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TURNING THE RISING TIDE OF UNBELIEF



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I.

**GOD & THE NEW
PHYSICS**



1 LAW OF ENTROPY

2 SPACE-TIME GEOMETRY



3 ANTHROPIC COINCIDENCES

Borde, Vilenkin, Guth PROOF

1. Only ONE condition – *Expansion Rate greater than zero.*
2. Applies to:
 - * Our universe
 - * All multiverses
 - * All string universes
 - * All bouncing universes
3. Therefore, we are coming close to showing a beginning of physical reality itself.



ENTROPY

1. Applicable to all physical systems – Albert Einstein.
2. Applicable to multiverse – with BVG Proof.
3. Disproves eternity of *bouncing universe*.
4. Disproves bouncing universe – black crunch – Thomas Banks and Willy Fischler.



VILENKIN CONCLUSION

It is said that an argument is what convinces reasonable men and a proof [e.g., the B-V-G Proof] is what it takes to convince even an unreasonable man. With the proof now in place, cosmologists can no longer hide behind the possibility of a past-eternal universe....There is no escape, they have to face the problem of a cosmic beginning.

Alexander Vilenkin – *Many Worlds in One: The Search for Other Universes* (New York: Hill and Wang, 2006). p. 176.




FINE-TUNING of UNIVERSAL CONSTANTS and CONDITIONS

1. **Penrose Number** – Probability of low entropy at Big Bang: $10^{10^{123}}$
Weak Force Constant and Gravitational Constant
1 part in 10^{50}
2. Mass of proton, mass of electron, e-m charge, and gravitational constant – 1 part in 10^{39} .
3. Strong Nuclear Force Constant – within 2% of Big Bang value (15).
4. Hoyle – resonance levels of helium, beryllium, oxygen, and carbon.




II.
PEER-REVIEWED MEDICAL STUDIES of
NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES




NEAR DEATH STUDIES

1. Parnia-South Hampton University Study 2014.
2. van Lommel *Lancet* Study 2001.
3. Ring Study of the Blind 1999.
4. Holden Combined Veridical Study 2007.




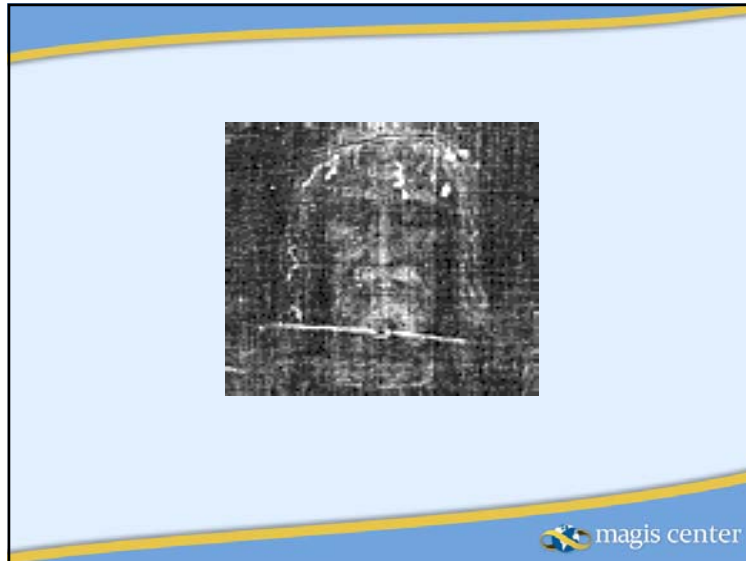
VERIDICAL DATA--NDE's

1. Accurate reporting of verifiable data during clinical death.
2. 80% of blind people see during clinical death.
3. Reports from a domain beyond the physical universe.
(e.g. the loving white light and deceased relatives)
4. The absence of death anxiety.

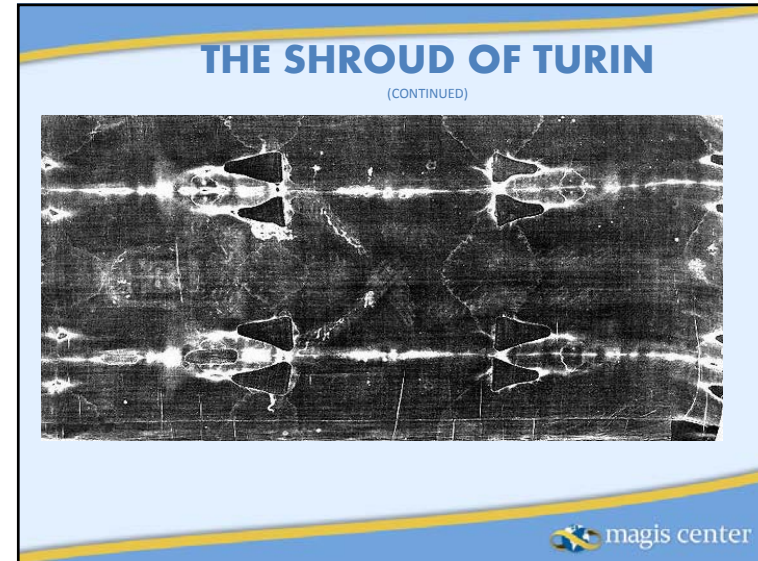


III.
SCIENCE and
THE SHROUD OF TURIN





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THE SHROUD OF TURIN

Contemporary Evidence

1. **Problems with the 1988 carbon dating.**
2. **Four new tests – Dr. Raymond Rogers and Dr. Giulio Fanti – 50 A.D.**
3. **External evidence – Dr. Max Frei (pollen grains); Drs. Whanger and Haralick (Roman coins).**
4. ***Sudarium Christi*.**
5. **Evidence of the resurrection.**

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HOW WAS THE IMAGE FORMED?

From Paolo Di Lazzaro et al. 2011

1. Rapid dehydration of uppermost part of fibrils.
2. Short burst (one forty-billionth of a second) of directional vacuum ultraviolet radiation at a magnitude of several billion watts.
3. This exceeds the total capacity of all excimer lasers in the world today.

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HOW WAS THE IMAGE FORMED?

Part Two

HYPOTHESIS of JACKSON, JUMPER, & FANTI

1. Mechanically transparent (spiritual) man hypothesis
2. Light must be emitted from every 3D point inside and on the surface of the body.
3. The body must be mechanically transparent so that it can pass through the cloth in one forty-billionth of a second.



IV. Contemporary Scientifically Validated **MIRACLES**



9 SCIENTIFICALLY VALIDATED MIRACLES

****3 MIRACLES** from the Lourdes medical commission

****THE IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

****THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN – FATIMA**

****3 MIRACLES OF CONTEMPORARY CANONIZED SAINTS**

– Saint John Paul, Saint Pio, and Venerable Fulton Sheen

****EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE ATTESTED BY POPE FRANCIS –
Buenos Aires -- 1996 (pathology report)**




V. THE FOUR LEVELS OF HAPPINESS




Four Levels of Happiness

4	<p style="text-align: center;">Ultimate Good – Finding Your Transcendent Nature</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Participate in giving and receiving ultimate meaning, goodness, ideals, and love <i>Characteristics:</i> Good is ultimitized, Principles include ultimate Truth, Love, Justice, & Beauty <i>Gratification:</i> Eternal</p>
3	<p style="text-align: center;">Contributive -- Good Beyond Self</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Do good beyond self <i>Characteristics:</i> Principles include justice, love, and community, Intrinsic goodness is an end in itself, Decisions are focused on the greater good <i>Gratification:</i> Long-term</p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">Ego Comparative – Inferiority/Superiority Game</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Ego Centeredness, better than, gain advantage <i>Characteristics:</i> Promotion of self is primary, Personal power and control are key, Jealousy, fear of failure, contempt, isolation, loneliness, and cynicism <i>Gratification:</i> Short-term</p>
1	<p style="text-align: center;">Immediate Gratification</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Maximize pleasure and minimize pain <i>Characteristics:</i> Obligation is to self alone, No desire for common, intrinsic, or ultimate good, lack of self-worth, fear of tangible loss/harm, boredom <i>Gratification:</i> Immediate</p>

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(Magis Center – Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D.)


VI. WHY DOES GOD ALLOW SUFFERING?

The Opportunities for Love in Suffering

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What Do Catholics Need to Know?

1. Why does God allow human beings to cause suffering? Freedom.
2. Why does God allow nature to cause suffering? Growth in virtue, love, and common cause.
3. Seven opportunities for love in suffering.
4. Three steps for suffering well.
5. Following the Holy Spirit in times of suffering.

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VII. Two New Tools:

- * crediblecatholic.com
- * 7 Essential Modules

for preventing attrition from the Catholic Church and belief in God

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Features of the 7 Essential Modules

1. Voiceover Power Points with embedded videos.
2. Any teacher can use them without special instructions.
3. Seven Modules can be integrated into confirmation and catechetical classes as well as high school freshmen religion classes.
4. Everything is free of charge.
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