

JESUS CHRIST THE CREATOR

Colossians 1:16-17

Introduction: So, where did the universe come from? How did it get started? Are there more planets like ours? What holds everything together?

- The humanists view is that everything happens by chance.
- The gnostic view is that some god (super being) made things, but that god (super being) is far removed from here.
- The Christian view is that Almighty God, in Jesus Christ is responsible in a deliberate creation.

I. JESUS CHRIST (GOD) CREATED ALL THINGS

1. "By Him" - His heart desired, His mind planned.
 - His will destined, His Word created.
 - His love moved His heart to create.
 - His knowledge stirred His mind to create.
 - His riches in grace caused Him to create.
 - His power brought the world (universe) into being.
2. "All Things" - Collectively, meaning everything in the complete, total universe.
 - indwelling, every single detail to the last "atom."
 - everything that exists or has ever existed was made by Him.
3. "Were Created" - Historical event, a time when He acted.
4. All dimensions everywhere - heaven, earth, visible, invisible, powers, thrones, dominions, principalities, animals, vegetables, minerals, every element, etc. All created by Jesus Christ.

II. JESUS CHRIST CREATED ALL THINGS - FOR HIMSELF

1. IF Jesus Christ created all things - to whom would/should all creation look in praise, honor, worship and to serve?
2. Jesus Christ created the universe.
 - To love it - to bless it - to redeem it - to receive it - to save it - to exalt it - to do with it whatsoever He wills.
3. Therefore - all we know exists because of and for Jesus Christ.

III. JESUS CHRIST IS BEFORE ALL THINGS

1. Jesus was before all things in time.
 - He was before anything was ever created.
 - He was before time ever began.

2. Jesus is before all things in importance, supremacy and preeminence.
 - Jesus, alone, before all is supreme. Everything owes its existence, worship and service to the Lord Jesus Christ.

IV. JESUS CHRIST HOLDS ALL THINGS TOGETHER

1. Jesus is the "glue" that keeps order, unity, solidity in our universe, or there would be chaos.
2. His love and power keeps nature in order, creatures, seasons, forces, powers, orderliness.

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus Christ is eternal.
 - Jesus Christ reveals God. He is all that God is and wants to say to us.
 - Jesus Christ reveals God perfectly. To see Jesus Christ is to see God.
 - Jesus Christ reveals God's wonders. God is loving, caring, good, truthful but is intolerant of injustice, sin and abuse.
2. Jesus Christ's nature:
 - He exists eternally.
 - He is the perfect state of being.
 - He is in perfect communion and fellowship with His creation.
3. One day, all of Jesus Christ's family:
 - will know Jesus Christ as God and will be "one" as He is "one."
 - will be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
 - will take on a new body, like that of Jesus Christ.
 - will become partakers of Jesus Christ's divine nature.
 - will be like Jesus Christ.