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## Lesson: The Existence of God, Cont.

Scripture: Genesis 1:1a

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ say God Exists.
- a. Not every book written about Christ is the Bible. Many \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned Christ.
    - i. Historian Tacitus discussed Jesus' crucifixion in his book "\_\_\_\_\_".
    - ii. His narrative is nonetheless valued since he was a trustworthy historian with access to \_\_\_\_\_ archives.
  - b. In his work "Antiquities of the Jews," Jewish historian Flavius Josephus mentions Jesus' crucifixion briefly and said Jesus as a wise man who was \_\_\_\_\_ by Pilate.
    - i. Most \_\_\_\_\_ scholars agree that the basic information from Josephus about Jesus' crucifixion is correct.
  - c. Mara bar Serapion, a Syrian philosopher, wrote a letter to his son and refers to Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews who was executed by them.
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ say that God Exists.
- a. No other book in history has the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Bible.
  - b. Over \_\_\_\_\_ archeological finds demonstrate that people, places, and events in the Bible are real and accurate.
  - c. Luke wrote most of the \_\_\_\_\_ and a renowned archeologist carefully examined his references to 32 countries, 54 cities, and 9 islands, and did not find a single mistake.
  - d. A hidden burial \_\_\_\_\_ dating back to 1st Century was discovered in 1990.
    - i. The bones of a man in his 60s were \_\_\_\_\_ with the inscription 'Yehosef bar Qayafa' meaning Joseph, son of Caiaphas.
    - ii. This was the \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem who interrogated Jesus and handed him over to Pilate.
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ says God Exists.
- a. Authors wrote on hundreds of controversial subjects with absolute \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning to the end.
  - b. Skeptics claim David was a \_\_\_\_\_ character.
    - i. A \_\_\_\_\_ was found in Israel in 1993 with the inscription "House of David" and "King of Israel".
  - c. As it relates to the most reliable book about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God:
    - i. 1600 years and \_\_\_\_\_ generations
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ authors from different walks of life and different places
    - iii. Different times, different continents, and at least \_\_\_\_\_ languages
  - d. Most of these people did not know each other, nor did they ever meet. But The Holy Ghost was in it all (John 14:26-27)!