

[Book Review by Neil Morse, November 2006]

**99° OF FREEMASONRY: TURNING THE SOLOMON KEY**

self-published by the author, Henning Klovekorn, and available through [klovekorn.com](http://klovekorn.com)  
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This is not a book for the neophyte. It assumes a depth of knowledge uncommon amongst many masons.

The author has written:

“The body of Freemasons consists of a range of mystical schools of enlightenment and orders of knighthood, of which three major ‘rites’, the York Rite, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis and Misraim make up the organisation today.”<sup>1</sup>

I have a problem with that statement in that the Craft is usually considered to be the ‘bone and marrow’ of Freemasonry, and the ‘rites’ are not part of ‘pure and ancient freemasonry’.

Later the author wrote:

“Henning Klovekorn was inspired to write a book on Freemasonry which differed to [*sic*] existing publications. The *99 degrees of Freemasonry* provides a studiously researched analysis of the ancient fraternity, providing new insights into the origin of the Craft and the progressive Masonic movements of the world.”<sup>2</sup>

I feel that the research for this book is neither adequate nor studious.

Several Masonic writers have commented upon writings by other masons.

John Hamill<sup>3</sup> wrote:

“Freemasonry has suffered from a small number of its own members who have published their own decidedly odd interpretations of the nature of Freemasonry”.

Gould writes of ‘writers with whom enthusiasm has supplied the place of learning, and whose sole qualification for their task has been membership of the fraternity.’<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.klovekorn.com/about.html> accessed 20.11.06.

<sup>2</sup> *ibid*

<sup>3</sup> Hamill, J *The History of English Freemasonry*. Lewis Masonic, Alderstone. 1994. Page 11. ISBN 085318 205 1

<sup>4</sup> Gould, R F. *The History of Freemasonry, Its Antiquities, [etc]*. Jack, London. 1887. Vol I, page 1.