose vows I am now taking, . . . and that I will obey her laws . . . and reverence her teachings. . . . That I will never speak evil of a sister's good name . . . nor that of her family, . . . and that with the members of this order . . . I will strive to live . . . in love, peace and harmony. . . . That in my conduct, . . . I will strive to live . . . as a Sigma Sigma Sigma should, . . . and that next to my duty to God and my family, . . . I shall feel myself bound . . . to my sisters in Sigma Sigma Sigma. . . . All these vows I promise and swear . . . on my word of honor, . . . and on the Holy Bible in which I believe, . . . and on the badge of this Sorority . . . whose vows I am now taking. . . . And I pray that God will in all things . . . give me grace and strength . . . to keep and perform the same, . . . so help me God . . . and keep me STEADFAST through life. Amen.

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This oath is taken in direct violation of scripture, for they have sworn upon something, their honor. What if a practicing Wiccan is taking the oath. Who is God then? Does a Jewish girl believe the Holy Bible? Look at all the MY's; I would be alarmed by this much latitude in behavior. With all of this, "you can't judge me" mentality floating around, who determines bad conduct? When a SSS uses profanity, what happens? When a SSS is having an intimate relationship with her boyfriend, is she fulfilling her duty to her sorority and God? What am I saying? People are swearing to things they cannot keep under their own power (i.e. they are doomed to fail the oath).

Commentary

There is no reason to consider that solemn oaths in a court of justice, or on other proper occasions, are wrong, provided they are taken with due reverence. But all oaths taken without necessity, or in common conversation, must be sinful, as well as all those expressions which are appeals to God, though persons think thereby to evade the guilt of swearing. **The worse men are, the less they are bound by oaths; the better they are, the**

less there is need for them. Our Lord does not enjoin the precise terms wherein we are to affirm or deny, but **such a constant regard to truth as would render oaths unnecessary.**
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such. You have taken upon yourself a most solemn and binding obligation, one that does not affect your duty to God and to your family, and one which, if you observe, will make you a better woman. You should always try to perfect the teachings of this order to which you now belong. Now these bonds of friendship which unite us as a band of sisters are perfected, and the cement of sisterly

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The relativity of such an oath does not ensure making you a better person. Who is God once again? What bonds of friendship does one acquire from a ritual of secrecy? I always thought that friendship was a choice.

love is spread—that cement which unites us as sisters always.

Love! Where did this love spring from? Can true love spring forth from a secret ceremony? Well in the arena of tolerance and opinions, where someone can hate your God, and still be called your sister and friend is truly forced hypocrisy at its best.

L.S.—And now it becomes my duty to bid you live in peace, harmony and good fellowship with all true sisters of this order. Never give your sisters any cause to doubt your sincerity, fidelity or motives, but so endeavor to live that you will be an ornament to our order, whose solemn vows we have ALL taken.

(Speaking to all the Chapter) Sisters, if we all do this, then can Sigma Sigma Sigma, our mother, pointing to her children, say as did the mother of the Grachii (Graak-ee), pointing to her children, "These are my jewels." And, as the badge of our Sorority is made beautiful by having its pure gold set with gems and jewels, so will our order, in all her purity, shine because of the honorable women who strive to obey its precepts and follow its teachings. Then shall our noble order accomplish its highest mission, and we shall realize the meaning of "Sorores semper sumus." We are sisters always, not for a day or a school term only, but sisters forever — "Faithful unto death." Sisters, "sans puer et sans reproche" — without fear and without reproach.

But one thing I must admonish you (speaking both to Chapter and new members) — to urge upon others that which we ourselves do not strive to realize is unworthy of our sisterhood. To embody the virtues, to which our hearts amid these sacred walls have now turned, is to be the effort of our lives.

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As I said, faithful unto death points toward the sorority, not Jesus Christ. What good is a sinner dying for a sinner?

**Wisdom, Faith, Hope and Love will reveal their Power
ONLY as the self is under the firm control of the spirit in
which they make their home.**

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The SELF!!!!!!! When you see this, run for the hills, humanism and religious tolerance is not far behind. What good is faith, hope, and love under the firm control of a demonic spirit? This is where religious relativism plays havoc on the believer, especially the new believer. There are many wolves in Greek Organization clothing.

STATELY AND ROYAL

Stately and royal, Sigma stands a queen so fair;
Faithful and loyal, We her daughters swear
To protect her ever, E'er to wave her colors high,
To forsake her never, Faithful till we die.

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Now one can see why secrecy, not love is the real cement that holds these organizations together. Everything about the organization is to lead you back to the organization (i.e. to make it an idol).

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