

# Surprise for the Mammals

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With all this irresponsible talk about "reptilians" and "aliens" going on, I feel it is my responsibility to repeat --- every man, every woman --- has reptile ancestors and a reptile brain stem.

The brain stem is what controls your autonomic functions. It's what keeps your heart beating while you sleep. It's what keeps your stomach digesting during your naps. It's the reason that your eyes move and keep producing tears while you sleep. It's why your intestines work. It's also what connects you to your unconscious.

Most other living beings in the Universe are more obviously reptilian, having retained scales and breastplates and double-lidded eyes and hinged jaws, etc., because they evolved on other pathways, but underneath your smooth skins and abundant beautiful hair (modified scales, by the way) and nice even teeth, beats a reptilian brain stem that keeps you alive, that you could not exist without, and which connects you with the deepest most mysterious elements of your nature and existence.

No doubt most of you would be scared of your kinfolk and no doubt some of you would be repulsed by humanoids with reptilian features. Some might even think that these distant relatives from other star systems are demonic or assume that they have no feelings or aren't intelligent. That would be a tragic mistake.

Like everyone else, and everything else, each one of them is unique, with their own foibles, strengths, weaknesses, loves, hates, cultures, languages, and history.

So as you are making all these assumptions and talking down and reacting in fear and judging all "reptilians" by what some have done, realize that that is just a prejudice no different than judging a man by the color of his skin. And remember that you have reptilian inheritance, too.

Those who have turtle brain stems are long-lived, moderate, wise, happy, and while they tend to be introverted, have much to offer the world in terms of spiritual and intellectual insight, guidance, and goodness. Turtles watch the world with hopeful enduring trust and never give way into cynicism or cruelty. They are the pillars in their families and communities, always reliable, strong, and consistent.

Those who have fish brain stems are energetic and joyous and gregarious and love parties and food and fellowship, dancing and singing and talking and living in the moment. You are the life of the party. You are Jerry Lee Lewis on the keyboard of life. You live fast and often die young, but while you live, you go for it with both hands. Or shall I say with both fins? You are never at a loss for words or emotions, but both tend to be fleeting. You never hold a grudge; it would take too much time and energy away from having fun.

The lizards are quiet, home bodies who tend to brood, who dream practical dreams, who tinker in their garages and basements and invent wonderful stuff, who watch the world and shake their heads. Lizards calculate things, be odds at the races or distances. They have great memories and are always learning and they hoard their knowledge -- ready to share if asked. The lizards are helpful, but never put themselves forward, so you have to look for them before you can enter their world and experience their gentle, steady, contemplative nature.

The snakes are very clever and creative, always on the make, always walking the knife edge between moral and immoral. Active and physical and quick, alert, charismatic, persuasive, prone to daydreaming, artistic, often inspired--- for good, or for ill, the snakes are social in superficial ways, but actually very private people. Good at business and organizing, but often lonely and sometimes bitter because they crave understanding and seldom get it.

And finally, there are among us those who inherit their brain stems from amphibians. They often seem to move through life in their own little bubble. Compassionate and brave, unassuming, patient, forgiving, generous, never thinking too much about themselves or pressing their own advantage, they love being out in nature and are natural caretakers. They love music-- to listen, but not to dance. They are often visionaries and oddly, leaders, even though they don't fit the stereotypical image of leadership.

Now as I have run down the list --- can you see yourselves? Can you identify friends and family? And do you see how your reptilian ancestors continue to exert their influence and share their nature down to this present day? Every mammal on this planet owes a lot to reptilian and/or amphibian forebears, and it would speak better for everyone concerned to own the debt and be grateful.

And when you say that word, "reptilian" with such loathing and fear, remember that in part, you are one.

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