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ARE WE ALONE? WEEK MAKES CONTACT THIS MARCH ON SCIENCE CHANNEL

*--World Premiere Episodes of **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS** and a Special Episode of **THROUGH THE WORMHOLE WITH MORGAN FREEMAN** begins on Sunday, March 2 at 10 PM ET/PT—*

(Silver Spring, Md.) — Seventy-four percent of Americans believe in the existence of aliens - and 15 million believe that they have actually made contact with extraterrestrials. This March, Science Channel returns with its programming event dedicated to one of mankind’s most pressing questions with **ARE WE ALONE?** – a week-long campaign dedicated to satisfying viewers’ appetite for aliens. The week kicks off on **Sunday, March 2 at 10 PM ET/PT** with the premiere of new episodes of **NASA’S UNEXPLAINED FILES**, and continues with four more all-new programs including the series **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS** on **Tuesday, March 4 at 10 PM ET/PT** and a special premiere episode of **THROUGH THE WORMHOLE WITH MORGAN FREEMAN** on **Wednesday, March 5 at 10 PM ET/PT**.

“So many people are obsessed with the existence of aliens,” said Debbie Myers, executive vice president and general manager, Science Channel. “**ARE WE ALONE?** ignites their imaginations with bold new questions, and engages current research happening in the field of extraterrestrial life. It’s programming that asks questions and makes you think. We hope **ARE WE ALONE?** advances the conversation even further.”

ARE WE ALONE? features world-renowned scientists, leading journalists and alien investigators examining compelling accounts of unusual encounters, strange happenings and possible UFO sightings from around the globe.

ARE WE ALONE? Week Programming Includes:

NASA'S UNEXPLAINED FILES – Sunday, March 2 & Thursday March 6 at 10 PM ET/PT

NASA'S UNEXPLAINED FILES returns with more mysterious encounters, unusual discoveries and strange sightings, straight from NASA's best and brightest. Tune in for true stories of unexplainable phenomena first observed by the most credible scientific organization in the world.

NASA'S UNEXPLAINED FILES is produced by WAGTV. Martin Durkin is the executive producer for WAGTV. Wyatt Channell is the executive producer and Katie Pyne is Associate Producer for Science Channel. Bernadette McDaid is vice president of production for Science Channel, and Deborah Adler Myers is general manager and executive vice president for the network.

ALIEN PLANET EARTHS – Monday, March 3 at 10 PM ET/PT

The search for Earth's twin is one of the hottest topics in science. Just two decades ago, the Earth appeared to be the only planet in the Universe capable of sustaining life. Today, thanks to NASA's ground-breaking Kepler mission, astronomers believe there are more than 20 billion alien worlds with liquid water and the potential to support life. **ALIEN PLANET EARTHS** transports viewers across the Milky Way to the surface of newly discovered exoplanets and exomoons using dynamic, state of the art CGI. **ALIEN PLANET EARTHS** reveals the next crucial steps in our search for alien life on billions of distant worlds.

ALIEN PLANET EARTHS is produced by Pioneer Productions. Stephen Marsh and Kirstie McClure are the executive producers for Pioneer Productions. Wyatt Channell is the executive producer and Katie Pyne is Associate Producer for Science Channel. Bernadette McDaid is vice president of production and Deborah Adler Myers is general manager and executive vice president for Science Channel.

THROUGH THE WORMHOLE WITH MORGAN FREEMAN – Wednesday, March 5 at 10 PM ET/PT

In an all-new episode of the critically acclaimed **THROUGH THE WORMHOLE WITH MORGAN FREEMAN**, scientists seek answers to the controversial question "Is God An Alien Concept?". Ancient evidence suggests humans have practiced religion since they first walked the planet. But is God being worshipped in other worlds, across the cosmos? Is Earth the Universe's only home for religion? Or is God an Alien Concept? The answers might be buried here on Earth.

THROUGH THE WORMHOLE is produced by Revelations Entertainment. James Younger is executive producer with Morgan Freeman, Lori McCreary, and Tracy Mercer for Revelations Entertainment. Bernadette McDaid and Rocky Collins are executive producers for Science Channel and Lindsey Foster Blumberg is coordinating producer. McDaid is vice president of production and Deborah Adler Myers is general manager and executive vice president for Science Channel.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS – Tuesday March 4 & Friday, March 7 at 10 PM & 10:30 PM ET/PT

Science Channel explores the countless UFO sightings which are reported from thousands of regions around the globe. Many of these sightings are documented and investigated. Most of them can be accounted for by weather patterns, flight schedules or extraordinary imagination. But a select few are still considered unsolved extraterrestrial puzzles that police investigators, government officials and even medical communities cannot explain.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS is produced by Newroad Media Inc. in Association with Discovery Channel Canada for Science. Executive Producers for Newroad Media include Marlo Miazga and Ann Marie Redmond. For Discovery Channel Canada Production Executives include Christine Nielsen and Kathryn Oughtred. For Science Channel, Rocky Collins is the executive producer, Bernadette McDaid is vice president of production and Deborah Adler Myers is general manager and executive vice president.

About Revelations Entertainment

Revelations Entertainment reveals truth. Academy award winning actor Morgan Freeman and Emmy nominated producer Lori McCreary lead a group of inspired professionals who are the go-to producers of thought provoking entertainment that have universal appeal and soul. Recent successes have been two Emmy Award nominations for the Science Channel show *Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman*, a Peabody Award for the ESPN 30 for 30 episode *The 16th Man*, and an Academy Award nomination for Morgan Freeman in the film *Invictus*.

About Pioneer Productions

Pioneer Productions is the go-to company for ambitious and audacious factual programming. Multi-award winning, with bases in the UK and the US, the company has built a world-wide reputation for bringing cutting edge visual effects, brilliant story-telling and incredible production values to all of their output. The company's mission is make the complex appealing, their vast portfolio of science, adventure and history programming has been enjoyed by millions in over 80 countries world-wide. Specialists in fast-turn around programmes, they've told the stories of Superstorm Sandy, the Boxing Day Tsunami, the Chilean Miners and Steve Job's death (to mention just a few) within weeks of the event, each production carrying the Pioneer hallmark of great journalism, compelling story-telling and bold visual style.

About WAGTV

WAGTV is a leading international producer of TV shows. We produce and distribute high-quality, high-rating returnable series for many of the world's major broadcasters. WAGTV has been listed among REAL SCREEN's global top 100 media companies, based on a survey of the top 70 broadcasters world-wide, and was listed among Britain's top ten TV production companies in an industry poll conducted by REAL SCREEN magazine. WAGTV is the largest single supplier of programs to Discovery Networks International.

About Science Channel

Science Channel, a division of Discovery Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), is home for the thought provocateur, the individual who is unafraid to ask the killer questions of “how” and “why not.” The network is a playground for those with audacious intellects and features programming willing to go beyond imagination to explore the unknown. Guided by curiosity, Science Channel looks for innovation in mysterious new worlds as well as in its own backyard. Science Channel and the Science Channel HD simulcast reach more than nearly 80 million U.S. households. The network also features high-traffic online and social media destinations, including ScienceChannel.com, [facebook.com/Science Channel](https://facebook.com/ScienceChannel) and [twitter.com/Science Channel](https://twitter.com/ScienceChannel).

About Discovery Communications

Discovery Communications (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK) is the world's #1 nonfiction media company reaching 2.5 billion cumulative subscribers in over 220 countries and territories. Discovery is dedicated to satisfying curiosity through more than 190 worldwide television networks, led by Discovery Channel, TLC, Animal Planet, Science and Investigation Discovery, as well as U.S. joint venture networks OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network and the Hub Network. Across the Nordic region, Discovery owns and operates SBS Discovery Media, a top-three portfolio of television brands that feature leading nonfiction content, as well as locally produced entertainment programs, sports and the best scripted series and movies from major studios. Discovery also is a leading provider of educational products and services to schools, including an award-winning series of K-12 digital textbooks, and a digital leader with a diversified online portfolio, including Discovery Digital Networks. For more information, please visit www.discoverycommunications.com.

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