

Dickshunary

Manifest Destiny: An editors right not to run a piece.

shareful (from Luke's Mom's English): having gregarious inclinations

witch's nipple: a unit of measurement equal to .04 microns.

Canadian: a person who vacations in Cuba.



Free and Accepted Masonometry

plapp: to deposit in resignation.

recepticon: a slutty Transformer.

Koyaanisqasti: pretentious art people trying to save the world. See also *Hopi Native Americans*

spackling: an artistic outlet for frustrated contractors.

Varadero Beach: popular hangout for Canadians.

fish heading for the piddle: To let the man getcha' (and do what he done...)

shit belong fire: pidgin for ashes.



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wham wham and zoo zoos: candy stolen from children
or University Presidents.

talk to the canoe driver: to chow box in Venice.

obstetric zomotherapy: using raw meat or meat juices
as an aide in childbirth.

fipolomist: one who wears funny shoes.

bemioskhishda: snowfall of this region as it pertains to
people of foreign regions.

Free and Accepted Masonometry: (also *Scotch Rite trian-
gle geometry*): using bricks and Macs to calculate pi.

puterfaction: 1. the process of putrefying. 2. *slang* The
rate of decay for computer equipment ("What's this
machine's 'puterfaction?")

olefactorigor: a bad-smelling ulceration of the nasal
membrane, not to be confused with Skeletor's henchman
of the same name.

Rambouillet: one of a breed developed by Meriano, yield-
ing meats and wool sutiable for Obstretic Zomotherapy.

Philately: [literal] - the love of untaxed goods.
[common usage] - stamp collecting.
[GDT] - a quiet, desperate cry for help.

Finna: to intend to ("I finna whoop your ass!")

Sweatpants: the hallmark of general despair and ulti-
mate apathy.

Caligulmaphism: a desire to be the head of the Empire of
Sex.

Castular Inspection: an official siege undertaken by the
Shire of New Amsterdamm upon a home in order to deter-
mine its worthiness for classification as a castle (see ISO-
0002 Fortifications Specs, keeping in mind that these
specs were drawn up during the Schism and may there-
fore conflict with other similarly-numbered ISOs).

Cult Corner

by Sean T. Hammond



Something's in the air. Could it be? Yes! It's a flying heretic. This week we look at Simon Magus (Simon the Magician). A contemporary of Jesus's disciples, Simon had it all: chosen by God, mass hypnotism, levitation, magic potions, *and* he hung out with whores. He also got some press in the *Acts of the Apostles*, *The Apocrypha*, and several other early Church writings. To top things off, he was regarded by the early Church Fathers as **the** first heretic and the Father of Heresies.

How cool is that?

According to early writers for the Church, Simon taught a form of Gnosticism in which the

True God's first emanation was Ennoia (Thought). From Her flowed the host of angels, which created the material universe and acted as a bridge between the material and spiritual worlds. But some of the angels, tempted by their own creation, lusted after Ennoia and rebelled against God. They captured Ennoia and forced her to incarnate as a woman. Once in the material realm, Ennoia kept reincarnating as women throughout the ages...one of which was Helen of Troy. The rebellious angels, exerting their power in the world, were also the God of the Old Testament.

Simon himself was an incarnation sent by the True God to find Ennoia. In time, the idea of Simon searching for Ennoia to lead her back to God was equated with the parable of the lost sheep mentioned in the *Gospel According to Matthew* (18:10-14). Apparently Simon found Ennoia, incarnated as a woman identified as Helen or Helena, working it in a brothel located in the Phoenician port city of Tyre.

By following Simon's teachings, his followers were promised that they would be able to escape from the material world upon their death and rejoin the True God.

Though the Christian writings are vague in their details, the Simonians are credited with engaging in sexual excesses...but who doesn't? Following the formula "all earth is earth, it matters little where one sows as long as one sows," the followers of Simon and Helen apparently used semen and menses as some form of sexual sacrament. Little else is known except that the Simonians practiced forms of magic, made potions (specifically love potions), and kept Paredri (familiar) and Oniropompi (dream-senders). In their homes, they had images of Simon and Helen depicted as Jupiter and Minerva, respectively.

When first mentioned in the *Acts of the Apostles* (8:9-24), Simon was in the town of Samaria, located in present-day northwest Jordan. There, he and his followers met Philip who was out spreading the Word of Jesus like the flu. The Simonians were so impressed with the miracles they saw that they all agreed to be baptized and become Christians, including Simon. After his conversion he began to follow Philip everywhere.

When the apostles John and Peter heard of Simon's conversion, they journeyed to

God by John Holt



Samaria. There, they began to lay hand on the newly converted people, healing them and giving them the Holy Spirit. Simon showed his true intentions when he approached the apostles and offered them money if they would teach him how to give the Spirit to people.

This didn't go over well with Peter who said, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God." Whether the boy was right or not, in the Middle Ages the buying and selling of church officials would be a heresy apply named "simony."



Poor Simon. Poor, poor Simon.

After Samaria, Peter and Simon parted ways, but legend says that Simon journeyed to Rome. Living there from 42 to 67 AD, Simon Magus won the favor of the Roman Emperor Nero. By 67 AD, Peter was in Rome, and started talking trash about Simon, calling him a sorcerer and charlatan. Simon and Peter were brought before Emperor Nero where Simon claimed to be sent by God, while Peter retorted with, "Nu-uh." Finally Simon decided to prove his divine nature by ascending to heaven.

As he began to rise into the sky, Peter began to pray. According to the legend, this caused the demons holding up Simon to let go. Upon smacking the pavement, Simon broke into four pieces, much to the dismay of Nero. Peter was imprisoned and later killed.

Scholars generally agree that Simon Magus, also known by the Latin name Simon Faustus (Simon the Fortunate) is the prototype for Faust. The earliest written source on Faust, the *Letter to Virdung*, has Faust identify himself as Faustus Iunior and Magus Secundus, implying Simon was Faustus Senior and Magus Primus.

