

[...] clay possesses one considerable advantage: it is resistant to fire, water, and magnetic disturbances. In [...] a few thousand years, our photographs, books, and hard disks will no doubt have disappeared, but our collections of cuneiform tablets will still be there.

Dominique Charpin, *Reading and Writing in Babylon* (2010)

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