

Sir Barrie Schwartz – Official Photographer 1978 Shroud of Turin Research Project

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RE: Seek your comment – Most significant aspect of the Shroud

Dear John,

Thank you for your patience. The new update went online this morning and I am now trying to catch up on everything I neglected while I was working on it. That brings me to the brief statement you asked me for. So here it is.

“Considering my background and my history with the Shroud, the obvious answer, at least in my eyes, is the image. It was the unique properties of the image that caused me to join the STURP team when I was first asked in 1976. Initially, I said no, but the image properties got my attention and I ultimately joined. I understood from the beginning that one could not produce an image with those specific properties using art or photography, so my scientific curiosity got the best of me. Remember too, I am Jewish, so I had no particular emotional attachment to the subject matter. In fact, it was my reluctance to participate in a “religious” project that first prompted my negative reply, but I quickly found the STURP team members to be serious scientists who were truly empirical and not driven by any agenda. In the end, we have to face the fact that no one would have *any* interest at all in the Shroud of Turin if it DIDN’T bear that image. Otherwise, we wouldn’t be having this conversation. Final answer: the image!”

I hope this is what you were looking for. Feel free to edit it if necessary.

Warmest regards,

Barrie

Deacon Pete Shumacher, VP-8 Image Engineer – 1st to apply the VP-8 to a Shroud Photograph

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RE: Seek your comment – Most significant aspect of the Shroud

Hi, John:

One thought about a quotation: "The Shroud is not simply an image. It is anatomically, physically, metabolically, chemically, in every possible aspect, a one-hundred percent accurate image and evidence of a person treated exactly as Jesus was treated, in full correlation with every account of the bible. It has been exhaustively studied as evidence discovered at a crime scene. At least we should agree that the Shroud is not a *'potato chip'* and that the person who was in the Shroud is not *'Elvis'*. On that agreement we can move forward together knowing that Jesus was the only one recorded in history to have been beaten, scourged, crowned with thorns, pierced with a lance, who fell to the ground, was nailed to a cross, died and was buried without broken bones, and has left us the first *'selfie'* with a unique complete three-dimensional body of evidence that is undeniable and cannot be duplicated."

My prayers for a successful presentation go with you.

Blessings,
Deacon Pete