

The Alchemical Keys to Masonic Ritual by Timothy Hogan

This is the first book which establishes a direct link between the rituals of Freemasonry and the practice of both chemical and spiritual alchemy.

Albert Pike understood that the symbolic degrees of Freemasonry contained alchemical secrets, but he never put the whole pattern together nor showed how. This book shows these connections for the first time. This book is a must for any Freemason who wants to understand the secret meanings behind Symbolic Craft Lodge ritual.

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Alchemy is or was a science that took a substance of lesser value and, by a physical process, transmuted it into something of a greater value.

Timothy Hogan describes the basic processes in alchemy and provides its terminology. Many of these terms are reflected in the symbols of Masonic ritual, to a surprisingly large degree and, even more so in Scottish rite Masonry,

He states that freemasonry incorporates symbolism from sacred Geometry and ancient teachings, such as

the Kaballah. Alchemy drew on this same symbolism.

I was sceptical before reading this book, but the number of connections was enough to make me give this book a lot more attention.

While this is a very short book, at fifty pages, it will prove very interesting to all Masons.

