

Nazah: The Unveiling Of A Hidden Purpose For The Shroud

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Rev. Stevenson was unable to attend so the paper was not presented at the conference.

Abstract:

From the time that I had the awesome privilege to edit the Proceedings of the 1977 U.S. Conference of Research on the Shroud of Turin, I have argued as often as I can for the inclusion of fields of research other than hard core sciences alone. Since the Shroud does not exist in a technical "vacuum" so to speak, it is my contention that history, art, Jewish tradition and customs and most importantly the Scriptures have a vital role to play in arriving at the "whole truth" about this most enigmatic relic.

At the 1991, St Louis Symposium, in a paper entitled, "The Oppositions of Science", I argued that more research was needed in several specific areas such as the identification and origin of pollen and mites along with cloth weave comparison and analysis to name only two. Today the work of Avinoam Danin has not only confirmed the work of the late Dr. Max Frei, but placed the Shroud in Jerusalem in the month of Nissan purely by his identification of plant imprints. While some might question the very possibility of such imprints are they qualified in the field of botany? If Danin is correct that identification becomes a huge step forward in the case for authenticity. Even more significant was the work carried out by Joseph Marino and the late M. Sue Benford. First presented at Orvieto, their awesome research into the reweaving process that was used on the Shroud is perhaps one of the most important discoveries of recent note.

Furthermore their peer reviewed article in Chemistry Today, "Discrepancies In the radiocarbon dating area of the Turin Shroud", July 2008 ultimately led to the late Dr Ray Rogers and one of his colleagues going on to prove that the C-14 date was invalid due to the fact that the sample used was cotton.

The most significant area that remains untapped is the Scriptures themselves. At the Ohio Conference, where I presented, "White Linen White Paper" I continued to stress the need to expand research into these important areas. Since that time, I have been using Biblical Hermeneutics to study any and all references that have a connection with the Shroud. Taken in conjunction with Jewish customs and traditions a hidden purpose for the Shroud clearly emerges which could give the Shroud a proper place not only in terms of Christianity, but also in terms of Judaism: specifically the fulfillment of Messianic prophecy. Finally a pattern emerges in the New Testament which points strongly to a firsthand knowledge of the Shroud and some of its characteristics that correlates to these same Biblical passages.