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Have you ever noticed how decidedly posthuman the standard "little gray alien" is? It's almost as if there's a Jungian fascination with the human physique after being stripped of muscle, expression, ethnicity. The large black eyes almost correspond to some sort of virtual reality interface (some "abductees" even claim they're removable).

Whitley Strieber's described watching frail, alien-looking bodies "stacked like cordwood" stirring to life and beings walking in lockstep as if operated by a single mind. If what he saw was real in some sense, the "aliens" might be uploading/downloading themselves. And the UFO literature is full of descriptions of alien technology that appear to describe "utility fog" and various nanotech applications (walking through walls, levitation, etc.)

Many of the descriptions of flying saucer interiors could be straight out of K. Eric Drexler's "Engines of Creation": everything's seamless, rounded, without visible moving parts.

It's ink-blot, starry speculation, but the parallels between alleged "aliens" and transhuman technologies seem more than coincidental. I'd argue that "aliens" have never manifested in a "technologically impossible" manner. I can see many of their abilities at least hinted at in the transhumanist literature available at www.extropy.com and other places. I've compiled a list at www.nwmissouri.edu/~0212104/trans.html.

From a folkloric perspective, at least, it's pretty fascinating.

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