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What Books (Humanities or Technical) Merit Saving if Civilization Collapses?

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What does choosing the 3,000 books most important to human civilization teach us about our core values?


Executive Director of The Long Now Foundation Alexander Rose is helping build a library – not just any library, but a collection of the 3,000 or so books that would be most vital to restarting civilization after its collapse. The Long Now Foundation, which, [in its own words](#), “hopes to provide a counterpoint to today’s accelerating culture and help make long-term thinking more common”, isn’t necessarily *expecting* a collapse, Rose explained, but views such a collection as a type of litmus test for which books they believe can – and should – stand the test



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