

The blockbuster movie *E.T.* raises the big question

IS THERE REALLY LIFE OUT THERE?

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ARE we all alone in the vast emptiness of the universe?

Or are there thinking, feeling creatures living in a faraway galaxy, like *E.T.* in the blockbuster movie?

The mystery of what lies beyond life on Earth is the last great secret of the universe. Britain's top stargazer, Patrick Moore, is convinced

that some kind of life exists in outer space.

"There are 100,000 million stars in our galaxy and 1,000 million galaxies," he says. "So our sun is just an ordinary star like millions of others."

"The chances are overwhelming that other planetary systems like ours exist."

But Moore says that if beings do live in other galaxies, they will not be grotesque aliens.

He says: "If you are talking about bug-eyed monsters, it's not very likely. But at the moment it is impossible to investigate and find out



Aliens won't look like *E.T.*, says astronomer Patrick Moore

Do you know an *E.T.*?

★ DO you know someone who looks just like *E.T.*? Is there an extra terrestrial among your family or friends? If so, tell us about them, with a photograph if possible, to: SPACE, The Sun, 30 Bouverie Street, London EC4Y 8DE.

search much further and much longer before we get the right answer to the biggest question in the universe.

And that's a big problem, according to Professor Graham Smith, the new Astronomer Royal.