

THE ATLANTA CENTER - IMPRESSIONS FROM A VISIT BY IAN WILSON

On a recent visit to the States Ian Wilson called on the Atlanta Center for the Continuing Study of the Shroud of Turin, which has a permanent Shroud-exhibition within an impressive complex known as Omni International in Atlanta. He writes:

"For anyone visiting the south eastern part of the States, a trip to the Shroud exhibit at Atlanta is a "must". Here Fr. Kim Dreisbach is rapidly developing what can only be described as the focal point for Shroud studies outside Turin itself. A visit to the Center begins with an introductory video, then an automated audio system guides the visitor through some 200 displays, including summaries of the Shroud's history and the most recent scientific work. A museum as well as an exhibition, one display area features the testing frame on which the STURP team conducted most of their scientific investigation in 1978.

The exhibition inevitably includes life-size prints of the Enrie positive and negative photographs, but by far the most impressive feature is a full-size backlit transparency of the Shroud the world's first - shown in an identical manner to the way the Shroud itself was displayed in 1978. The detail of this is so sharp that it is almost as good as having the Shroud itself on display. In some respects it is even better, because here one can walk up close to the transparency and study every feature in fine detail.

Anyone with Shroud archive material is strongly recommended to bequeath or donate it to the Atlanta Center.

The address of the Atlanta Center is 323 Omni International, North Tower, Atlanta, Georgia GA 30335, tel. (404) 577-5590. The opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday 11 am. to 6 pm., Sundays 2 pm. to 6 pm, but Fr. Kim Dreisbach offers a warm welcome at any time to British visitors!