

“INITIATION” by Mary Poindexter McLaughlin

GRAND MASTER stands facing the audience, behind a large Bible on the floor. He is dressed in a flowing robe and wears a big, gold pendant necklace. INITIATE #1 enters, also wearing a robe.

GRAND MASTER

Welcome to the final test. Are you ready?

Initiate #1 nods.

GRAND MASTER (CONT'D)

Your task... is to spit upon the Bible in front of you, and then stand upon it.

INITIATE #1

(shocked)

I...I cannot! I'm sorry, but I will not do that, Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER

(smiles, offers his hand)

Congratulations, Brother. You have passed the test. You may join the others, but may never speak about what has transpired here. Next!

Relieved, Initiate #1 shakes his hand, and exits as INITIATE #2 enters, robed.

GRAND MASTER

Welcome to the final test. Are you ready?

Initiate #2 nods.

GRAND MASTER (CONT'D)

Your task... is to spit upon the Bible in front of you, and then stand upon it.

Initiate #2 does exactly that.

GRAND MASTER

Congratulations, Brother. You have passed the test.

(Smiles, places a gold necklace around his neck)

And you have been tapped for leadership. You may join the others, but may never speak about what has transpired here.

They shake hands.

GRAND MASTER

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