

# Why Science and Faith Matter to Each Other



## Fr. José Funes, Director of the Vatican Observatory

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Can religious truth and scientific truth co-exist? Father José G. Funes, head of the Vatican Observatory and scientific advisor to Pope Benedict XVI, will unpack the false dichotomies that dominate contentious debates around science and religion and challenge the audience to rethink both.

**Fr. José Funes** is an Argentine Jesuit priest and astronomer. He is the current director of the Vatican Observatory. He has a master's degree in Astronomy from the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba in Argentina and a doctorate from the University of Padua in Italy. He has also a bachelor's degree in philosophy from University del Salvador in Argentina and a bachelor's degree in theology from Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. A member of the Society of Jesus, he was ordained a priest in 1995. He joined the Vatican Observatory as a researcher in 2000, and was named its director on August 19, 2006 replacing Fr. George Coyne.

**Friday, 19 November 2010, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Faith & Life Chapel**  
**(moving to 2-004, Forum meeting room after chapel)**  
**Augustana Campus, Camrose**

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