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*After a thirty-two year career in the energy industry, Tom took early retirement to care for his terminally ill wife. Following her death eight years later, mystical experiences directed him to Tibetan meditation practices and the study of Eastern mystical death traditions and the Shroud of Turin. His studies led him to correlate Jesus's resurrection, as understood through Shroud radiation theory, with a Tibetan Buddhist phenomenon known as Rainbow body. A frequent traveler to the Himalayan countries, in 2012 he founded Himalayan Hands, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the impoverished in Tibet and Nepal.*

### **ABSTRACT**

#### **Evidence From the Tibetan Buddhist Culture Suggests That Resurrection May be a Natural Event**

After much study, investigators are nearing the conclusion that the image on the Shroud was formed when the shrouded body of Jesus dematerialized into its elemental parts. This conclusion however is held hostage by the religious and scientific belief that it is impossible for a human body to dematerialize. Although science precludes the supernatural as an explanation, the study of the Shroud often invokes a miracle which is in keeping with Christian doctrine of the resurrection.

The words “study” and “investigator” in the preceding paragraph were carefully chosen so as not to be confused with “research.” I believe that authentic research requires a mindset that “all material world effects have natural causes,” as well as access to all relevant information, including experience and observation across cultures. When other cultures besides Christianity are taken into account, the miracle of the resurrection on that first Easter Sunday could be seen as a natural event.

In September 1998, Tibetan Buddhist monk, Khenpo A-Cho, died without leaving a corpse. Upon his death, eye witnesses report that his corpse began to shrink and glow. Seven days later it had completely vanished. The phenomenon, called rainbow body, has occurred to thousands of Tibetans. It predates the Christian era and is well documented on trustworthy Buddhist websites. I personally investigated the Khenpo's death by interviewing an eyewitness, a Khenpo disciple of twenty-one years, onsite. I had the biography he wrote translated into English, and gained special insight into the man. The highly regarded Catholic priest, Father Francis Tiso, independently interviewed three other eyewitnesses, and all four eye witness accounts agree. Father and I believe that the Rainbow body is a real, natural phenomenon. Shroud investigators may reach this same conclusion if they expand their horizons beyond the boundaries of fundamental Christian beliefs.

I will show photographs of a recent body dematerialization event, explain the ancient yogic practice which produced it (and hundreds of thousands more like it) and demonstrate how the same principles are found in Jesus's teachings as found in *The Secret Gospel of Thomas*.