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Episode 2: How do you reconcile faith and science? (26 min.)
"How do you reconcile faith and science? "I don't have to," Fr. Coyne answers Tom Fox?s question. The question always presupposes that they have to be reconciled. "Why do they have to be reconciled?" he asks. "In my own life, I?ve never felt the challenge. . . . They have just always peacefully gone along with one another."

This is an encore presentation. The podcast first aired in May 2007.

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Fr. George Coyne, S.J. on Science, Faith and God
Jesuit Father George Coyne retired last year after more than 40 years with the Vatican Observatory -- the last 28 years as observatory director, splitting his time between Italy and Tucson, Ariz. Coyne talks to Tom Fox about the history of the observatory, the Vatican's involvement in astronomy, and how he separates -- and combines -- his faith life with science.

More quotes from Coyne
"If I believe in God, then why shouldn?t I as a scientist ask, 'What kind of God would create a universe like this?' That really enriches, gives a deeper meaning, to my faith." 'The universe glorifies god in a way that I would have never known had I not tried to understand the universe scientifically.' " Theologians have this beautiful idea of continuous creation, but to my mind, even Catholic theologians do not use it enough with enough of an understanding of modern science to really reflect on its rich meaning. Creation did not happen once 14 billion years ago. Creation is continuing. God is continuing to work from outside the universe with the universe and from within the universe with the universe."

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