

TURIN SHROUD CLOTH, IS THERE TEXT ON IT?

The Turin Shroud is the most famous relic in the world. Millions believe that it is the burial cloth of Jesus Christ bearing his crucified and bloodied image. The cloth is kept at Turin in Italy.

A lot of people are obsessed with trying to prove the cloth real. Not surprisingly, believers rant and rave about seeing text on the cloth. Despite the fact that we all know that if we look at mess we can imagine we see patterns and perhaps even letters in it, the believers like Dr Frale imagine they can read the death certificate of Jesus on the cloth. They see images of crucifixion tools and Palestinian plants and flowers and coins over the eyes. Such activity by believers casts suspicion on their scholarship.

Dr Barbara Frale, Vatican Researcher alleges that she can make out that the death cert says that Jesus was Jesus the Nazarene and was crucified in the year sixteen of Tiberias and was taken down off the cross in early evening and is sent for burial with the obligation that he be buried with his family after a year. Hilarious. Such fantasy shows the delusional power of religion. Many professionals who are religious are happy to become nutcases for doing so will earn them the respect of their co-religionists. Their nonsense shows that they are convinced deep down that the unbelievers are right to scorn the authenticity of the shroud. They don't want to admit that the scorn is justified so they make fools of themselves in their attempts to reinforce their own delusion and to inflict it on others.

BOOKS CONSULTED

- Ante-Nicene Christian Library, Roberts and Donaldson, T&T Clark, Edinburgh, 1870
- Biblical Exegesis and Church Doctrine, Raymond E Brown, Paulist Press, New York, 1985
- Free Inquiry, Spring 1998, Vol 18, No 2, Article by Joe Nickell, Council for Secular Humanism, Amherst New York
- From Fasting Saints to Anorexic Girls, Walter Vandereycken and Ron van Deth, Athlone Press, London, 1996
- Holy Faces, Secret Places, Ian Wilson, Corgi, London, 1992
- Inquest on the Shroud of Turin, Joe Nickell, Prometheus Books, Buffalo, NY, 1987
- Jesus Lived in India, Holger Kersten, Element, Dorset, 1994
- Looking for a Miracle, Joe Nickell, Prometheus Books, New York, 1993
- Miracles, Ronald A Knox, Catholic Truth Society, London, 1937
- Sceptical Inquirer 9/10 2001 Vol 25, No 5, Article by Joe Nickell, CSIOCP, Amherst New York
- Relics, The Society for Irish Church Missions, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin
- The Blood and The Shroud, Ian Wilson, Orion, London, 1999
- The Book of Miracles, Stuart Gordon, Headline, London, 1996
- The Divine Deception, Keith Laidler, Headline, London, 2000
- The DNA of God?, Leoncio A Garza-Valdes, Doubleday, 1999
- The Holy Shroud and Four Visions, Rev Patrick O Connell and Rev Charles Carty, TAN, Illinois, 1974
- The Holy Shroud and the Visions of Maria Valtorta, Msgr Vincenzo Celli, Kolbe Publications Inc., Sheerbrooke, California, 1994
- The Image on the Shroud, Nello Ballosino, St Paul's, London, 1998
- The Jesus Conspiracy, Holger Kersten and Elmar R Gruber, Element, Dorset, 1995
- The Jesus Relics, From the Holy Grail to the Turin Shroud, Joe Nickell, The History Press, Gloucestershire, 2008
- The Pagan Christ, Tom Harpur, Thomas Allen Publishers, Toronto, 2004
- The Second Messiah, Christopher Knight and Robert Lomas, Arrow, London, 1998
- The Skeptic's Guide to the Paranormal, Lynne Kelly, Allen & Unwin, Australia, 2004
- The Shroud, The 2000 Year Old Mystery Solved, Ian Wilson, Bantam Press, London, 2010
- The Turin Shroud is Genuine, Rodney Hoare, Souvenir Press, London, 1998
- The Turin Shroud, Ian Wilson, Penguin Books, Middlesex, 1979
- The Unauthorized Version, Robin Lane Fox, Penguin, Middlesex, 1992
- Turin Shroud, Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince, BCA, London, 1994
- Verdict on the Shroud, Kenneth E Stevenson and Gary R Habermas, Servant Publications, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1981



