Considered the greatest mathematical genius of antiquity, Archimedes lived in Syracuse, Sicily in the third century B.C. In 10th-century Constantinople (present-day Istanbul), a scribe copied Archimedes’ treatises onto parchment. But in the 13th century, a monk erased the text and recycled the parchment to create a prayer book. In 1999, the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore began a project to read the erased texts. This exhibition highlights 20 leaves from the manuscript to tell the story of its journey and the discovery of new scientific texts from the ancient world.

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Archimedes Palimpsest, Vol. I: Catalogue and Commentary
Archimedes Palimpsest, Vol. II: Images and Transcriptions
Reviel Netz, William Noel, Natalie Tchernetska, Nigel Wilson (Editors); Hardcover: 700 pages; Publisher: Cambridge University Press (2011). Available at The Huntington’s Gift Shop, two volumes sold as a set: $250

The Archimedes Codex: How a Medieval Prayer Book Is Revealing the True Genius of Antiquity’s Greatest Scientist
Reviel Netz, William Noel (Authors); Hardcover: 342 pages; Publisher: Da Capo Press; First Edition (2007). Available at The Huntington’s Gift Shop, $27.50

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May 22 (Thursday) 7:30 p.m.
Authors of the book relating to the exhibition, William Noel and Reviel Netz, along with Walters Art Museum conservator Abigail Quandt, speak about the Archimedes project.
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Conference
May 23 (Friday) 8:30 a.m–4:30 p.m.
Symposium on the Archimedes Palimpsest and related Archimedes science.

This exhibition was organized by the Walters Art Museum, Baltimore.

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