

## THOUGHTS FROM B.S.T.S. MEMBER DAVID VAUGHAN HOULDING

David Vaughan Houlding, formerly a college lecturer in Religious and Social Studies, has a special interest in some spiritualist phenomena, although he avoids and wisely mistrusts mediumistic "seances". The following is an extract from his article "The Turin Shroud and the Resurrection" published in the C.F.P.S. journal *The Christian Parapsychologist* in June 1979:

For the crucial moments of the Resurrection, I conjecture, Jesus aligned his spiritual body - either flush with, or standing tangentially- at the head of his corpse - in order to draw the molecules of the latter into the former by mysteriously raising the "frequency" of the substance of the physical body up to that of the spiritual. In this process - strictly one of trans-materialization rather than of dematerialization - the body would have passed through the Shroud, imparting what Mr. Ashe [Geoffrey Ashe "What Sort of Picture?" *Sindon*, 1966] calls "a kind of radiance or 'incandescence' partially analogous to heat." The Shroud itself would have been left empty (except for spices) and virtually undisturbed. This last factor, many Christians deduce, is what made the beloved disciple "see and believe" (John 20.8). One wonders also if he and Peter actually gazed in awe upon the Shroud image within the otherwise empty tomb.

Subsequently Jesus would have been able mentally to lower the frequency of his dual "resurrection body" in order to appear, speak, eat and even be handled in the presence of his disciples, or to raise it in order to vanish, as at the inn at Emmaus or at the moment of Ascension.

David Vaughan Houlding acknowledges that this is speculation, but what do other members think of his ideas? More short member contributions are always welcome.

## FORTHCOMING TALKS ON THE SHROUD

March 13, 1986, Father Martin Haigh, "The Turin Shroud", lecture to the Hull Circle of the Catenian Association, the Marist College, Hull. Father Haigh has a particularly vivid way of presenting the Shroud as a subject, and members within reach of Hull are warmly recommended to attend. Further details from Father Haigh, St. Austin's, 561 Aigburth Road, Grassendale, Liverpool L19 0NU.

March 28, 1986, Ian Wilson, "The Turin Shroud - Some Thoughts for Good Friday" Holy Family Church Hall, Southsea Road, Patchway. Bristol, 7.30 pm. Further details/confirmation of time from Father Gerard Rodgers, Holy Family Presbytery, Patchway, Bristol, tel. (0272) 692811.