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Italy: Pope Favors Design, Not Accident

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Pope Benedict XVI said Thursday that God's knowledge, love and "inexhaustible creativity" — not chance — lay at the origins of the universe. Scientific concepts suggesting the formation of the universe was accidental, like the Big Bang theory, "only arrive at a certain point," the pope told worshipers in St. Peter's Basilica on Thursday. The church no longer says that the process of evolution violates its teachings, but for the church, God remains the ultimate creator.