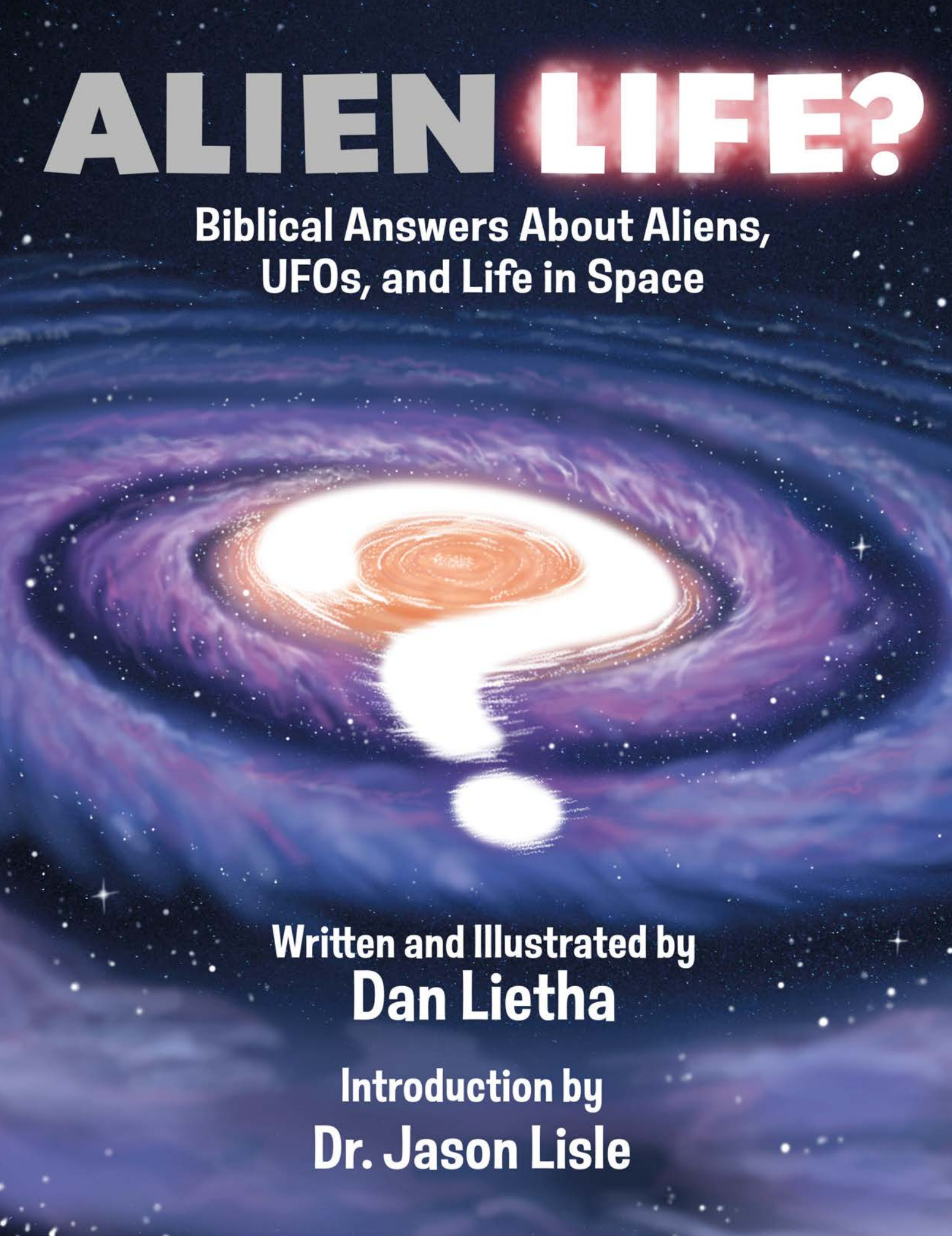
ALIEN LIFE?

Biblical Answers About Aliens, UFOs, and Life in Space



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**To my sci-fi movie buddy and daughter, Hannah Ham.
Fiction about visitors from beyond Earth can be fun.
I am so thankful you know the REAL visitor who
came to our planet to save us from sin.**

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INTRODUCTION
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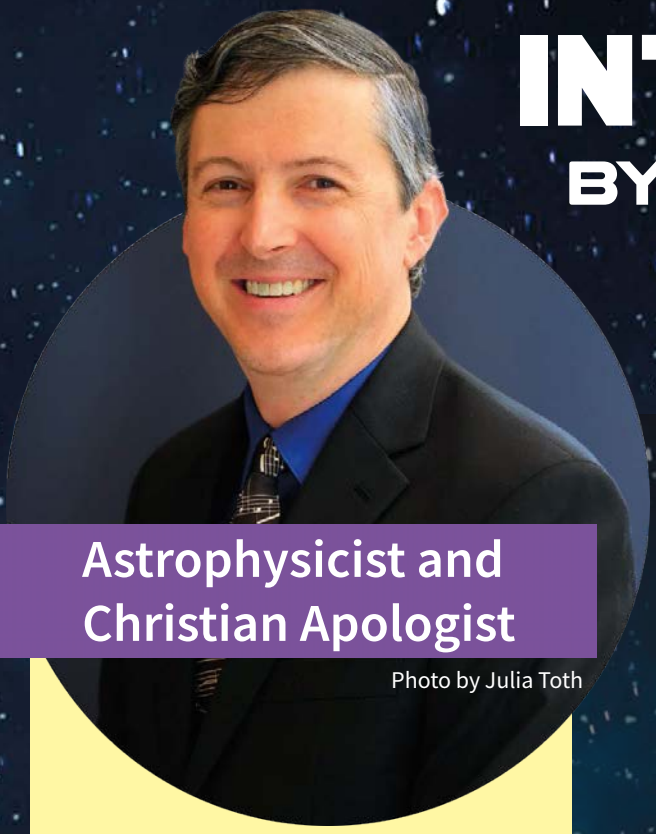

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Astrophysicist and Christian Apologist

An astrophysicist is a scientist who specializes in studying stars, planets, black holes, galaxies, and all the amazing things in space. They use the principles of physics and astronomy to investigate and uncover the mysteries of the universe.

I admit it. I really enjoy science fiction. There is just something captivating about the idea of creatures living on other planets – creatures very different from us in both form and abilities. The idea of aliens living on other planets can make for some very interesting stories. And with modern technologies, these stories can be displayed on a television or movie screen and look very believable.

Since it is human nature to believe what we see, many people subconsciously form their beliefs about life in outer space based on what they have seen at the movies. But is it logical to base our thinking on Hollywood fiction? Is the real universe even remotely similar to what we see on television? We don't often stop to think about how much our thinking has been influenced by culture, rather than being informed by the inerrant Word of God.

DR. LISLE DISCOVERED A PLANET!

In 2017, Dr. Jason Lisle discovered an exoplanet (a planet outside our solar system) by looking at data from the Kepler spacecraft. The planet orbits the star KPLR 7826659 and is the size of seven earths.

In this exciting book, Dan Lietha examines the idea of life in outer space and helps us separate fact from fiction. With over 30 years of experience in apologetics ministry, Dan has illustrated countless resources that explain the truth of the Bible from the very first verse. An expert in worldview issues, Dan is the perfect person to both write and illustrate what the Bible says about this important topic. Additionally, Dan explores the reasons why so many non-Christians have different ideas about aliens.

Have you ever wondered why space creatures look the way they do in science fiction books and movies? Where do these fanciful ideas originate? Find out in this masterful new resource! Most importantly, Dan explores what the Bible says about the issue of life in outer space. What would be the theological implications of space aliens? Did they evolve? If God created life on other planets, when did He do it, and why? How does the topic of alien life affect our understanding of salvation in Christ?

Be prepared to have your thinking challenged by wonderful biblical and scientific insights!

In whom [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. — Colossians 2:3

LOOK at our AMAZING UNIVERSE!

Actual photo of the universe as seen by the James Webb Space Telescope

All the dots and spots shown here are not individual stars—they are **ENTIRE GALAXIES!**

ONE GALAXY

The heavens tell of the glory of God;
And their expanse declares the work of His hands.
" — Psalm 19:1

Each galaxy contains **BILLIONS and BILLIONS of STARS!**

ONE STAR

Our Milky Way galaxy (much like this one) has an estimated 100 billion to 400 billion stars.

Many of the stars have planets orbiting them. Our sun has eight planets orbiting it.

ONE PLANET

Planets not shown to actual scale

Earth is a very unique planet — the only one KNOWN to have life.

I HAVE A QUESTION . . .

. . . ARE WE ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE?
I'VE WONDERED THIS FOR A LONG TIME!
WE DO?
THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME THINKING ABOUT LIFE IN OUTER SPACE.
YES!
SPACE ALIENS ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE.
REALLY? NO WAY! WHERE?
SUPERMAN
LILO AND STITCH
STAR TREK
STAR WARS
JUST TAKE A LOOK AROUND.
SPACE ALIENS ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE!

DID YOU KNOW?

Of the **TOP EIGHT** money-making movies of all time, **SIX** feature space aliens in them.

***Avatar* (2009)**
$2,923,710,708

***Avengers: Endgame* (2019)**
$2,799,439,100

***Avatar: The Way of Water* (2022)**
$2,334,484,620

***Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens* (2015)**
$2,071,310,218

***Avengers: Infinity War* (2018)**
$2,052,415,039

***Spider-Man: No Way Home* (2021)**
$1,921,426,073

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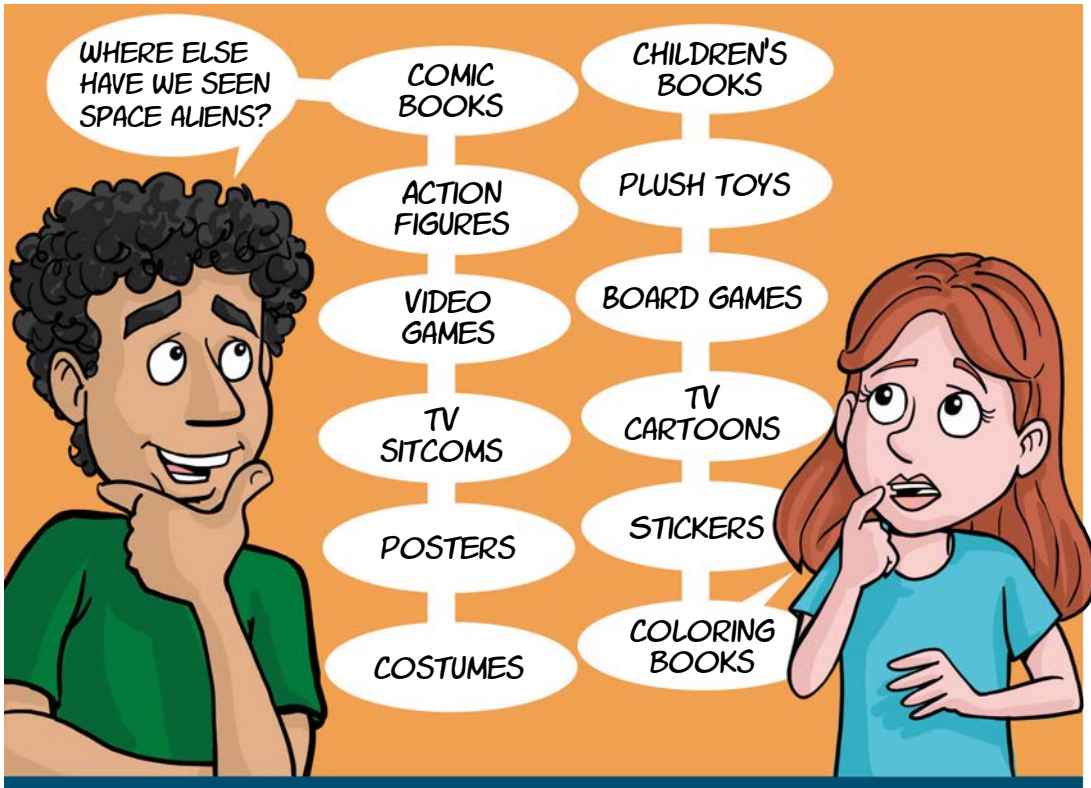


Where have you seen space aliens that you can add to this list?

MAKING SCI-FI ALIENS

Space aliens are very common and important characters in many science fiction movies. And just as human actors are chosen for qualities that fit the roles they play, fictional creatures are also designed to fit the parts they play in the story. What are some of the qualities that make a good and entertaining space alien?

IMAGINATION

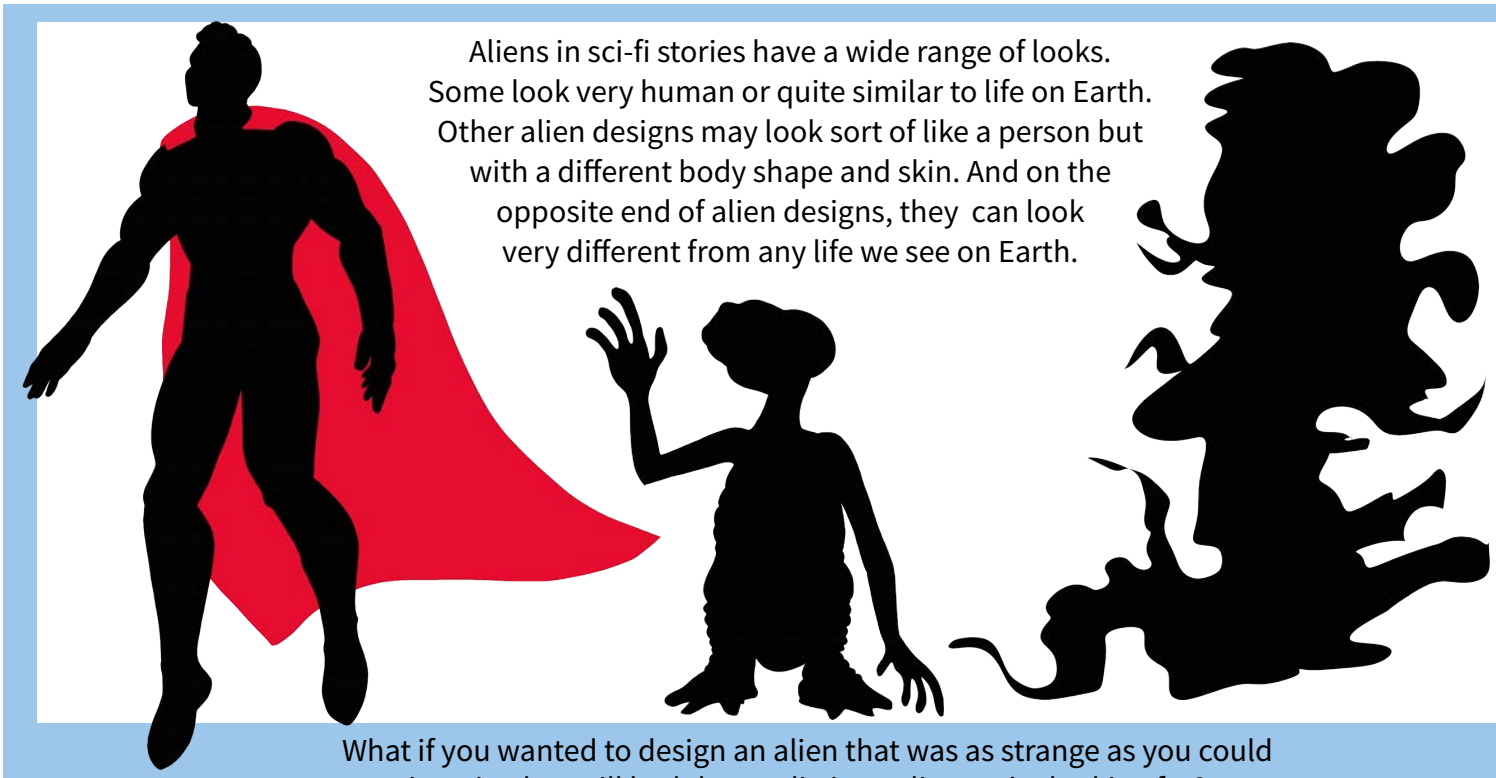
What does a movie space alien look like? Anything you want, right? Yes, as long as they work for the story that is being told. They are fictional beings from somewhere in space, so the more imagination used in creating them, the more alien they will appear to be.

BELIEVABILITY

As not-from-this-world as artists would like to make movie aliens to be, they also realize that these creatures must look like they could actually exist so that audiences accept them. This is why alien creatures are often based on real animals on Earth. Designing fictional creatures that move and have emotions similar to ours gives them a sense of reality and relatability to make them more believable.

RELATABILITY

As a character in a movie, an alien needs to connect with the audience. An alien character can be a friend or an enemy. Some help, heal, and rescue. Others may be stranded or injured and need our help. The design of an alien has a great impact on how the audience will respond to it. For example, a cute alien with big, sad eyes makes a better friend character than an alien with big, sharp teeth and angry eyes.



Aliens in sci-fi stories have a wide range of looks. Some look very human or quite similar to life on Earth. Other alien designs may look sort of like a person but with a different body shape and skin. And on the opposite end of alien designs, they can look very different from any life we see on Earth.

What if you wanted to design an alien that was as strange as you could imagine but still had that realistic quality you're looking for? How would you dream up such a creature, and what would you use as inspiration for such a wild-looking alien?

Concept artists who design these creatures are kind of like this scientist/artist mix!

MAD SCIENTIST

Knowledge of:

- **Human and animal anatomy**
- **Biological processes and functions**
- **Animal behaviors and habitats**

CRAZY ARTIST

Possesses:

- **Creative imagination**
- **Desire to invent and entertain**
- **Skills in design and drawing anatomy**

REAL ANIMALS USED TO INSPIRE SCI-FI ALIENS

The next time you watch a science-fiction movie or TV show with space aliens in it, look for similar features that are found in real animals, because animals may have been used to inspire the imaginary creatures in those stories!

BAT

Bats have inspired movie aliens and monsters due to their eerie, winged silhouettes, creature-of-the-night lifestyle, and unique features like echolocation and leathery wings. These features make them a natural fit for alien designs that aim to feel both familiar and scary. Their physical qualities are often blended with other creatures (like insects or reptiles) to create hybrid, otherworldly beings.

WASP

Insects like ants, wasps, and bees are often used for alien inspirations because of their hive structures and weird behaviors. For example, the ichneumon wasp actually lays eggs inside other creatures. The eggs then hatch and consume the host. GROSS! Aliens in movies have imitated such parasitic reproduction and hive-like behavior. Using these very real but unusual insect characteristics produces a strange creature that is threatening and scary.

CHAMELEON

Chameleons are known for their color-changing skin, eyes that move independently, prehensile tails (tails that can grasp), and unique shape as a lizard. These qualities are great for inspiring extraterrestrial creatures in movies. Their ability to blend into their environments and their unusual reptilian features make them a wonderful choice for sci-fi alien designs that feature stealth and the ability to change and adapt.