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The Holy Shroud in the Light of Science is dedicated "To the memory of the great Christian scientist Doctor Pierre Barbet", and his photograph fills the frontispiece. Menezes based his book upon lectures he gave in Rio de Janiero in 1987, under the auspices of the Brazilian Society of Catholic Philosophers.

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Frequent references are made to the writings of Manoel Solé, S.J., whose work deserves to be better known. An interesting report by Solé, published in the Acts of the II International Congress, concerns the fragment of the Shroud that King Saint Louis gave to the Cathedral of Toledo in 1243.

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