

Dear Rex,

Congratulations on Issue No 100 of *Shroud News* and no doubt it will be with a great deal of satisfaction that you will send this hallmark edition off to the printers. While longevity in itself is not a true measure of success, the quality of information combined with the many different viewpoints you have presented in this publication over the years speak volumes for the success of *Shroud News*. The subject is fascinating and you and your many contributors have explored it with zeal, enthusiasm and unbounded curiosity.

It seems so many years ago now that you arrived at Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, California for the opening of the visual exhibit of the 1978 Shroud of Turin study. And I well remember Ernie Brooks, president of the institute, suggesting that I should meet my fellow Australian, Rex Morgan from Sydney, who seemed to "have a bit of interest in the Shroud and current findings."

Some may infer it was an "Aussie conspiracy" to get the Brooks Institute exhibit Down Under but I had a gut feeling at the time, and the years have proven it right, that the exhibit would be in good hands if it were in your custody. As I told Mr Brooks and the chief photographer on the study, Professor Vern Miller, it seemed that in you we had a person who would ensure the exhibit would potentially be seen by thousands of people in places Brooks Institute would probably never reach.

Of course, were it not for Ernie Brooks' generosity in initially agreeing to have the exhibit go to Australia and then eventually signing it over to your group, all those people in Australia, New Zealand, and South East Asia would not have seen the most comprehensive visual study of the shroud of Turin ever produced. And, if I may say so, were it not for my convincing Ernie of the value in sending the exhibit Down Under, none of that might have happened either. So, I do take pride knowing that in some small way I have contributed to this particular project. It was an honour and a privilege to be at the opening of the exhibit in Sydney.

Peter Skinner  
Communications Director  
American Society of Media Photographers  
(formerly Director of Public Relations  
Brooks Institute of Photography)

Dear Rex

Many congratulations on your 100th issue. You and your contributors have held the Shroud high through the years of doubt and dismissal since carbon dating.

I have found that few of the doubters have actually read much serious study on the subject.

Your publications have shown us so much scholarly research, and the case for authenticity has gained strength over the years.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Holy Shroud is a miracle and a witness.

AUDREY DYMOCK HERDSMAN, Templecombe, England

Dear Rex:

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes upon your publication of the one hundredth issue of *Shroud News*. In my opinion, it is the very best source of Shroud information and clearly the product of your extensive travels and important contacts in the Shroud world.

I have been most impressed by the open-mindedness and charity which you have demonstrated toward the opinions of others. The publication has contained a liberal share of the skeptical point of view and it appears that an opportunity to respond has been made available to anyone whose opinions have been criticized in *Shroud News*. In addition, you have not abused your editorial position to launch personal attacks, even against those who have challenged your own theories. You have always dealt with the merits, rather than the personalities, of an argument and that is what has given credibility to *Shroud News*. The cause of all true sindonologists should be to ascertain as much as possible about the Shroud and this goal requires nothing less than the broad-minded tolerance which has been so consistently exhibited in your publication.

While sindonology has been fortunate to have had so many champions, you stand alone in collecting vital information from near and far and spreading the Shroud gospel across the world. Believe that you are the adhesive which binds together the international Shroud community. Thank you for your unflagging dedication, never forget just how irreplaceable you are, and please grace your readers with the pleasure of another one hundred issues of *Shroud News*.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed)  
Jack Markwardt

Dear Sir

I have never ceased to be amazed at the extraordinary amount of complex research that is in evidence when one reads regular issues of *Shroud News*. As a Catholic educated pre-Vatican 2, I have strong memories of the unsentimental nature of true faith and revelations of icons such as the Shroud can only be accepted in the light of that faith.

However, each article, painstakingly researched and written about the Shroud, makes the Passion and Death of Christ seem so recent, even ongoing, and bears out the unfathomable depth of God's love. Surely all the prayers instrumental in producing or in contributing in some way are receiving providential grace to do so and thereby are ultimately a force for good

J. GAIR, Sydney, Australia

*Egregio Dottore REX MORGAN solo oggi 28 gennaio alcevo la Sua lettera del 2 gennaio...*

*Apprendo con piacere l'annuncio della pubblicazione del centesimo numero della rivista SHROUD NEWS.*

*Congratulazioi per il felice traguardo raggiunto e auguri per ancora tanti attri in vista soprattutto dette Ostensioni della sacra Sindone negel anni 1998 e 2000.*

*Poss la rivista sotto la Sua directone dare sempre informazioni esette e precise per fare conoscere la sacra Sindone nella sua piena realta.*

*Con sincero apprezzamento mi creda suo.*

*Don Luigi Fossati.*

Rex,

Congratulations on the 100th issue of *Shroud News* - a truly significant milestone in the field of sindonology in general and a personal tribute to your own faithfulness, diligence and competence in and for the field. *Shroud News* has become a real boon to your international fans who eagerly await each full and fact-filled edition sharing the latest in research and information from all the various sub- fields of this wondrous quest.

Not to be overlooked is your own escritorial gift of being able to distil a plethora of material - like the papers delivered at the various international symposia - into a manageable and highly readable format. Add to this your extensive travels and personal research from Templecombe to the catacombs and we of the "Shroud Crowd" owe you a debt of tremendous gratitude for your labours on our behalf.

When I served in the United States Marine Corps, the highest compliment which could be given was "Well done!" At the very least, Rex, your service to the Holy Shroud deserves a ringing "Well done!" from all of us who have been blessed to have known you and worked with you through the years.

Rev ALBERT R. DREISBACH Jr, Atlanta, USA