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Questions:

1. **When** and **how** did you first hear about the Shroud?
Casually in the 1950's.
2. What interested you about the Shroud?
Uniqueness vis a vis scientific inquiry in 1980's.
3. Do you believe the Shroud is likely the burial cloth of Jesus Christ, a fake relic, or are you uncertain what to believe?
Believe it is the iconic burial cloth of Jesus Christ.
4. What, if any, actions did you take after you first encountered the Shroud (e.g., conduct research, contact people involved with it, etc.)?
research, contacted others, publications.
5. Have you ever seen the Shroud at any of the exhibitions? If yes, which years?
Have never seen the original.
6. What did you experience when you were in the presence of the Shroud?
N/A
7. Have you ever been involved in any scientific study of the Shroud? If yes, please describe **what motivated** your work and **why**.
Yes, to help rectify common misunderstandings and uninformed public dismissal of the Shroud.
8. Have you ever written anything about the Shroud, either factual or fictitious? If yes, please describe **what motivated** your work and **why**.
Yes, to help rectify common misunderstandings and uninformed public dismissal of the Shroud.
9. Do you favor or believe any of the current theories on how the image got onto the cloth? If so please name the theory.
Impacting elementary particles released by a unique process of weak dematerialization, theoretical yet scientifically intelligible.

9. Do you feel that you have a calling or vocation to be involved somehow with the Shroud? If yes, please describe **what motivated** you to make a commitment to the Shroud and **why**.

Bear vital witness to the Shroud as Christ's universal communication of unconditional love for all.

Please describe below any other *personal* reflections, experiences, insights, or thoughts about the Shroud of Turin that you would like to share.

The enigmatic Shroud challenges human capacity, especially scientific. As we quietly ponder the Shroud, we may gradually experience a pervasive sense of humble awe overcoming our natural urge to figure it out. Universal love is the Shroud's message.

Writings/Websites/Blogs:

The Shroud of Turin: A Parable for Modern Times? www.shroud.com/trenn/htm