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"I think it's the greatest exhibit, except one, in the three years I have been at the Institute. Ancient ruins have been created out of cast off plastic foam used to protect Honda motorcycles in shipping. Some of the ancient statues were originally plastic figures of baseball players, like you'd buy at an amusement park, but by the time Prof. Daly has finished them, they look as old as a relic from Mycenae."

Even the handsome catalogue is a work of art and a piece of fantasy. There are fake epic poems quoted from the Llhuros civilization, quotations from art critics evaluating the country's arts, and even a dab of the science of Llhuros written in unintelligible terms, to wit:

". . . on the eastern rim of this plate one equitorial plate is hinged so that it could be raised to an angle equal to the component of the latitude of the place where one was working; the curved phrenlix (a type of gnomon) threw shadows which were read in multiples of 27 degrees, 15 seconds. This complex division permitted a time measurement far more accurate than our prime meridian of

Greenwich allows, because it was not limited to the plane of the ecliptic but measured finite complexities versus finite concavities in determining celestial latitudes."

Now, if that isn't the darndest scientific gobble-de-gook you've ever read! Professor Daly must have had tongue in cheek when he wrote that brochure!

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