

Re: To Dig Or Not To Dig..... The search for the lost library of Rome

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> *In message <fsnb01161icp53qi2nocogbb2f0s9bgefz@4ax.com>*

> *Eric Stevens <eric.stevens@sum.co.nz> wrote:*

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> > *Come, come, Ken. If there really are the decipherable remains of one
> > of the greatest libraries in Roman times down there, wouldn't you swap
> > even one of the smaller pyramids to find out what can be salvaged from
> > it?*

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> *I agree that *if* there is what you suggest, it would be an important
> discovery. However the catch lies in that *if*. In any case, unless there
is*

> *some immediate threat that we have not been told about, I reckon that if
> those papyrii have survived 2005 years, they're not going to come to great
> harm in the next year or two while we get Herculaneum sorted out – or find
a*

> *sponsor who will pay the expenses of the dig.*

1935 years, actually. The eruption was in 70 ad.

What are the prospects that Herculaneum will be "sorted out" in the next year or two? What will be the expenses for the dig and who is a prospective sponsor?

My understanding of excavation problems in that area are that they are extraordinarily difficult, not least because of the modern city of Ercolaneio that has since been built on top of the volcanic deposits that cover the site.

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