# Article information:

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# Article summary:

1. The Testimonium Flavianum (TF) is a passage in Josephus' Antiquities of the Jews which mentions Jesus and has been widely discussed.

2. Early scholars doubted its authenticity due to its Christian-sounding language, but later scholars have argued for its partial authenticity due to a reevaluation of Jesus in his Jewish context.

3. The majority view today is that the TF is partially authentic, though there are still some who argue it is a wholesale forgery.

# Article rating:

Appears moderately imbalanced: The article provides some useful information, but is missing several important points or pieces of evidence that would be required to present the discussed topics in a balanced and reliable way. You are encouraged to seek a more balanced perspective on the presented issues by exploring the provided research topics and looking at different information sources.

# Article analysis:

The article provides an overview of the debate surrounding the Testimonium Flavianum (TF), a passage in Josephus' Antiquities of the Jews which mentions Jesus. It presents both sides of the argument, noting early scholars who doubted its authenticity due to its Christian-sounding language and later scholars who argued for its partial authenticity due to a reevaluation of Jesus in his Jewish context. The article also cites several reputable scholars from various backgrounds and perspectives who support this position, making it clear that this view cannot be dismissed as one held out of ideological bias or apologetic impulse.

However, while the article does present both sides of the argument, it does not provide any evidence or analysis to support either side's claims. It simply states that there are those who believe it is partially authentic and those who believe it is a wholesale forgery without providing any evidence or arguments for either position. This lack of evidence makes it difficult to assess the trustworthiness and reliability of the article's claims. Additionally, while the article does mention Ken Olson and Paul Hopper as proponents of the forgery theory, it fails to mention any other prominent proponents or their arguments in favor of this position. This omission could lead readers to assume that these two are the only ones holding this view when in fact there are many more who do so as well.

In conclusion, while this article provides an overview of both sides of the debate surrounding TF's authenticity, it lacks evidence and analysis to support either side's claims and omits important information about prominent proponents on one side which could lead readers to draw inaccurate conclusions about their relative numbers and strength of argumentation.

# Topics for further research:

* Testimonium Flavianum authenticity evidence
* Josephus Jesus debate
* Ken Olson TF forgery arguments
* Paul Hopper TF forgery arguments
* Testimonium Flavianum Christian-sounding language
* Jewish context of Jesus debate

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