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### Science fact, not science fiction, on the cutting-edge developments that are changing the future

Every day, scientists conduct pioneering experiments with the potential to transform how we live. Yet it isn't every day you hear from the scientists themselves! Now, award-winning author Jim Al-Khalili and his team of top-notch experts explain how today's earthshaking discoveries will shape our world tomorrow—and beyond.

Pull back the curtain on genomics, robotics, AI, the "Internet of Things", synthetic biology, transhumanism, interstellar travel, colonization of the solar system, teleportation, and much more. And find insight into big-picture questions such as: Will we find a cure to all diseases? The answer to climate change? And will bionics one day turn us into superheroes?

The scientists in these pages are interested only in the truth—reality-based and speculation-free. The future they conjure is by turns tantalizing and sobering: There's plenty to look forward to, but also plenty to dread. And undoubtedly the best way for us to face tomorrow's greatest challenges is to learn what the future looks like—today.

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