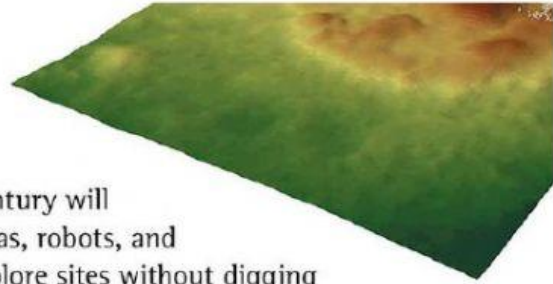


A NEW AGE of DISCOVERY



Many archaeologists believe the 21st Century will be a new age of discovery. With new cameras, robots, and powerful computers, archaeologists can explore sites without digging them up and damaging them. New technology can also help to find new sites, such as the ruins of a long-lost city deep in the rain forest of Honduras.

The Mosquitia region of Honduras and Nicaragua has the largest rain forest in Central America. For many years, there have been stories that it contains a lost city made of white stone (the White City). But nobody knew if the stories were true. Explorers and archaeologists tried to find the city many times, but the rain forest is very difficult to explore. It's thick and dark, with a lot of dangerous snakes, jaguars, and poisonous insects. Explorers found some artifacts, but the city was never found.

Then one day, filmmakers Steve Elkins and Bill Benenson decided to try new technology called LiDAR to search for the White City. LiDAR uses bright lights, or laser beams, to make a 3D picture of an environment.