RECENT PUBLICATIONS

It has become increasingly easy to publish a book these days, but the collection that follows - all published since the last Newsletter - shows that is no more easy to write one, at least a worthwhile one, than it ever was. One or two seem to me of interest, but in general the fiction is unoriginal and badly written. Why do putative authors feel the need to write in the present tense? Although it lends a kind of spurious immediacy to a tale, it removes any sense of authority or consideration; I wish they wouldn’t. The non-fiction, with one notable exception, is either a simple unquestioning resume of well-known evidence, or a flight of fancy based upon it. The reason I bring these books to your attention, however, is as ever to demonstrate that popular interest in the Shroud, at many levels, is alive and well, and the sindonology is not just an exclusive pursuit confined to a few academics in ivory towers. We need never feel that our own interest is unduly esoteric, or, in conversation, that “you’ve probably never heard of the Shroud of Turin.” The ‘blurbs’ are heavily edited from those on Amazon.co.uk

FICTION

The Clone of Jesus of Nazareth: Diana’s Baby
Mike Boryla, Self-Published, Amazon Kindle

The story of a quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles forced to hide from the Antichrist - a clone from the DNA on the Shroud -after an apocalyptic World War III.

The Shroud of Edessa: The Secret of Mary Magdalene
Antonio Sebastian, Self-Published, Amazon Kindle

Book 2 of The Nazarene Chronicles. A year after her husband’s death, Mary Magdalene returns to a Jerusalem on the verge of a rebellion. In her husband’s tomb she finds a mystery that she cannot destroy.
The Shroud of Turin: Caleb’s Womb
Alfred J.V. Hurston, Self-Published, Amazon Kindle

As the South of 1929 rages with racism and lynchings, a half-black teenager tries to protect his family’s land from a murderous colonel Klansman, with no idea that his best friend, the colonel’s son, is his half-brother.

The First Gospel
Darryl Nyznyk, Cross Dove Publishing

Edessa, 943 AD: Prepared to raze the city, the Byzantine commander offers to spare it if the Muslim emir will hand over a linen cloth. 1100 years later: a murdered professor begs Matt Carter to protect an ancient parchment.

The Parousia Plan
Stacy Crow, Self-Published, Amazon Kindle

The discovery of Noah’s Ark brings together a TV evangelist whose ministry is failing and a young woman with expertise in Bio-Medicine. Together they put together a plan that if successful will impact every person on Earth.

The Second Son
Gary K. Kawakami, Self-Published, Amazon Kindle

As Paul and Stacey learn about the mysterious events in Tarsus, seemingly miraculous events occur, and as the people of Tarsus, of high office and power return to claim what they believe to be their rightful progeny.

The Maltese Shroud: The Shroud of Turin is Stolen!
Peter J. Shield, Self-Published, Amazon Kindle

All the facts regarding the Knights Templar and the history of the Shroud are facts. In this historic fiction the Shroud is stolen and an adventure ensues. You will also discover the Shroud of Malta - previously unknown and now restored to its rightful display.
The Linen Cloths Jesus Left Behind
Michael L. Dourson, CreateSpace Independent

Two artifacts reputed to be Jesus’s burial cloths exist: The Shroud of Turin and the Sudarium of Oviedo. Carbon dating suggests the the Shroud is less than 1,000 years old. Other findings suggest it is much older. What is the truth? And can it tell us about the Resurrection?

The Veronica Veil Code
Vincenzo Ruello, Self-Published (Lulu)

A sensational comparison between the Veronica and the Shroud, sending shock waves around the world and reverberating through Christendom. Includes letters from the Vatican and amazing photographs.

A Doctor at Calvary
Pierre Barbet, Allegro Editions (reprints)

This is the Kindle edition of a 2014 reprint of Dr Barbet’s seminal 1950 work, originally entitled ‘La Passion de Jésus-Christ selon le Chirugien’, translated by William Howard, 8th Earl of Wicklow. It is an essential reference for anybody interested in the history of Shroud studies.