There's a prototype for everything!

Posted by willypold - 2005/03/11 13:47

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I made a fantastic discovery at the temple of Kom Ombo. The temple is situated about halfway between Luxor and Aswan and we visited the site at nightfall, which explains the weird colour in the photo. I found a number of depressions in the stones and was told that they were used to hold connector pieces made out of extremely durable cedarwood. Turns out that the old Egyptians had some neat ideas thousands of years ago and that Dwarven Forge is following a time-honoured tradition! :D

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Posted by MrMorden - 2005/03/11 17:12

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Outstanding! Clearly even the ancients needed parts for RPGs! :lol:

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There's a prototype for everything!

Posted by MyLordVoid - 2005/03/13 10:39

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Hey Kewl... And that is basically the Same Shape that the Greeks Used (And the Egyptions, and the Romans), to hold Sections of Pillar together as well, (Though they Used Metals, Bronze I think, instead of Cedar or Resin.....)

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Posted by willypold - 2005/03/13 15:28

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Well, you know, good ideas tend to stick around!

I've visited Ostia once, the port town of Rome, and even though the city was used as a quarry during later times, there are still enough left to give you an idea or two about life in ancient Rome...

One of the "revelations" I got during that trip came when I had entered a building that had almost two and a half floors still standing. The house had a half-circular enclosed staircase, and as soon as I had turned a corner, sort of, and didn't see the weeds at the groundfloor and still hadn't reached the spot where the top floor was open to the sky, the staircase looked almost intact - and absolutely identical to the staircase of the house I was living in at that time in Stockholm, a six-story apartment building from the 1890's! They knew how to build an efficient staircase more than 2000 years ago, and that design was still in use just a century ago!

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There's a prototype for everything!
Posted by MyLordVoid - 2005/03/17 12:51

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You Know, it Boggles the Mind to Think That many of the Building Methods used even today date back to antiquity... Scale and Materials have Changed, But Funny thing is, Physics have not!..... We can be So Arogant in the Assumptions we make about "Ancient" Technology... :lol:

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There's a prototype for everything!
Posted by willypold - 2005/03/17 18:16

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Considering the tools and resources they had, they created amazing things! And they were also made to last a little longer than the stuff we crank out today! Something to think about.

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Posted by MyLordVoid - 2005/03/19 15:47

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If anything, I Think that Current Construction is Geared towards lasting 50 to 75 years, I Do not think that Planned Obsolesence would have been thought very Highly of even 150 years ago... That having Been Said, what we do see of the Ancient world is but a Small Snapshot of some pretty extraordinary Endeavors... Can't wait to see what happens when Atlantis is at last Found!

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Right there with you... The Stuff really is Great to play with, and as has been Pointed out several times, at least with the Fantasy if it does Chip it can be touched up and the Chipped area adds Character...!

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There's a prototype for everything!
Posted by brvheart - 2005/03/23 14:18

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Nothing ever seems to change much does it? I like the photo!

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There's a prototype for everything!
Posted by willypold - 2005/03/23 15:08

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Thanks!

I'm going to spend some of the Easter holiday putting up some photos from the trip - watch my homepage!

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There's a prototype for everything!
Posted by MyLordVoid - 2005/03/26 08:08

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Hey can you Link to that page again Please?

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There's a prototype for everything!
Posted by willypold - 2005/03/26 09:06

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It's still in Swedish, but some of the pictures are up! The pictures show from top to bottom:

Rameses II overlooking his realm at Abu Simbel

Monument commemorating the High Dam at Aswan

Baraka - instead of tap water

Flower on a wall at Hurghada

Felucca on the Nile at Aswan

Boy with a camel, showed up at a convoy stop while we were on our way home

Remnants of the temple at Karnak

Old graffitti from the 19th century at Abu Simbel

Columns at the temple at Luxor

Flower from the botanical garden on Kitchener's Island in Aswan

Carpets drying on the beach

Obelisk at Luxor

Birds of different ages in the temple at Edfu

Portrait of Tutankhamon in Luxor

Tired dog in the granite quarry in Aswan, where the unfinished obelisk is still highly visible - it would have weighed som 600-1000 tons if it had been finished.

And the link...

http://www.geocities.com/willypold/egypten.htm

Enjoy!

PS. While we were in Egypt enjoying temperatures between 25 and 32 Centigrade, Sweden experienced the absolutely coldest week this winter, with temperatures around -25!

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Posted by MyLordVoid - 2005/03/26 09:34

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Kewl... I Loved the Pic of the Old Graffiti, As I Under Stand it the Tradition of Graffiti in Egypt pretty much goes back at least as far as the Building of the Great Pyramids, so 1874 is darn Modern!.....

Also really liked the Various Luxor Pics, and the Aswan Monument was Quite Kewl as well...

The Last Four or Five Links though were inaccessable...

Thanks for Posting!

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There's a prototype for everything!

Posted by willypold - 2005/03/26 10:48

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Thanks for Posting!

That could be a Geocities thing... Too much traffic in a short while and they close the site for a while... Please try again!

And thanks for the praise!

Yes, 19th century graffitti is quite modern - we also saw some in ancient Greek lettering...

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There's a prototype for everything!
Posted by MyLordVoid - 2005/03/27 15:02

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...Too Kewl... Any Klingon?.....

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There's a prototype for everything!
Posted by willypold - 2005/03/29 07:24

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No Klingon, but a lot of people had scribbled various things on cactus leaves in both Latin and Arabic scripts at the botanical garden on Kitchener's Island in Aswan, and I once signed a receipt on the boat using runes... :D

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There's a prototype for everything!
Posted by L - 2005/03/29 09:31

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I went to visit the ruins of Pompeii once, and there is, rather famously, a mosaic there that reads "Cave Canum" -- "Beware of the Dog."

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There's a prototype for everything!
Posted by TheDungeonDelver - 2005/03/31 09:19

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Posted by MyLordVoid - 2005/04/02 15:34

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Another Argument for Using the Bow-ties? Without them you have a Dungeon full of Ankle Busters! :?

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