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The mysterious origins of Freemasonry are shrouded in myth and legend, with many attempts to establish a connection between the Knights Templar and the Freemasons. Despite numerous books and articles exploring Masonic lore and symbols over the last century, one area has remained largely unexplored: the impact of Islamic mysticism on Freemasonry's debt to Moorish tradition. Moorish Science is an obscure yet intriguing topic that sheds light on the connection between Freemasonry and the Moors of North Africa. The Kingdom of Morocco, under King Mohammed III, was the first country to recognize the United States as an independent nation in 1777, highlighting a significant relationship between America's Masonic leaders and the Moors. The Moorish people have a rich cultural heritage, with the term "Moor" becoming synonymous with "Muslim" in many contexts. The Supreme Wisdom of the Moors, influenced by ancient Egyptian knowledge, played a vital role in bridging ancient and modern civilization. Moorish culture not only dispelled ignorance in medieval Europe but also had a profound impact on European society. Historical accounts from Robert Briffault and Stanley Lane-Poole emphasize the significant influence of Moorish civilization on Europe. The cities of Baghdad, Cairo, Cordova, and Toledo were hubs of intellectual activity, attracting scholars from across Europe. Gerard Encausse's work highlights the transmission of ancient wisdom through Gnostic sects, Arabs, Alchemists, and Templars. Freemasonry's connection to Islamic mysticism is evident in its rituals and symbols, which reflect the "secret wisdom" of the Muslim East. Bernard H. Springett's words underscore the significance of Moorish culture on Western civilization, yet this aspect of Freemasonry history remains largely overlooked by Masonic students. The Western narrative has long overlooked the significant contributions of Moorish civilization in shaping European culture and helping to end medieval barbarism. This omission can be attributed to the pride and arrogance of Westerners, which may lead them to overlook their debt to Eastern wisdom. Freemasons and the Moorish legacy The founders of the American republic were aware of the importance of Moorish wisdom and culture in shaping Western civilization. Morocco's early recognition of the United States and the significance of the Moorish flag presented to George Washington may hold clues about this connection. The Seal of Sulayman and Masonic art The star or pentagram, known as the Seal of Sulayman, holds a special place in both Moors' and Freemasons' traditions. This symbol is often depicted on the American flag's seal, reflecting the shared heritage between these cultures. Freemasonry and Sufism Sir Richard Burton recognized Sufi-ism as the Eastern parent of Freemasonry, highlighting the spiritual connection between these ancient orders. John Porter Brown, an American diplomat in Turkey, also noted this similarity, while acknowledging the challenges faced by Freemasons in the region due to its perception as "atheism of the most condemnable character." Madame Blavatsky and her Sufi masters The occultist Madame Blavatsky traveled extensively, meeting with influential figures such as Jamal ad-Din al-Afghani, a renowned Sufi scholar. Her tales of "Masters" are believed to have been inspired by real individuals, including genuine occult adepts. Sufi tradition and the Khwajagan The Khwajagan teachers, who date back to the 10th century in Afghanistan's Hindu Kush region, share similarities with Sufi traditions. They are seen as corporeal and literal guides who intervene in human affairs, introducing ideas and techniques that align with the predestined course of history. A hidden legacy The intersection of Western and Eastern spirituality reveals a rich, complex heritage. The lives of notable Sufi masters often blur the lines between mysticism and reality, inviting us to explore this uncharted territory. The shrines of Sufi masters serve as centres for trance dancing, exorcism, and miraculous healings within Moorish Science. Sufi masters are also known for communicating with their followers through dreams, with tales of saints appearing in disciples' dreams to guide them on special missions. A few years after Madame Blavatsky founded the Theosophical Society in New York, Master Adept Jamal ad-Din al-Afghani appeared in America around 1882. Two African Americans who studied under al-Afghani were later reported to have been Noble Drew Ali's parents. Noble Drew Ali took a job as a merchant seaman and traveled to Egypt, where he allegedly studied with Moorish scholars and received a mandate from the king of Morocco. His association with Moroccan royalty is significant when recalling the historical relationship between Morocco and early America. Upon his return, Noble Drew Ali had a dream in which he was ordered to establish a movement "to uplift fallen humanity by returning nationality, divine creed, and culture to persons of Moorish descent in the Western Hemisphere." Noble Drew Ali founded the Moorish Science Temple along similar lines as Masonic lodges, with local branches and Adept Chambers. He organised a historic visit to Washington, D.C., where he reclaimed the Moorish flag and sought official recognition for his people's true faith, "Al Islam." The US president granted Noble Drew Ali authority to teach Moorish Science in America. Membership grew substantially by the end of the 1920s. Despite this growth, Noble Drew Ali faced FBI scrutiny and was detained by Chicago police. After release, he fell ill and died under mysterious circumstances. Many Moors believed his death was a result of a severe police beating. Following Noble Drew Ali's "death," the Moorish Science Temple continued to thrive and give rise to unique Islamic groups among African Americans. Much of Moorish Science's history in North America is complex and obscure, with some white American poets and jazz musicians coming into contact with the movement in the 1950s. The Moorish Orthodox Church of America was formed by white Americans who claimed ties with "Wandering Bishops" from the Old Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches. The writer encountered Moorish Science while researching time travel and quantum consciousness. In their book, they describe the Moorish Orthodox Church as a secretive and mysterious organisation that seeks to counterbalance orthodox Islam. Despite controversy surrounding the MOC, part of its tradition is to serve as a torchbearer for freedom against patriarchal power structures. This writer attended a lecture by a Moorish Sheik who claimed Freemasonry was built on twisted Moorish Science, using esoteric Islam's Supreme Wisdom as its secret power. The European colonisers allegedly usurped Moorish knowledge and created a system of control that blinds man to his true identity. ===== The Sheik reveals a deeper understanding of the world's institutions, particularly those that prevent knowledge of the True God. Moorish Science is presented as a counter to Freemasonry, promoting Truth, Love, Peace, Freedom, and Justice. The Sheik shares insights into sacred geography and numerology, including Afghanistan and Iraq's significance. A secret war between Anglo-American and Asiatic powers is also mentioned, hinting at a struggle between occult brotherhoods that shape human destiny. A mystic observation emphasizes the existence of a hidden history behind our "known" history, which is but a periphery of a deeper reality. The Sheik references various sources to support this idea, including Stanley Lane-Poole and Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. This concept challenges traditional views of history and encourages readers to consider alternative perspectives. The article also touches on the connection between Masonry and measurement devices, highlighting the use of symbols in surveying land, charting celestial events, and measuring the Nile River's annual flooding. The significance of Sirius, the brightest star, is discussed, as well as the alignment of Orion, Taurus, and Pleiades. Furthermore, the reader learns about the astronomical and geometrical aspects of Masonry. The book "Masonic Compass and Square" explores Masonry's proper perspective on measurement, timekeeping, and mind development. The Sheik aims to inspire Moors to reclaim their birthright and sovereign authority, freeing themselves from European Occiders' false history and law. The article concludes by introducing the reader to various titles and concepts within Moorish Science, including the Imperial Divan, Noble title, and Sovereign Grand Commander. =====From Bulls to Bullets: The Doctrine of Discovery's Global Legacy The doctrine of discovery has left an indelible mark on history, shaping the fate of continents and the lives of Indigenous peoples. This powerful short read traces the rise and impact of a legal fiction that fueled the dispossession, assimilation, and reclassification of Native populations across the globe.