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Science and religion can work together, Cizik says

Scientists and people of faith should work together to ensure that the earth is not destroyed by human folly, said Richard Cizik, who will deliver a lecture Feb. 25 entitled “For God’s Sake,” as part of the 2007-08 series of E.N. Thompson Lectures on World Issues.

Cizik’s lecture, which originates from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be simulcast at West Education Center at Central Community College in Columbus. The simulcast begins at 7 p.m.

“Great scientists are people of imagination,” said Cizik. “So are people of great faith. We dare to imagine a world in which science and religion cooperate, minimizing our differences about how creation got started, to work together to reverse its degradation. We will not allow it to be progressively destroyed by human folly.”

As vice-president for governmental affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, Cizik sets policy direction on issues before Congress, the White House and the Supreme Court, as well as serving as a national spokesman on issues of concern to evangelicals. A conservative both politically and religiously, Cizik is on a mission to convert millions of Americans to the cause of conservation, using a right-to-life framework and spreading the doctrine of “creation care” to evangelical Christians.

The theme for the 20th season of the Thompson lectures is “Changing Nature,” with speakers exploring a cross-section of subjects related to the science and politics of environmentalism. The remaining lecture in the series is by William K. Reilly, president and CEO of Aqua International Partners, who will speak April 22.

The Thompson Forum brings a diversity of viewpoints on international and public policy issues to the citizens of Nebraska at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The series was named in honor of E.N. “Jack” Thompson, who served as president of the Cooper Foundation from 1964 to 1990 and as its chairman from 1990 until his death in 2002. Thompson established the series to promote better understanding of world events and issues for all Nebraskans.

All lectures and simulcasts are free and open to the public. To RSVP or for more information, contact Steve Heinisch at (402) 562-1264 or at sheinisch@cccneb.edu.

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