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Patrick Collison delivered the clearest signal with an emphatic endorsement of Works in Progress as a repeatable reading source. The rest of the batch added one concrete AI thesis piece and one historically focused book recommendation.

Highest-signal pick

The clearest recommendation today was not a single article or book, but a publication Patrick Collison described as a repeat source of exceptional reading [1].

Works in Progress

- **Content type:** Blog / publication
- **Author/creator:** Not specified in the source notes
- **Link/URL:** Not provided in the source notes
- **Recommendation context:** X post
- **Who recommended it:** Patrick Collison [1]
- **Key takeaway:** Collison said a very high portion of the links in Richard Hanania’s post came from *Works in Progress*, and called it “in essence the most must-read thing on the internet” [1]
- **Why it matters:** It stood out as a recommendation for a recurring source of essays rather than a one-off read, and the endorsement was unusually emphatic [1]

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Two focused reads

The End of Decisions

- **Content type:** Article / Substack post
- **Author/creator:** Maurice Rosen [2]
- **Link/URL:** Not provided in the source notes
- **Recommendation context:** VC Roundtable on YouTube
- **Who recommended it:** Ben, during a VC roundtable discussion [2]
- **Key takeaway:** He called the piece “interesting” and “well written,” then summarized its thesis as AI enabling higher-level decisions in domains that were previously qualitative, similar to what computation did in chess and poker [2]
- **Why it matters:** This recommendation came with a specific framework for how AI may change decision-heavy work, not just a bare title mention



[2]

Why the VC Hype Cycle Always Gets It Wrong | VC Roundtable | E2307 (56:38)

The Book of Kells: Unlocking the Enigma

- **Content type:** Book
- **Author/creator:** Victoria Whitworth [3]
- **Link/URL:** Not provided in the source notes
- **Recommendation context:** X post
- **Who recommended it:** Patrick Collison [3]
- **Key takeaway:** Collison said he has been reading about the origins of Christianity, wanted to understand the Book of Kells, and has been

enjoying Whitworth's book [3]

- **Why it matters:** It came attached to a concrete learning project rather than a generic bookshelf nod, and Collison explicitly said the book is “very good” [3]

Pattern

Today's authentic recommendations split between a *source of sources* and two targeted deep dives. Collison highlighted one publication as an ongoing input for strong reading [1], while Ben and Collison separately pointed to specific works that framed AI-era decision-making and historical study [2, 3].

Sources

1. X post by @patricke
2. Why the VC Hype Cycle Always Gets It Wrong | VC Roundtable | E2307
3. X post by @patricke