

# SHROUD OF TURIN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, INC. (STERA, Inc.)

# **Publisher of The Shroud of Turin Website**

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## Who We Are

STERA, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2009 by Barrie M. Schwortz, the Official Documenting Photographer for the Shroud of Turin Research Project (STURP), the team that performed the first in-depth scientific examination of the Shroud in 1978. In 2010 he formally donated his extensive Shroud collection to STERA and now serves as its President. Our Board of Directors is comprised of noted Shroud scholars and lecturers. See website for list.

#### What We Do

Our primary responsibility is the publication of our world renowned 16 year old website, <u>www.shroud.com</u>, the oldest and largest Shroud resource on the internet. We also provide Shroud images, articles and other research materials to scholars, writers, lecturers, exhibitors and producers worldwide. Barrie travels and lectures extensively, both in the U.S. and around the world. He also holds seminars and appears regularly on radio and television promoting Shroud research.

## What We Have

STERA, Inc. is also the proud caretaker of the collections of many other noted Shroud scholars, including STURP team members Raymond Rogers, Robert Dinegar, William Mottern, Jean Lorre and Mark Evans. We also hold the collections of renowned Sindonologists like Fr. Albert Kim Dreisbach, Jr. and Dr. Giles Carter. Several other important collections have been pledged in the future. Our goal is to digitally archive all of these collections, catalog them and make them available for future research and for students of all ages via <a href="https://www.shroud.com">www.shroud.com</a>.

#### What We Need

The scope of materials we hold is enormous, as is the task of cataloging, digitizing and adding it all to the website. Without doubt, it is far more than one person can do by himself, so we need to enlist additional people for some of the work, and of course, that requires funding. We never have allowed advertising on the website, so that form of revenue is not available to us. We support ourselves solely through the sale of items on our Website Store page, the licensing of photographs from our various collections and the honorariums received from Barrie Schwortz's lectures. So we must rely on contributions from our viewers and supporters for the rest.

#### What You Can Do

- Shroud research needs your support. All donations are completely tax deductible.
- Contributions can be safely made online by using the Secure Contribution Form at www.shroud.com
- Or by telephone at 719-689-2217, 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm, M.T.
- Or by mail payable to: STERA, Inc. 1094 Highland Meadows Dr. Florissant, CO 80816-8818
- You may also consider making a purchase of Shroud materials from our Website Store.
- We are also looking for patrons who might support some of our larger projects directly.
- Interested? Please give us a call.