



Background - The Eucharistic Words

- 1. "This is my body" (Mt. 26:26).
- "soma" versus "sarx".
- "Didomenon" (being given) present participle implying now Lk. 22:19
- The understanding of John 6:51-52 (the Jews' response).
- Understanding in the early Church fathers.
- 2. "This is my blood of the covenant" (Mt 26:28).
- Blood and sin offering.
- Blood and paschal sacrifice freedom from death, sin, and evil.
- Blook of the covenant the guarantee of a blood pact.



The Real Presence

- 1. The prophetic word the collapse of the future into the present.
 - Jesus' reference to the present blood "being poured out" ("ekchunomenon") on
 Calvary is retrojected from the future into the wine/blood he hands to his disciples.
 It is as if the Calvary event is being made "now," and being made present through the wine.
- 2. "Anamnesis" (anamenēsin) (Lk. 22:19) this word in semitic context does not mean calling something to mind but rather making something in the past exist in the present see M Eliade, J. Jeremias, J. Betz, and G. von Rad.
 - When the priest repeats the words of institution, he takes on the prophetic function and power by Jesus at the last supper (Lk. 22:19) and collapses the time between Jesus' words at the Last Supper and his own words, making real the body and the blood.



The Real Presence continued

- Since all time exists through the mind of God (time can only exist through a transcendent intelligence - Bergson, Spitzer), God can collapse any temporal sequence into the same instant.
- 2. "Poured out for the many for the forgiveness of sins" Mt. 26:28
 - Recounting Is. 53:12 Jesus considers himself to be the fulfillment of the messianic prophecy of suffering servant.
 - "to pollon" not Greek expression; likely semitism directly translating "rabbim" with the definite article meaning "all." Rabbim is same word for many and for all. When accompanied by a definite article "Rabbim" means "all."



New Developments in Eucharistic Miracles

- The scientific testing of the Lanciano Host (1971,1981) Scientist:
 Dr. Eodardo Linoli.
- Scientific test of Buenos Aires Host (1996) overseen by Cardinal Bergoglio and chief scientist: Dr. Ricardo Castanon Gomez; chief pathologist - Dr. Frederick Zugibe.
- Tixtla, Mexico Miracle (2006) Approval by Bishop of Chilpancingo-Chilapa - Chief scientist Dr. Ricardo Castanon Gomez and ten specialists/experts.
- Sokolka, Poland (2008) Still pending ecclesiastical approval Chief scientists: Drs. Maria Elżbieta Sobaniec-Łotkowska and Prof.
 Stanislaw Solkowski.

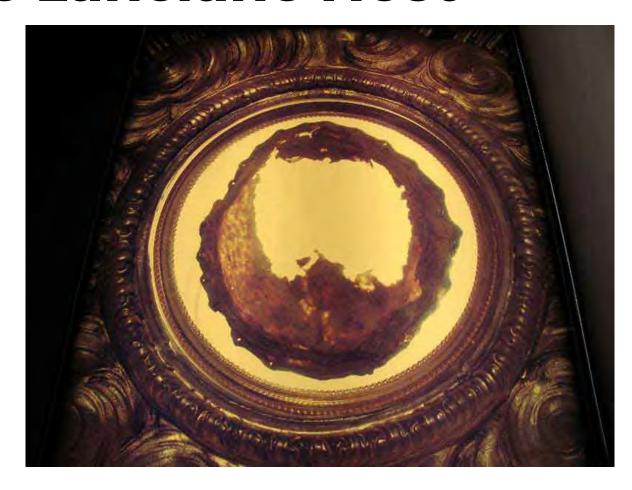


The Scientific Test of the Lanciano Host

- First Eucharistic host to be subjected to scientific testing Dr. Eodardo Linoli. Purported origin – 8th Century in Lanciano, Italy – Unverified.
- 2. The problems: unverified chain of custody and age of the host.
- 3. Notable features:
 - There is tissue growing out of host (as in other Eucharistic miracles).
 - The tissue has muscular striated texture similar to heart tissue (like other hosts).
 - The blood is human blood AB blood type (like other hosts).
 - Hosts can be verified over one century old without any sign of preservatives in tissue or blood.



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