

The Energy Signature of the Shroud of Turin by Philippa Foster

The Turin Shroud is more than just a Holy Relic which bears witness to a period in History; it is a teaching tool, left behind by Jesus Christ to enhance humanity's understanding of the boundaries between Matter & Energy and Life & Death. Jesus was foremost a Teacher and Healer and I think it is within these two contexts that the Shroud can be best understood. Jesus the 'Teacher' was able to leave an object that could be studied by successive generations of holy men, scientists & pilgrims and continue to yield information, no matter how advanced mankind's scientific understanding became. For every answer comes a new question, leading ever onward. And equally, Jesus the 'Healer' left an object which would capture the essence of the Resurrection process and so freeze-frame the moment that physical matter became pure energy. That is the flash of Light which transferred the image onto the Shroud and which had previously been alluded to during the Transfiguration of Jesus (Luke ch.9 v.29), when "... his face changed and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning". This would also tie-in well with Dr John Jackson's 'Collapse Theory', where it is proposed that the Shroud collapsed through the space occupied by Jesus' body at the moment of Resurrection. The Large Hadron Collider's search for the 'God Particle' or Higgs Boson is, in very basic terms, the search for understanding how elementary particles gain mass. With the Shroud we have a 2000 year old photograph of that process in reverse.

It is my belief that the energy stored in the matter which comprised Jesus' human body, was released in a 'controlled' manner, to create a document of that process. I use the word 'controlled' advisedly, because I believe that is what set Jesus apart from mortal men. He was uniquely in control of that image making process, even though the forensic evidence left by the bodily fluids on the Shroud and Sudarium point to his physical body being dead at this point. However, we should not be surprised by this, because when you look at his core teachings during his life, they were all leading up to this conclusion. As a Healer, he was effectively reversing the effects of disease on his patients' physical bodies, and when he raised people from the dead he was alluding to a more permanent aspect which survived the physical demise of the body and which could return to reanimate that body. He even deliberately delayed the raising for Lazarus from death, to presumably make the point that he really was dead and not just comatose (John ch.11 v.1-44). He also foretold his own death and that he would rise again, which indeed it appears he did. But I don't believe the purpose of the Resurrection was to prove that he was better than us, (although clearly he was), but to give comfort to people that life and death are not as separate as is generally believed. His teachings sit at the threshold between life and death, to show an unbroken continuity of existence, therefore the promise of eternal life can become a plausible concept, when viewed in those terms.

So what scientific techniques exist to 'shed light' on this Resurrection and Energy Emitting process?

For that, it is helpful to look to the Healing sciences. The life-force or 'vital force', also

referred to as Prana or Ch'i, has been recorded by Kirlian Photography and Coronal Discharge Photography and is utilised in many forms of 'Energy Healing' including Acupuncture and Radionics. It continues to be studied by pioneering scientists in many countries and is currently known as The Human Energy Field, Biofield or Bioplasma. The Human Energy Field has been shown to increase in intensity during the act of 'Healing', and may be the origin of the Light 'Halos' around Holy Figures in biblical depictions. It is facilitated by more than just the body's metabolism emitting heat, or the nerve impulses of the central nervous system, or the waste products of symbiotic organisms living on or in the body. It is more akin to the electromagnetic field of our planet because it inter-penetrates the body but also extends outwards far beyond it, and can act upon and react to objects at a distance; however, it most closely resembles a form of light emanation with measurable wave forms and frequencies which have correlations within the colour spectrum. Energy Healing techniques seek to rebalance and restore healthy flow to this energy, and hence bring equilibrium back to the body. But integral to these techniques is the understanding that they work holistically not just on the body and mind, but also the soul. This is the crucial link in understanding the enigma of the Shroud.

The difference between Jesus' Healing, and modern Healing techniques, is that he could manipulate the energy underlying physical matter, whereas modern Healers can only seek to rebalance this Bio-energy flow.

Understanding this subtle energy has many applications and implications for our future as a species. Perhaps Jesus left the Shroud to humanity so we could grasp these concepts at a time when the world was in crisis and we needed to evolve to the next level of understanding in order to solve the problems facing our species. Subtle energies reveal the inter-connectedness of all living systems and point to further connections into realms we have yet to understand. By pursuing this field of Bioplasma research alongside the studies of the Shroud's authenticity, we could learn a great deal from the energy process that it depicts. Ultimately, the Shroud is like a letter sent to us from the past, and although we can learn a lot from studying the cloth, the blood, pollens and historical references, they are only the paper, ink and postmark of its journey. We need also to read the contents of that letter, i.e. the image itself, or we miss the point of its existence.

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