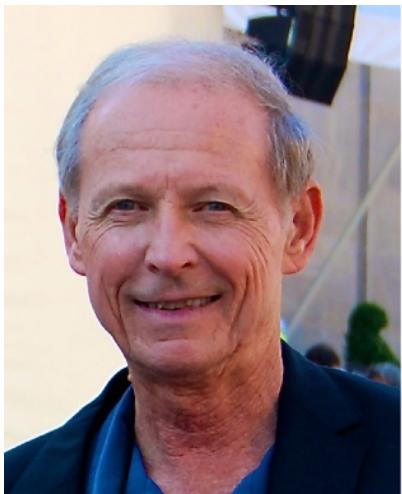


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I am a semiretired American physician Internist/Allergist. My ministry is promoting public awareness of the "Science of the Shroud of Turin". Please read my story and consider joining me.

After 12 years of Catholic education through primary and secondary school I set off to college with my faith secure. However within a few months I was confronted by some faith challenges. The successful "know it all" Jesuit student began to encounter substantive intellectual competition. Doubts set in about my supposed academic abilities, faith and religion. Those late night dorm "let it all hang out" sessions were just one more taste of adversity. Of all places, was the University of Notre Dame where one would expect

faith to crumble? It did. That secure faith turned to agnosticism. But after two years of attack at Notre Dame, by what had to be providential intercession, I met an amazing young lady, Bridget. Through no effort of my own I was saved.

She was my future wife, a strong and unwavering Catholic. We married, and out of love for her, I began going through the motions of church attendance. True faith was still missing. I could not reconcile my doubts. I had become the quintessential "Doubting Thomas". Science and intellectual conceits were in the way. Trained as an "evidence based physician", double blind medical studies and reproducible science were my stock and trade. I yearned to be able to apply that trade to faith and fully participate with my wife.

I began to read volumes on the science of Christian apologetics. Yes, the universe was impressive, unfathomable, and seemingly endless. That "big bang theory" fit so snugly with Genesis. How could it all be an accident? The complexity of DNA, so overwhelming, surely had to have help creating its evolutionary path? This was all well and good but my limited mind really couldn't grasp these complicated truths. I couldn't relate to them. I couldn't touch them. They were not clear understandable facts of science. So esoteric. So subtle. So (ahem) ethereal.



It was in the early 1970's when one fine Saturday morning a "simple" cloth appeared in my life. I was watching a TV special on the Shroud of Turin. My first reaction was anger, the second was skepticism. Through all my years of Catholic grammar school, Jesuit High School theology, and University of Notre Dame philosophy I had never been exposed to the existence of this cloth. It had to be a fake, one of many church relics that offered no scientific pathway to authenticity. But this cloth was unique. It was more than just a piece of the cross. It was a complicated physical object

containing an image and blood stains. Obviously, it had a much better potential for scientific study than all other relics. Apparently, even a “Doubting Thomas” could actually see it with his own eyes. Simply said, its physical potential for study fit perfectly with my limited chemistry, physics, and medicine mind.

I decided that since the church revered the Shroud as a major relic, though not an article of faith, and my wife was committed to the church, I had to try to reconcile this cloth with the church, my wife’s beliefs, and my trade. With an open mind I began to study Shroud science. “Doubting Thomas” had to prove it one way or the other. Thus began a 39 year journey to understand the science of the Shroud. Little did I know that a 2 month personal research project would turn into a lifetime of study and a ministry.

The first hurdle was the mountain of scientific data available. Where should I begin? I decided to begin where my highest level of scientific expertise existed? As a physician and allergist/immunologist I could easily recognize all trickery in that limited area. So with a skeptical but open mind I studied that specific data —the pollen and the blood.

As I studied, I physically experienced chills. I gradually realized the data was accurate and could not be faked. I knew specific pollen found only in Jerusalem could not be placed on a medieval cloth made in France 400 years before the invention of the microscope. I knew that a medieval artist could not paint undisturbed blood clots and shape them compatible with the laws of blood flow, clot contraction and physics. Certainly, that same artist could not paint invisible serum stains without a functioning medieval florescent light. All this detail, could not have been faked 700 years ago. I began to understand the implications.

I then read Pierre Barbet’s book, “A Doctor at Calvary” and joined a long list of physicians fascinated by the science of the Shroud since 1898. Doctors inherently seem to realize that the image is medically accurate. It was the beginning of my lifelong insatiable study of Shroud science.

In 2010, my wife and I attended the Shroud Exposition in Turin, Italy and were overcome with emotion. This visit inspired me to design a power point style presentation on the Shroud of Turin. With my medical and allergy training, public speaking experience, and 38 years of teaching medical science to patients, I decided to begin a ministry presenting a clear and constantly updated scientific presentation to the public. My message is that through Shroud science we have physical proof that science and faith do not need to be in conflict. I believe that in the 21st century, through the Shroud, science has finally caught up with faith.

I make these presentations emphasizing: the natural light details of the Shroud, photo-negativity details, 3D encoding, circumstantial and documented history, results of the 1978 STuRP investigation, the medical forensics of the crucifixion, details of the flawed carbon dating process of 1988, theories that refute the carbon dating error, updated consensus on image formation, and corroboration with the Sudarium of Oviedo.

My presentations systematically provide as much scientific proof as possible that the Shroud is authentic. I conclude my talks using a legal definition that is used for criminal convictions- “preponderance of the evidence”. Since a DNA match of shroud blood must be made with a fresh sample, 100% scientific proof of authenticity will never be reached. Therefore faith will always be needed to reach that 100%.



I am a nationally certified speaker. In 7 years I have made over 167 presentations. I have completed ten 30 minute presentations on TV (EWTN-2011 & 2015), and many on national and local radio. My talks also have included parishes, college & university groups, conferences, retreats, fund raisers, jails, youth groups, secular groups, high schools, and personal home gatherings. Google "shroud-phillips" or youtube to find many of my talks & interviews. I was

featured in the US Catholic monthly periodical, and on the front page of the Tampa Tribune newspaper on Easter Sunday 2014.

In 2011 my ministry was enhanced when I was asked to join the International Shroud Science Group. It is a crossdisciplinary group of scientists, historians, and physicians involved in the present research of the Shroud. My talks are constantly updated since I am included in their daily emails, and discussions.

In 2012 I earned a degree in Shroud Science from the Vatican Apostolorum College after a 1 year internet course.

In October 2017 I was one of 24 inductees into the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud in Colorado Springs. We were trained under the guidance of physics professor Prof John Jackson, PhD of the USAF Academy and leader of the 1978 STuRP team. The ACHS is under the auspices of the Turin Arch-Confraternity established in 1539.

My goal is to reach as many people as possible with the good news that the Shroud is back from C14 obscurity. As it did for me, I believe that the science of the Shroud can bring back those lapsed believers, the "Doubting Thomases", the "prove it to me" people.

I especially try to reach our youth, hoping to give them a solid foundation in the science of the Shroud to prepare them to defend their faith against the onslaught of the secular world.

I am available for free power point talks anytime, anywhere, including Q&A on the "Science of the Shroud of Turin. I do these in person or through the internet. I use WebEx for most long distance presentations.

I invite you to join me in my ministry as a presenter and help spread the message of the Shroud. Please let me help you set up your new ministry (slides provided). Alternatively, please request an in person or internet presentation.

The world needs the shroud.

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