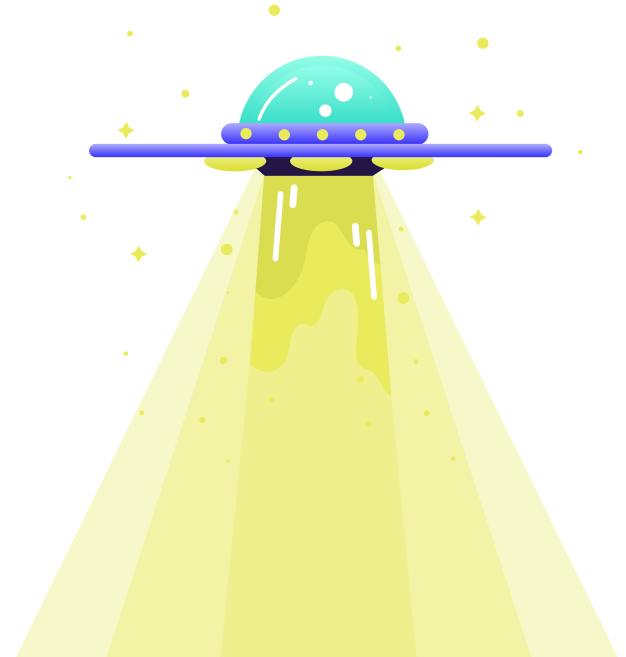


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# Animals

“We like to distinguish ourselves from animals by saying that only humans are rational, can use language, are self-aware, or are autonomous”

But do all humans have these characteristics?

# Posthumanism in Science Fiction

Can we completely **eliminate our biases** in our creations of the other? the alien?

If aliens are located outside the boundaries of humanity, then  
**why do we see humans alienating each other?**



# Posthumanism in Politics

“The main project of both **Nazism** and **Communism** was to create a **New Man**, should they not be seen as varieties of posthumanism? And if so, on what grounds can they be condemned?”

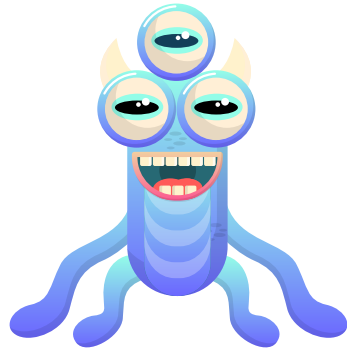
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Neurological variations within  
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**Not every human can empathize.**

# How can we make Posthumanism more Ethical?





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