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As it is known, the Emperor Augustus exchanged an abundant correspondence with Virgil. Of all these letters there is unfortunately nothing left except a short excerpt of a response from Virgil, which has been preserved through Macrobius. A valuable document, but which has perhaps not yet yielded all its secrets.

Today online: [Virgil challenges Augustus](#) . A new blow to the legend of a cloudless friendship between the author of the *Aeneid* and his imperial "protector".