





# FREEMASONS HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM





## WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

A fraternity engaged in the  
science of morality,  
developed by the ancient  
method of symbolism.





WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

There are many different theories as to where the Freemasons came from.

# THEORY ONE; KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

The Knights Templar started of as a group of 9 knights who profited from protecting pilgrims along their travels to and from Jerusalem.



# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

After just one hundred years the Templars had become extremely powerful and wealthy due to cash and land donations from rulers and wealthy nobility who wanted protection or to join the organization.





# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

The last Grandmaster Jacques De Molay was burned at the stake in front of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.



# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Robert the Bruce wanted his newly independent country to be recognized by the Christian Church, but for Scotland to rejoin the church, and forgive Robert's past sins, they had to assure the Pope that there were no Templar Knights in Scotland.



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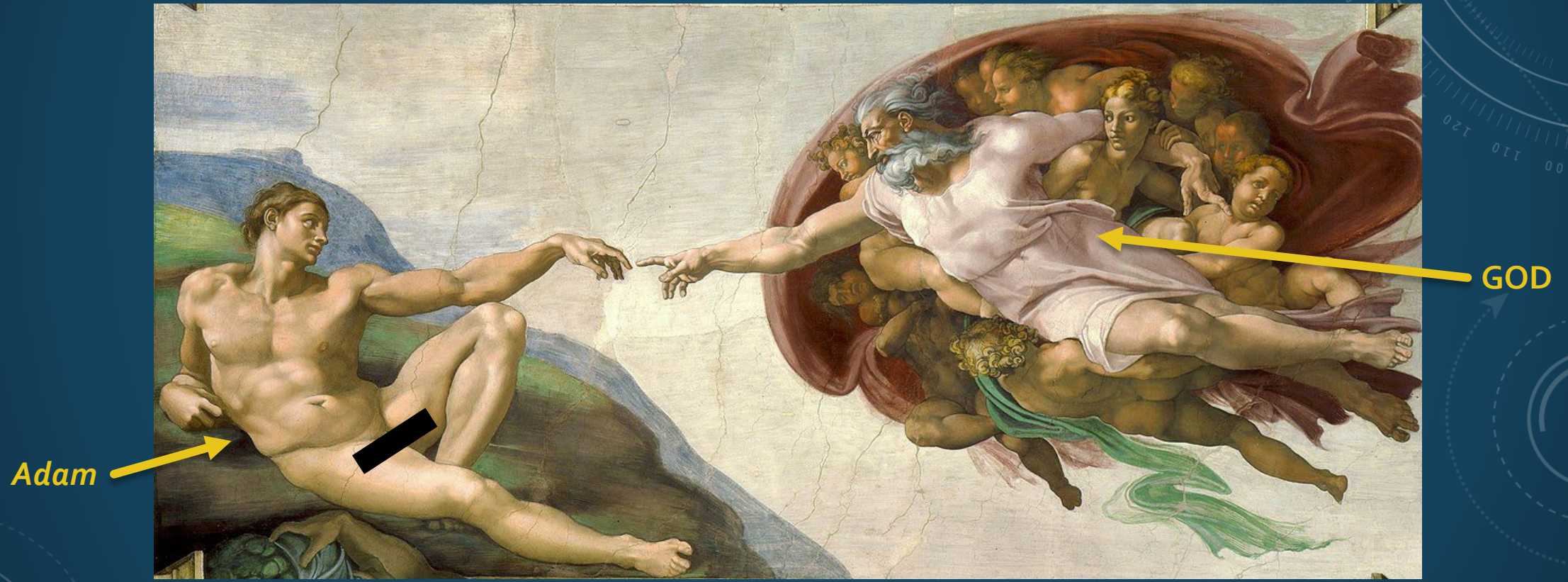


It was well known at the time that the Saint Clair (aka Sinclair) family were well-known Knights Templar in France. After the inquisition of the knights the Sinclair family moved to Scotland and eventually became hereditary Grandmasters of the Freemasons in Scotland

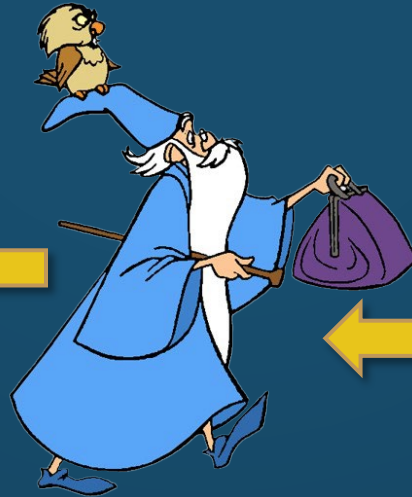
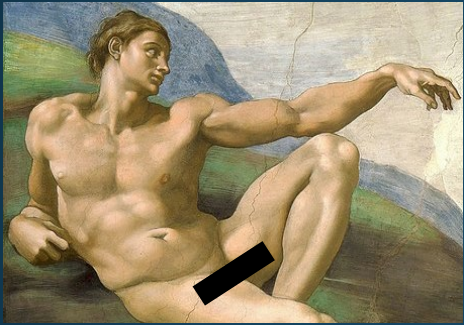


# THEORY TWO; LEGEND OF THE "KNOWLEDGE OF THE ANCIENTS."

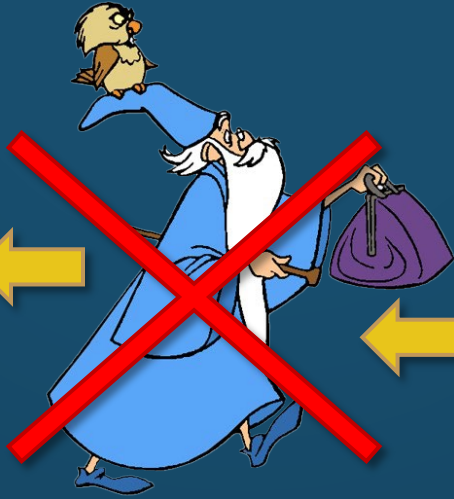
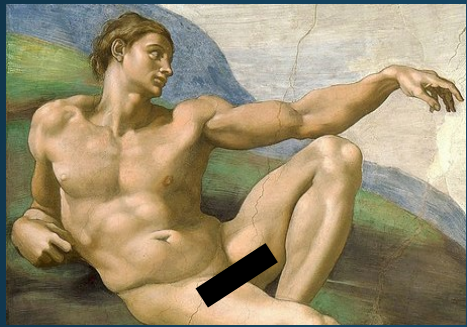
The legend of the 'Knowledge of the Ancients' originates all the way back to the first man, Adam.



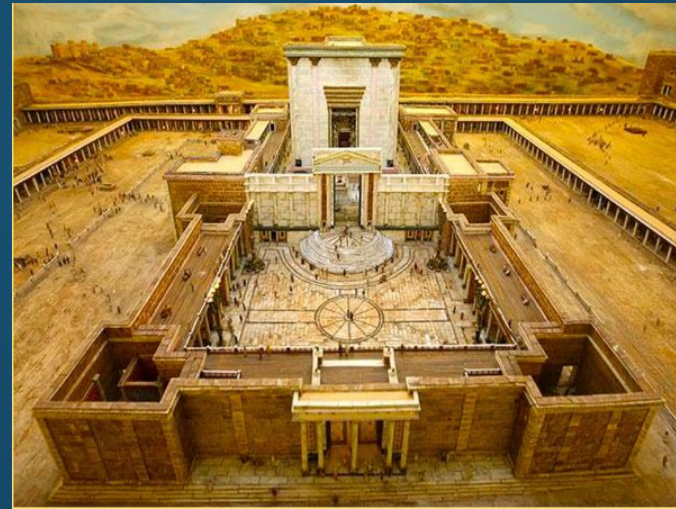
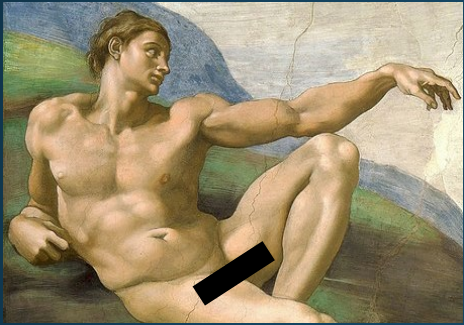
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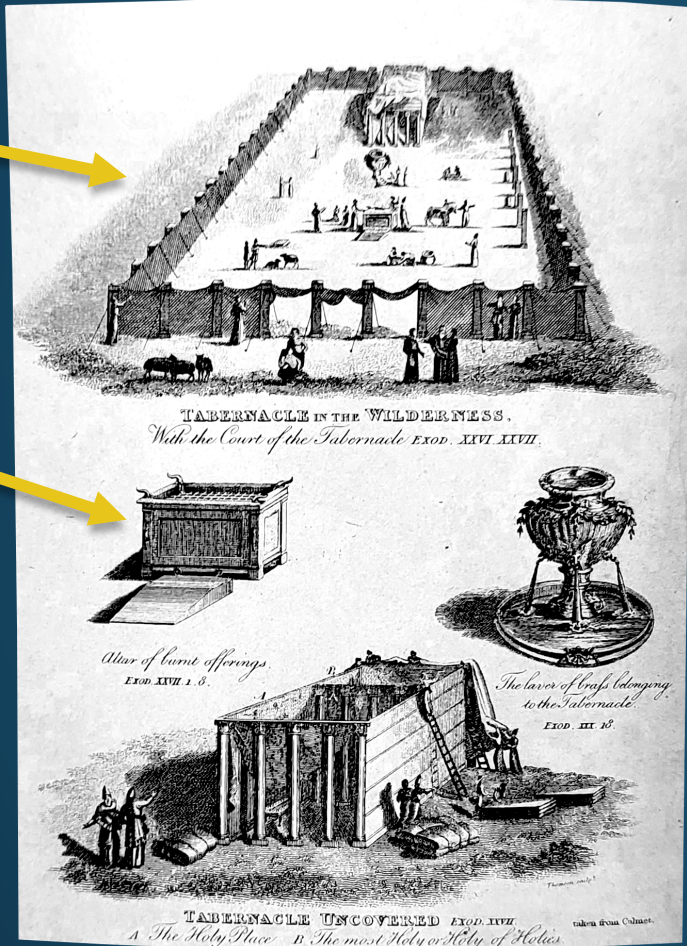
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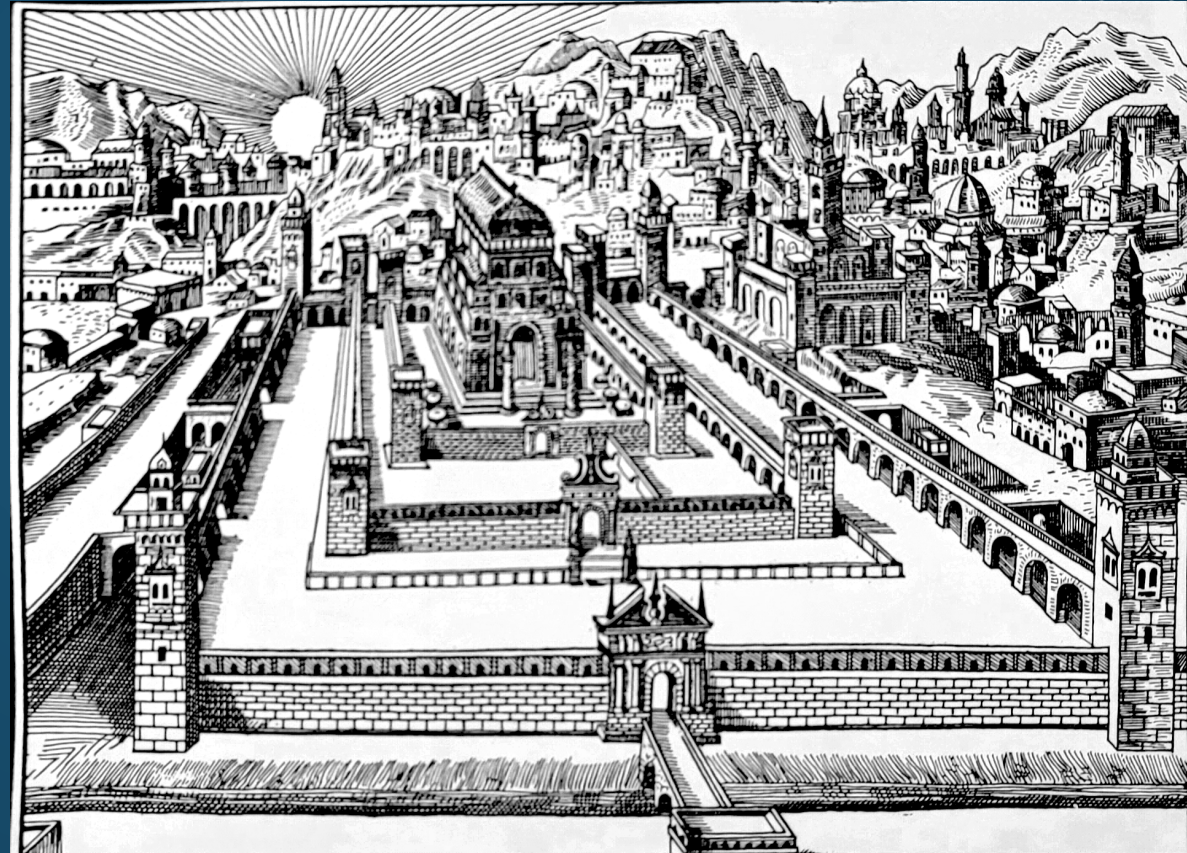
# THEORY THREE; KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

This theory claims that the stonemasons who built King Solomon's Temple must have possessed secret and ancient knowledge to build the temple.

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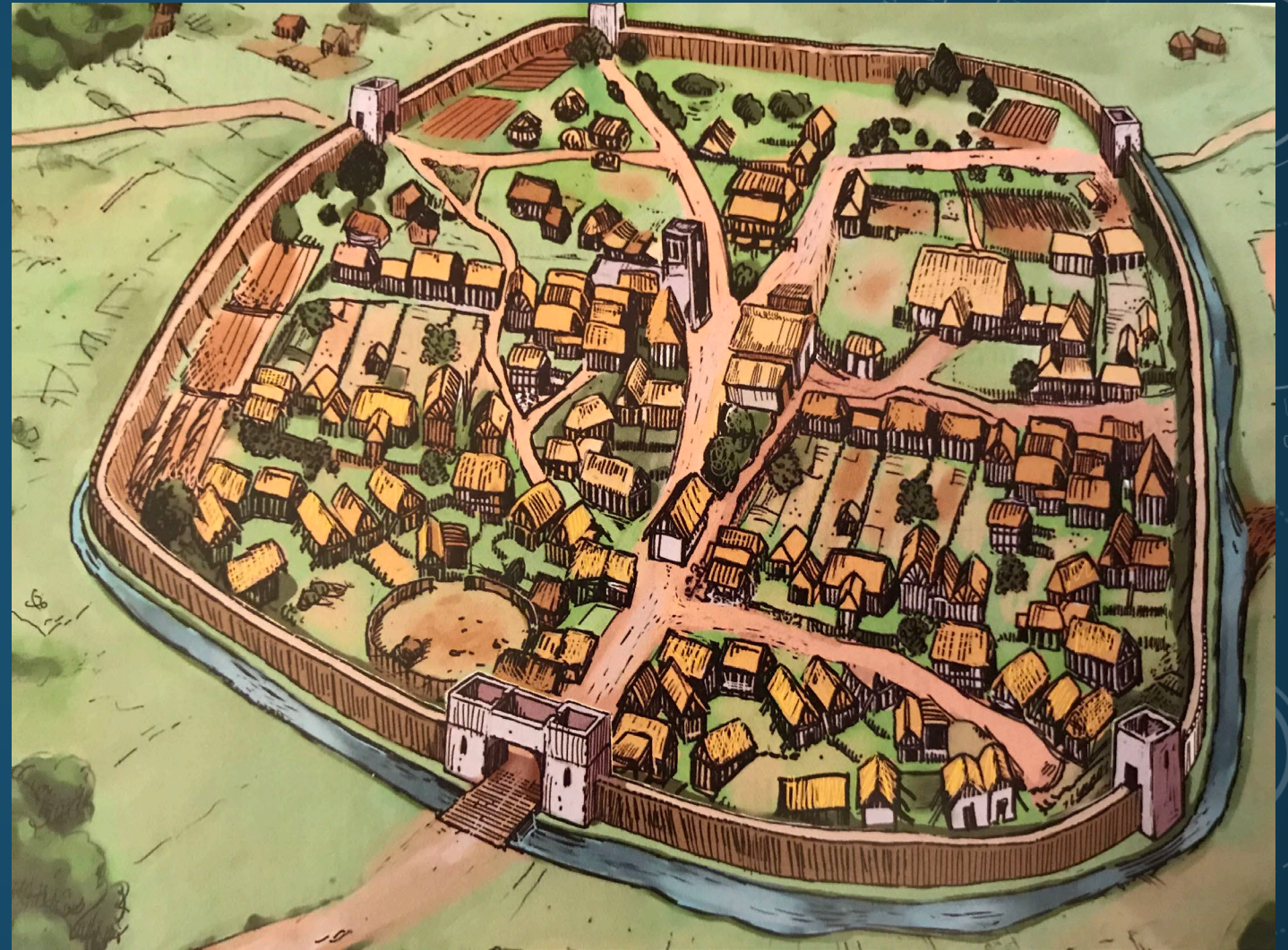
Ark of the Covenant





# DOCUMENTED HISTORY

During the Middle Ages in Scotland there existed “burghs”, these were essentially walled off towns or urban settlements operating like their own state within the Scottish government and answered only to the Scottish king and queen.



# DOCUMENTED HISTORY

The Weavers

The Slaters

The Glaziers

The Coopers

The Stonemasons

The Carpenters

The Bowers

The Painters

The Blacksmiths

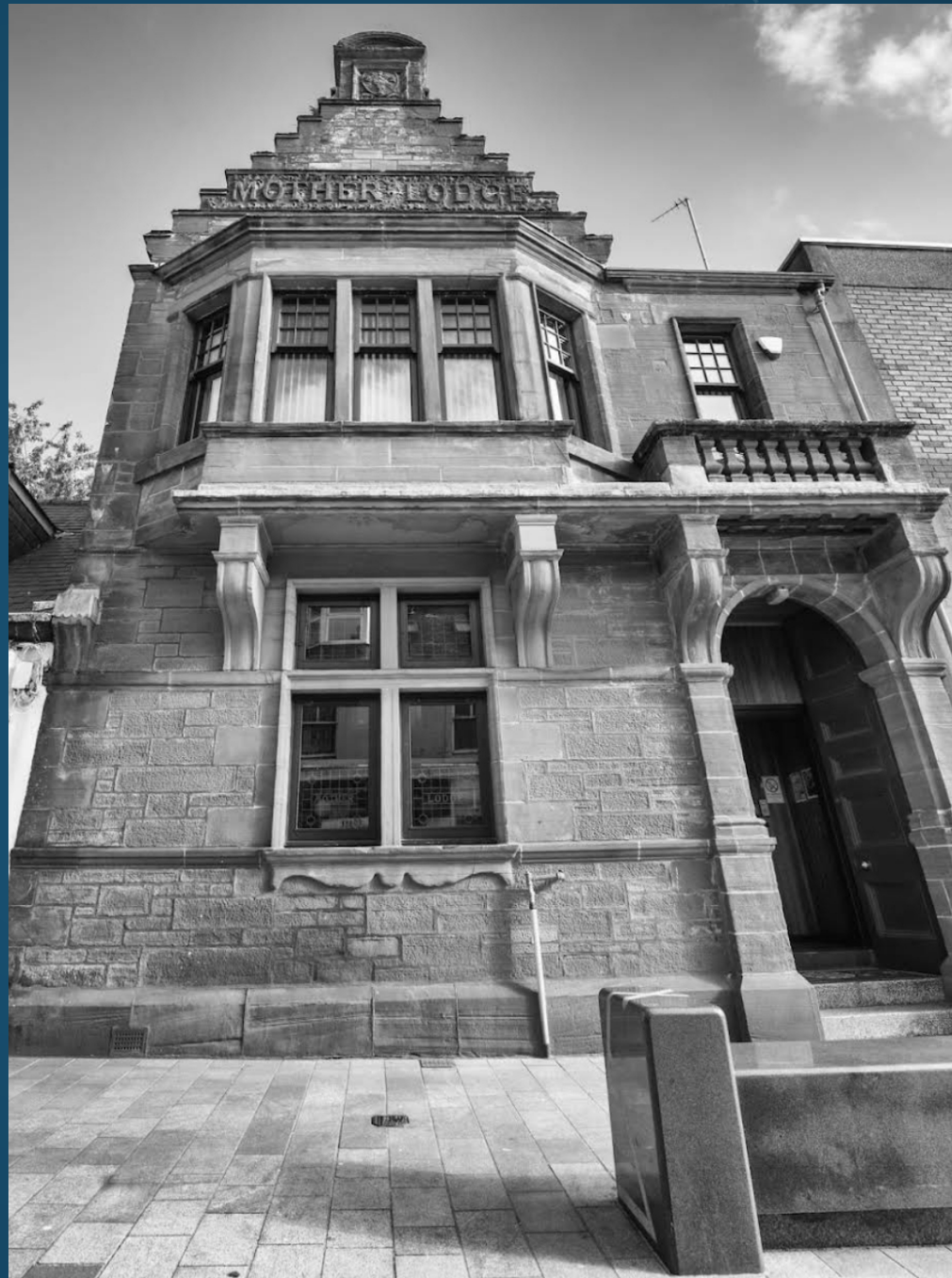
The Upholsters



\*Notice that every trade (except the painters) uses an apron

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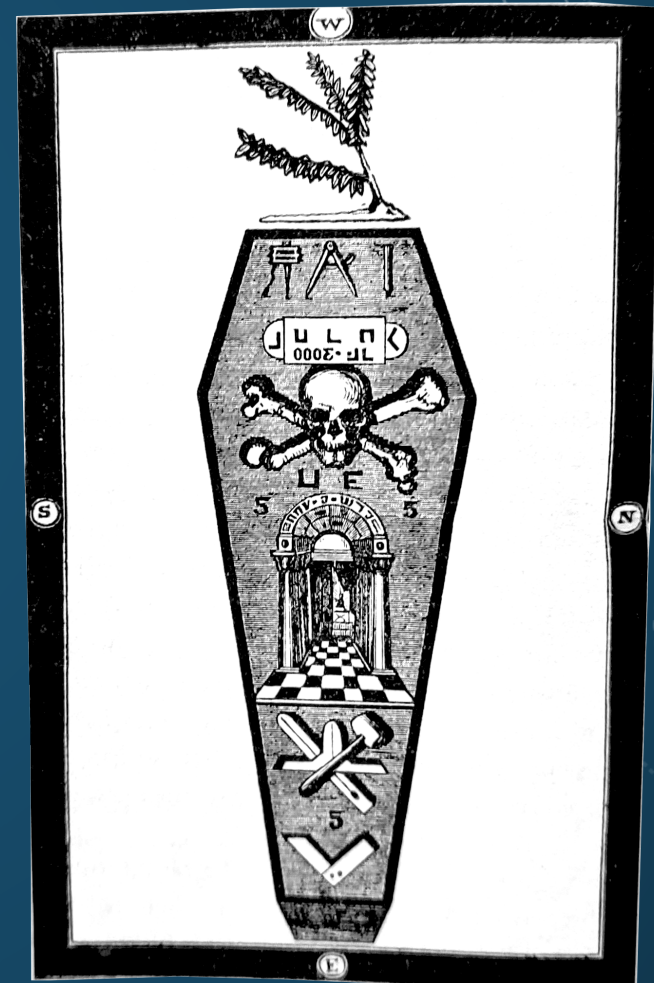
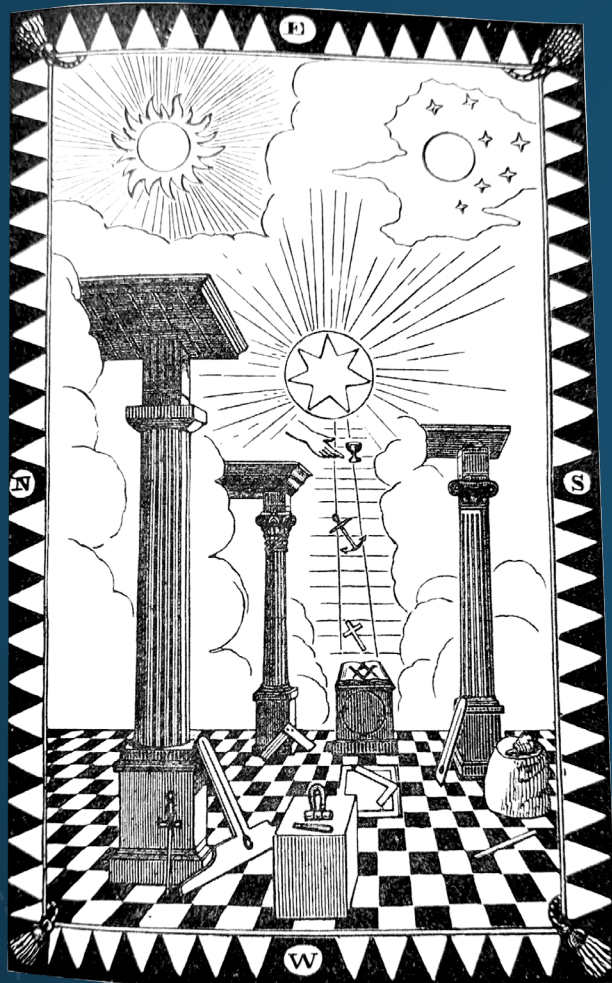
These lodges were not simple huts used to store tools, but large structures to hold groups of people. This lodge also has a pub on its first floor that was added during a remodel in 1966.

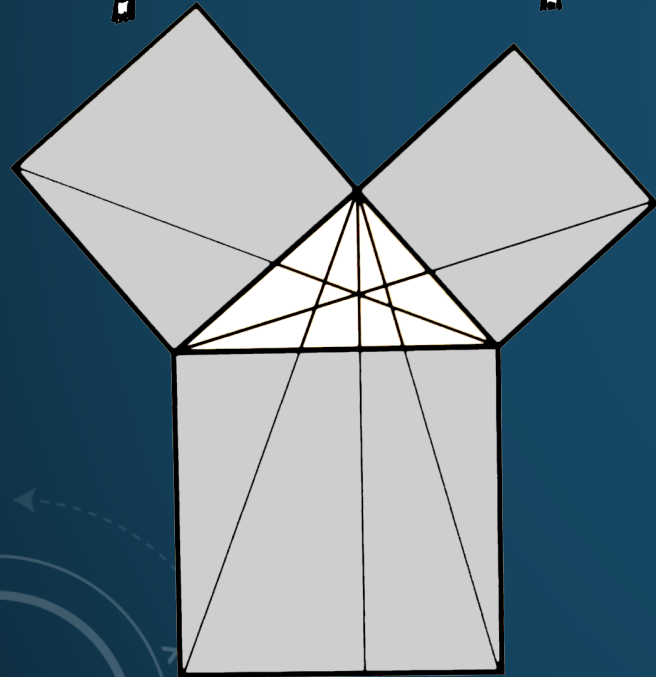


The 'Mother' Mason Lodge  
in Kilwinning, Scotland build 1109

# SYMBOLISM

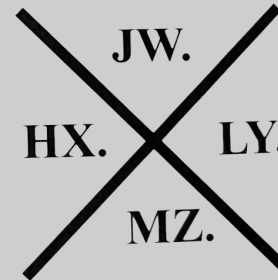
Teaching aids were needed in order to teach the new generations of masons who were illiterate. To do so large paintings on cloth were used to instruct new masons through symbolism and storytelling, these masonic artworks were later known as tracing boards



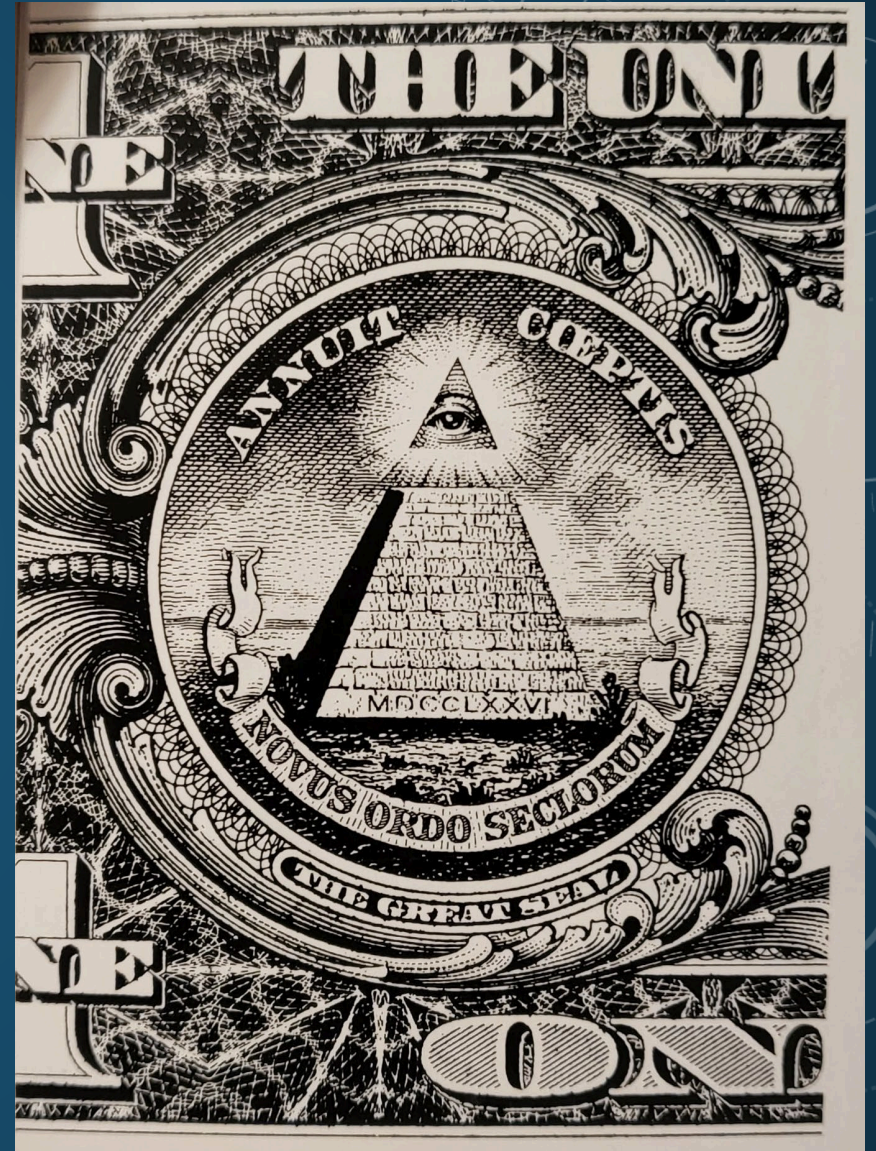


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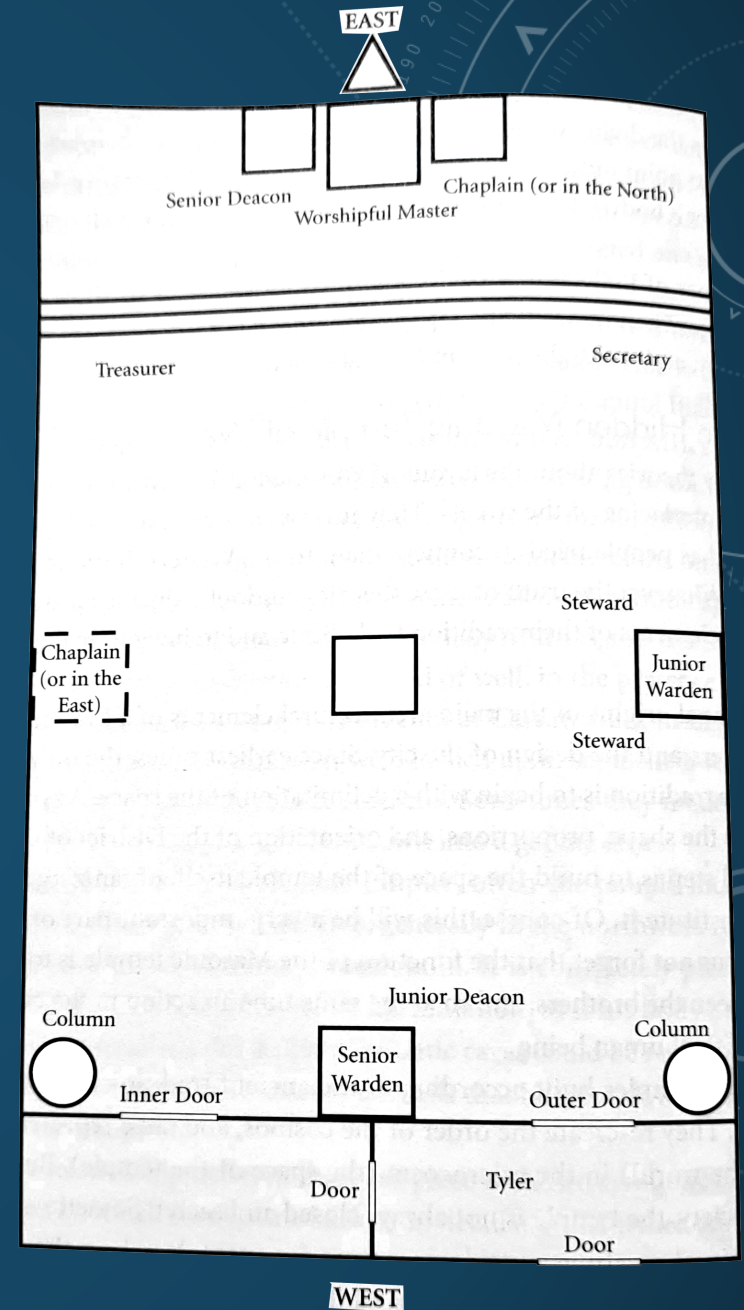
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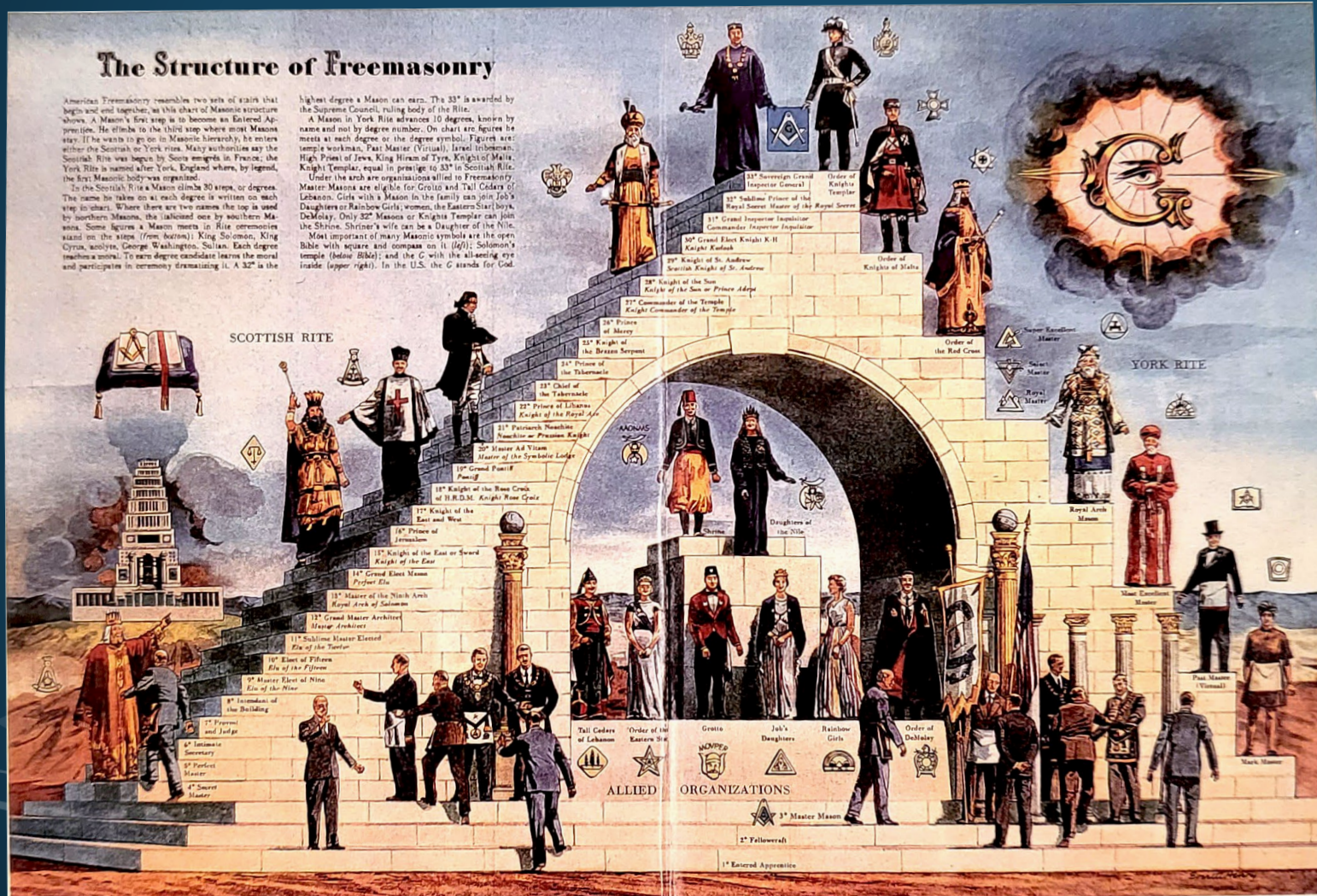
# THE MODERN TEMPLE



London Masonic Temple that dates to 1912



# OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



# MILITARY CONNECTION

*The statements made here are only speculative and have no basis of proof in history but rather are my personal observations*





## BONUS



*Does anyone know what buildings these  
Freemason cornerstones belong to?*

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NCSU Brooks Hall



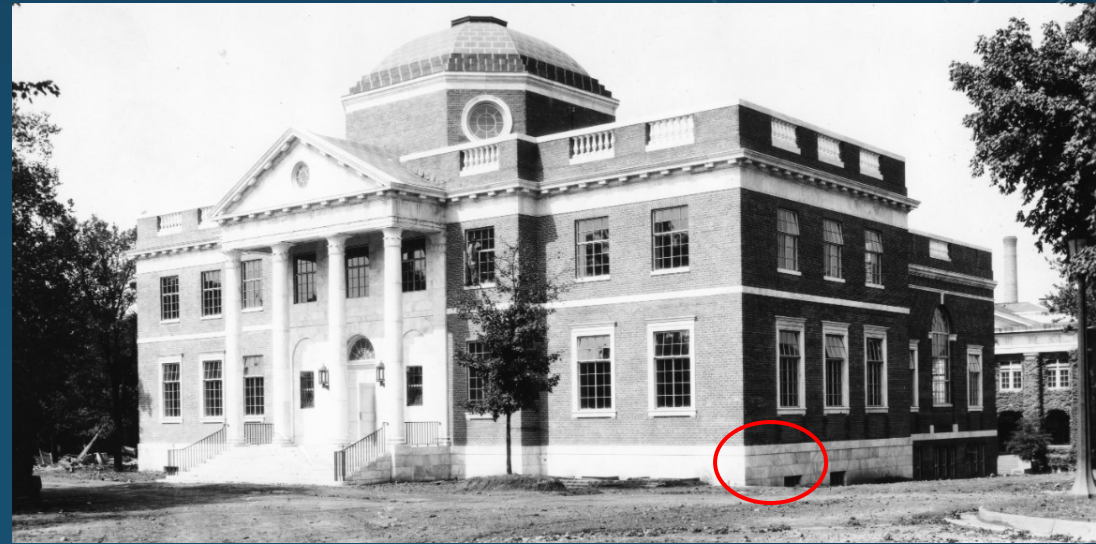
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שאלות פתוחות?



**THANK YOU**  
**QUESTIONS?**

