

# "An Evening with the Experts"

## Physicist Rudy Dichtl & Photographer Barrie Schwartz

Shroud of Turin Research Project (STURP) Team Members

**A**n in depth "behind-the-scenes" look at the work of the Shroud of Turin Research Project (STURP) team. Col. Rudy Dichtl and Photographer Barrie Schwartz will share personal



experiences of their time working on one of the "most significant scientific studies ever performed on the Shroud," and how it impacted their personal lives and their faith.



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The Shroud of Turin Research Project (STURP) was the only in-depth, multi-disciplinary scientific study ever conducted on the Shroud. The idea of this study was conceived in 1976 when it was discovered that spatial or topographical information was encoded in the Shroud's image. The owner of the Shroud, King Umberto II, The Duke of Savoy, gave permission for the team of scientists to conduct 120 hours of comprehensive, hands-on testing that would not damage the fabric in any way. The goal of the STURP team



**Col. Rudolph (Rudy) J. Dichtl -  
Equipment Maintenance**

was to understand the mechanism for the formation of the mysterious image of a man who had been scourged, crowned with thorns, and marked with the wounds of crucifixion and a pierced side.



**Barrie Schwartz - STURP Official  
Documenting Photographer and  
Founder of Shroud.com**

The STURP team was an elite group of scientists who prepared for 18 months to design the protocol for a battery of comprehensive, non-destructive tests that could be performed efficiently in the time allotted. Two members of that team of expert scientists were Col. Rudolph J. Dichtl and Barrie Schwartz.



# Meet the Experts



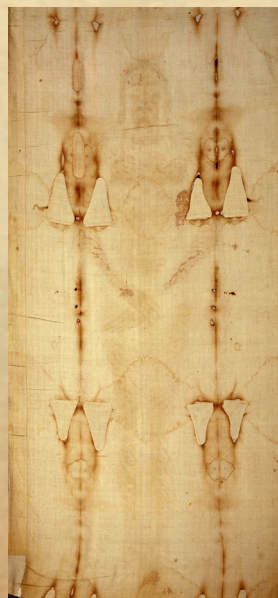
**R**udy Dichtl is an Electrical Engineer, a Physicist and a Scientist. He served in the US Air Force as a Staff Scientist for 20 years and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He was a professor of Physics at the University of Colorado, Boulder for three years and worked for Ball Aerospace Corp. in Boulder, CO as a Senior Project Manager. In

that role, he led a group that worked on satellites and the "Star Wars Program". He also worked as a management consultant for a Canadian satellite company and led a group of over 200 engineers and assemblers. Later he was hired as a Technical Manager for the Antarctic and did research on the Aurora Australis, i.e., the Southern Lights, for the National Science Foundation (NSF).

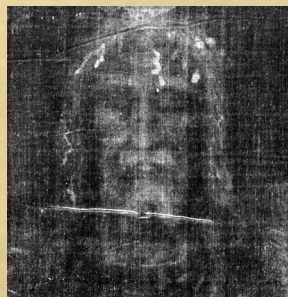
In 1978, Col. Dichtl was selected to be one of the formative members of the Shroud of Turin Research Project (STURP) Team. He and his late wife, Joan, joined in the advance planning and preparation for the testing and traveled to Turin to participate in the hands-on study of the Shroud. Col. Dichtl was responsible for the set-up and maintenance of all the equipment used throughout the testing. He says of his time in Turin: "We were the princes of modern science set up in the bedchambers of the royal palace."



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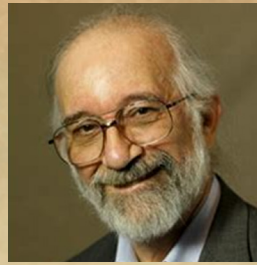
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*Additional information regarding STURP, Rudy and Barrie's work, and the Shroud of Turin may be found on [Shroud.com](http://Shroud.com).*

*Additional information on "The Most Famous Burial of All Time" The Shroud of Turin exhibit at the National Museum of Funeral History may be found on [NMFH.org](http://NMFH.org).*



**B**arrie Schwartz began his professional photographic career upon graduating from Brooks Institute of Photography in 1971. He operated an award winning commercial photographic studio specializing in product, food, advertising, technical and editorial illustration for fifteen years and founded his first video production

company, Educational Video, Inc., in May of 1978. He joined the STURP teams as the Official Documenting Photographer.

In addition to his Shroud work, Schwartz has been involved in the entertainment field working on the "Rocky and Bullwinkle" home video series and various children's video projects. From 1987 to 2001, Schwartz was an independent imaging consultant participating in imaging research projects with major universities, hospitals, and medical facilities. He was an imaging consultant to the Laser Research and Technology Development Laboratory at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles for fifteen years and much of that work was published in the medical literature.

Today, he plays an influential role in Shroud research as the editor and publisher of the internationally recognized Shroud of Turin Website ([www.shroud.com](http://www.shroud.com)), the largest and most extensive Shroud resource on the Internet, with visitors from more than 160 countries. In 2009, Schwartz founded the Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association, Inc. (STERA, Inc.) which is dedicated to publishing fact-based information and to maintain scientific and historical material crucial to the continuing study of the Shroud.

Schwartz is one of the most well-known and recognizable experts on the Shroud of Turin in the world. He has given countless lectures and appeared in numerous television and documentary programs and podcasts. His TEDx Talk entitled "The Shroud and the Jew" has over 500,000 views. Schwartz began as a skeptic of the Shroud, but by immersing himself in the scientific evidence of the Shroud, he became convinced of its authenticity as the burial cloth of Jesus of Nazareth.

