

Re: Nefertiti's lovely elongated head

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See for yourself. Here is a little bit more... written in 1937 Star Maker.

"Stapledon imagines alien biologies, minds and civilizations radically different from human ones. But unlike Stanislaw Lem's Solaris, all these are supposed to be fundamentally similar in the long run, since all are governed

by

the same Darwinian and Marxist laws of development. These views, rooted in the late 19th and early 20th century, may appear dated to some modern readers. The eclectic mix of popular science, socialism and religious mysticism is Stapledon's own.

Some of Stapledon's ideas for alien minds, such as collective intelligence, seem far ahead of their time, anticipating recent ideas about swarm intelligence and the general fascination with networks. He also mentions the idea of virtual reality in the first alien world visited, in the form of an apparatus that directly affects sense centers in the brain. The idea of entire worlds as spacecraft is used several times."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star_Maker

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