

THE SHROUD 'NOT A FORGERY' - DR. TITE

Members may be interested in the letter of Dr. Tite to Professor Gonella, as reproduced (below). Dr. Tite has now taken up his new post as Director of the Oxford Radiocarbon Unit.



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Dear Professor Gonella,

**EXPRESS MAIL**

Following our recent meeting in Paris, I am writing to put on record the fact that I myself do not consider that the result of the radiocarbon dating of the Turin Shroud shows the Shroud to be a forgery. As you have correctly pointed out, to describe the Shroud as a forgery implies a deliberate intention to defraud and the radiocarbon dating clearly provides no evidence in support of such a hypothesis.

I myself have always carefully tried to avoid using the word forgery in discussing the radiocarbon dating of the Shroud but I fear that the description of the Shroud as a forgery has still crept into a number of newspaper articles based on interviews that I have given. I can therefore only apologise once again for any problems that such reports have caused you and others in Turin.

I was very pleased to meet you and Professor Testore again in Paris.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Tite".

M.S. Tite