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Can religion and science find common ground ?

Montréal, May 26 – Who possesses the absolute truth regarding the human condition: religion or science? Religion once claimed complete authority in this area until science tried to discount all matters of faith. While often still at odds, both approaches are struggling to accommodate each other without subverting their principles. Is it time to ask if the two can walk hand-in-hand, even if they do not always see eye to eye?

From September 11-15, 2006 in Montreal, the global congress *The World's Religions after September 11* will be a place of reflection on the role of religions of the world in the 21st century. Participants will explore the numerous dimensions of religion today including human rights, spirituality, healing and science, religious freedom, the media, the role of women and war.

Speakers will include Karen Armstrong, Deepak Chopra, Shirin Ebadi and Huston Smith.

This is an official post-parliament event of the 2004 Barcelona Parliament of World Religions as declared by the Council of a Parliament of World Religions. A draft version of the UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS will be the cornerstone of this Congress. Nobel Peace Laureates His Holiness, The Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bishop Belo and Shirin Ebadi are patrons of this historic document.

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