

Was C.T. Russell een vrijmetselaar of niet

Bron: <https://www.jehovahs-witness.com/topic/5360345955696640/ct-russell-freemason>

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Veel mensen ontkennen dat C.T. Russell [de eerste president van het Wachttorengenootschap] een vrijmetselaar was. Ik heb artikelen gelezen waarin sommigen geen bewijs hebben gevonden om te bewijzen dat hij op enig moment in zijn leven er een was.

Gezien alle maçonnieke symbolen in de vroege publicaties, waaronder het gebruik van de naam Jehovah (de naam die de vrijmetselaar gebruikt om God te identificeren), evenals de gebruikte uitdrukkingen zoals “nieuwe wereld, nieuwe orde” enz., roept dit echter zeker argwaan op.

Dan is er het artikel dat hij schreef in het herald magazine waarin hij schetste dat hij een vrijmetselaar was (zie de volgende video 40 seconden in).

Het zet je echt aan het denken!



Ook te zien op YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYkhfxBpROg&t=1s>

Zie ook de daaropvolgende video met Raymond Franz [afgetreden lid van het Besturend Lichaam van Jehovah's getuigen]:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWp5_NJotGM

International Bible Students Convention Report, 1913

Bron: <http://www.sixscreensofthewatchtower.com/2charlestazerussell.html>

Discourse by Pastor Russell. Subject: "THE TEMPLE OF GOD"

I am very glad to have this particular opportunity of saying a word about some of the things in which we agree with our Masonic friends, because we are speaking in a building dedicated to Masonry, and we also are Masons. I am a *Free* Mason. I am a free and accepted Mason, if I may carry the matter to its full length, because that is what our Masonic brethren like to tell us, that they are free and accepted Masons. That is their style of putting it. Now I am a free and accepted Mason. I trust we all are. But not just after the style of our Masonic brethren. We have no quarrel with them. I am not going to say a word against Free Masons. In fact, some of my very dear friends are Masons, and I can appreciate that there are certain very precious truths that are held in part by our Masonic friends. I have talked to them at times, and they have said, How do you know about all of these things? We thought nobody knew anything about these things except those who had access to our very highest logic.

We are going to discuss free and accepted Masonry – the Bible Masonry, my dear friends.

Russell pompously eluded to those within this "**divine masonry**" (including himself) as the only ones with spiritual insight, and that these things were intended only for them

"Blessed are your eyes, for they see". Not everybody has the hearing ear and the seeing eye. It is only those who have come into this divine masonry that have this spiritual insight, and this spiritual guidance, and may know the things that are freely given unto us. It is something that is freely given to one class, and not intended for anybody else.

Zie verder:

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