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Astronomy Fans You are Invited to a Free Lecture

Phoenix, AZ: The Phoenix Astronomical Society is proud to announce a free lecture to be presented on Thursday April 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. (Mountain time) by Mr. James Renn from the Vatican Observatory, Mount Graham, Safford, AZ.

Topic: Searching for Life in Creation

At this time, the search for Extraterrestrial Life in the Universe is philosophical since no evidence of extraterrestrial life has yet been found. After a detailed discussion of the current methods of searching for alien life and how the Vatican's telescope – the 1.8-meter Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope located at Mount Graham near Safford Arizona – participates in the search, I will offer the opinions of the astronomers at the Observatory, and yes, even the opinion of the Pope, on what it will mean to discover Extraterrestrial Intelligence (ETI).

There is a great public fascination with this search, and a concern that the detection of ETI might have an adverse effect on our planet. I will encourage the audience to ask questions during the presentation to focus on each topic as it is presented.

James Renn has been a Board member for the Vatican Observatory Foundation since 2018 and has presented astronomy lectures to the public and school groups since 1970. He has also given presentations at the Star Barn Planetarium in Cave Creek. He is currently a member of the Vatican Observatory Outreach Committee, and his presentations focus on the

relationship of faith and science and how they provide complementary, not contradictory, explanations for physical reality.

You can register to attend this free lecture by going to <https://bookwhen.com/pas-event-calendar#focus=ev-seac-20230527183000>

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