

# Vesuvius Challenge Press Conference 10/12/23 - Sounds Like Significant Progress Using AI

Post by “Cassius” of October 13, 2023 at 7:12 AM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0EsoAbRk1M>

[12:12](#) - Pre-show Content

[27:10](#) - Program Begins

Panelist include:

- Brent Seales, Ph.D. Principal Investigator EduceLab, Pigman Endowed Professor of Heritage Science Stanley and Karen Pigman College of Engineering

- Federica Nicolardi

, Assistant Professor of Classics University of Naples Federico II

- JP Posma

, Project Lead

, The Vesuvius Challenge

- Luke Farritor

, \$40,000 Frist Letters Prize - 1st Place

The Vesuvius Challenge - Christy Chapman, Research and Partnership Director

, Educe Lab

More information about the project can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/redirect?event...m&v=w0EsoAbRk1M>

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Post by “Don” of October 13, 2023 at 7:23 AM

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[Researchers use AI to read word on ancient scroll burned by Vesuvius](#)

University of Kentucky challenged computer scientists to reveal contents of carbonised papyrus, a 'potential treasure trove for historians'

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

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**Post by "Cassius" of October 13, 2023 at 7:33 AM**

The image at 49:08 in the new press conference video is very impressive!!

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**Post by “Don” of October 13, 2023 at 7:41 AM**

Fascinating stuff, both from a scientific and an Epicurean perspective!

I just hope if this technology takes off, the texts actually make it out into the wild.

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**Post by “Joshua” of October 13, 2023 at 4:07 PM**

Quote

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Yes to this. I'm ashamed to say that it's far too easy to overlook Philodemus relative to the other sources, and I'm pointing my finger squarely at myself here.

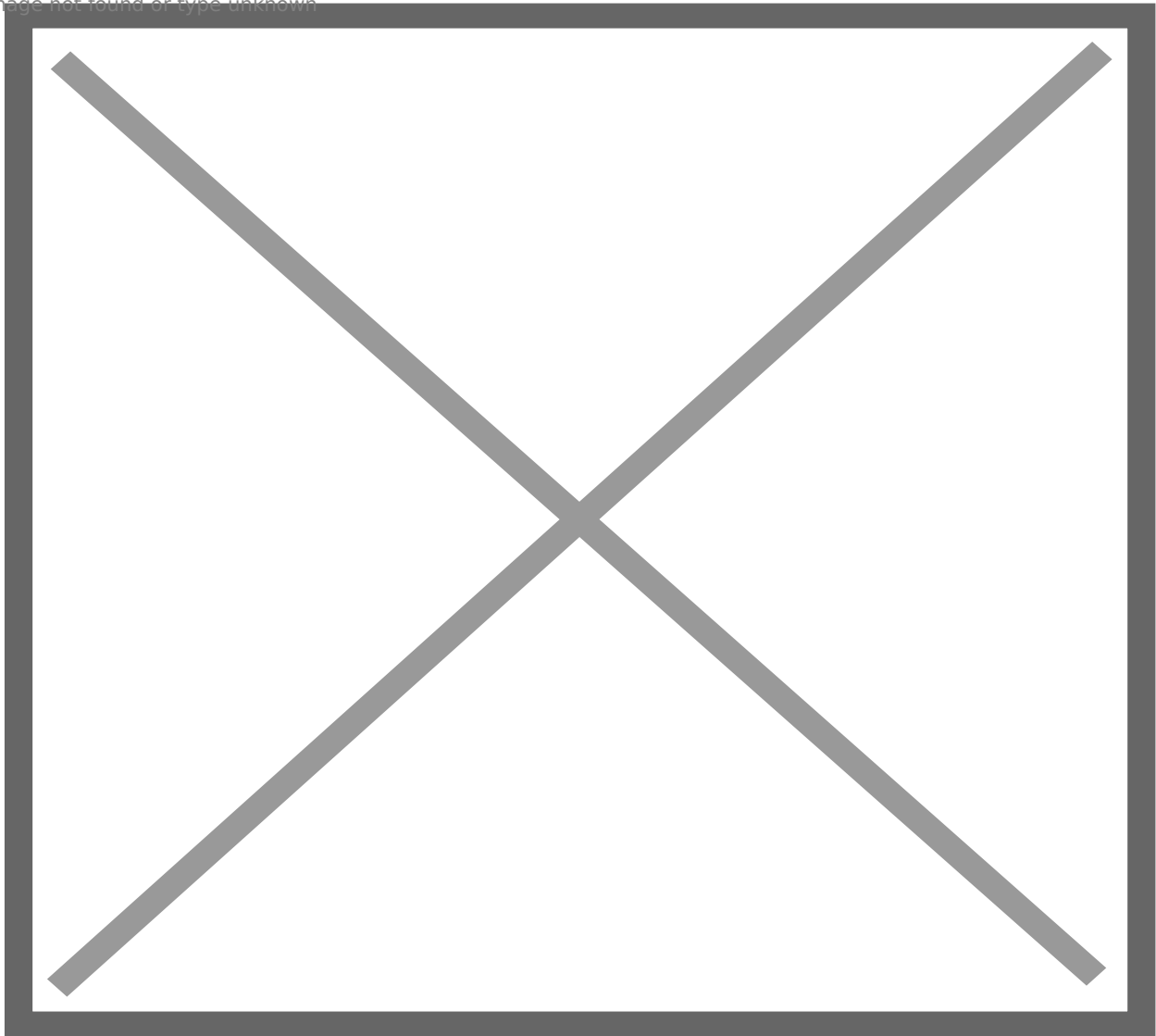
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**Post by “Cleveland Okie” of October 13, 2023 at 7:35 PM**

Sorry I haven't logged on lately.

I wanted to report that the Vesuvius Challenge, the effort to read hundreds of charred scrolls, apparently has reached an important milestone. As many of these scrolls apparently are Epicurean writings, this is of particular importance to our community. Apparently there is a potential for some other lost classical documents to be recovered.

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[AI reads text from ancient Herculaneum scroll for the first time](#)

Machine-learning technique reveals Greek words in CT scans of rolled-up papyrus.

[www.nature.com](http://www.nature.com)

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