

The Lunar and Planetary Institute Presents

COSMIC EXPLORATIONS: A SPEAKER SERIES

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ASTRONOMY, GOD, AND THE SEARCH FOR ELEGANCE

Kepler, Maxwell, and Einstein found that a sense of aesthetic “rightness” helped direct their scientific intuition toward theories that could be expressed with ration and mathematics, or “elegance”. Ultimately, this link between “elegance” and rational truth has profound theological implications. Guy Consolmagno, S.J., astronomer and curator of meteorites at the Vatican, opens this year’s lecture series, “The Search for Meaning, for Planets, for Life.” Consolmagno will discuss how one proceeds from an emotional appreciation of the beauty of the universe, to a deeper understanding that satisfies both reason and emotion.

This FREE presentation at 7:30 p.m. is intended for inquisitive adults and will be followed by a light reception and an opportunity to meet Br. Guy Consolmagno.

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