

Major Herculaneum Scroll News: "In the closing section of the text our author takes a parting shot at his adversaries, who 'have nothing to say about pleasure, either in general or in particular, when it is a question of definition.'"

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Head-shaking conclusion to the Bloomberg article:

"Barring a mass relocation, Friedman is working to refine what he's got. There's plenty left to do; the first contest yielded about 5% of one scroll. A new set of contestants, he says, might be able to reach 85%. He also wants to fund the creation of more automated systems that can speed the processes of scanning and digital smoothing. He's now one of the few living souls who's roamed the villa tunnels, and he says he's also contemplating buying scanners that can be placed right at the villa and used in parallel to scan tons of scrolls per day. "Even if there's just one dialogue of Aristotle or a beautiful lost Homeric poem or a dispatch from a Roman general about this Jesus Christ guy who's roaming around," he says, "all you need is one of those for the whole thing to be more than worth it."