Hypothesis That Explains The Shroud's Unique Blood Marks And Several Critical Events In The Gospels

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Abstract:

A scientific paper published in 2012 asserts that if particle radiation emanated from the body within the Shroud as it suddenly disappeared, that event would explain all of the primary and secondary body-image features on this burial cloth. It would also hypothetically explain the excellent condition of the cloth, its possible outer side imaging, its coin and flower images, if any, the still red color of its centuries old blood marks, and its 1988 medieval radiocarbon dating.1

One important problem that this paper addresses is that between the time of the man's death on the cross and the time he was placed in the Shroud, his blood would have coagulated on his body and therefore could not seep into and though the Shroud. This paper hypothesizes that the body suddenly reappeared outside of this burial cloth while the blood marks immediately reappeared at their original locations within the cloth. If so, one of the Shroud's most unique features, and a number of startling events involving the historical Jesus Christ would be accounted for, which no hypothesis connected to the Shroud has even attempted to explain.

The sudden reappearance of the man's blood marks caused them to become embedded in both inner sides of this linen cloth with unbroken edges, yet maintaining the same shape and form as when they flowed from and coagulated on the body. The body's disappearance from the cloth and reappearance elsewhere allows the reappearing blood marks to become embedded in the Shroud. The body's absence and reappearance outside of the cloth are also consistent with the Gospel accounts describing Jesus' absence from his burial cloth on Easter morning. Both above reappearances of the blood and the body are also consistent with the lack of any bloodstains on Jesus in all Gospel descriptions of his appearances outside the tomb on Easter morning.

The body's sudden disappearance from the burial cloth and its immediate reappearance elsewhere are also consistent with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as described in the Gospel and New Testament. Jesus' bloodied corpse was reported to have mysteriously disappeared from the sealed and guarded tomb, but reappeared outside of it in the form of a physical body that still contained wound openings (but not blood markings). The body's disappearance and reappearance elsewhere is also consistent with three other instances described in the Gospels where, after Jesus' resurrection, his physical body suddenly disappeared in one location and then appeared in another.

Like Dr. Rinaudo's Protonic Model of Image Formation, in which it is assumed that the body in the Shroud initially gave off vertically polarized gamma rays from its surface,2 or Dr. Jackson's Cloth Collapse Hypothesis3 and the above 2012 hypothesis, where the body's disappearance or nuclear disintegration is assumed, this hypothesis assumes the reappearance of both the body and blood after their disappearance. Although it is not required of the hypothesis, this paper provides hypothetical scientific explanations of how the body could have disappeared and reappeared, and how it could have traveled suddenly from one location to another, possibly through an alternate dimension or a process analogous to space-time travel. While these explanations or principles do not necessarily violate the laws of science, their application is beyond human abilities and seemingly could only result from the intentional miraculous act of a supernatural power, which is also consistent with the Gospels' and New Testament's accounts. These processes could even explain, hypothetically, how Jesus allegedly descended into hell and ascended on to heaven as reported in the New Testament.