

Colossians

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And what does ‘...all things hold together’ indicate? 1:17b; Heb.1:3

What is the scientific term for this mysterious force, holding all things together?

What happens to everything when He removes this force? IPet.3:10-13

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Gr; autē; 'by He Himself and no other'. Emphasis is on Christ alone as the Creator.

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The false teachers at Colossae were teaching that Christ was created, i.e. not God.

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All things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. Absolutely everything created!

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These verses are speaking of creating out of nothing. Nothing! Only God can do this.

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Thrones (seat of authority), dominions (lordship), rulers (a beginning), authorities (given)

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We are to recognize and submit to our governmental authorities, established by Him.

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This is likely about angels and Satan and demons. Christ created all angels, Heb.1:6, 13

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Christ is (existed) prior to all created things. He was not created. He created. He is God.

And what does '...all things hold together' indicate? 1:17b; Heb.1:3

Gr = 'to stand with'. That is Christ stands with all things. He, alone, holds it together.

What is the scientific term for this mysterious force, holding all things together?

All atoms should explode violently. The mystery is called 'strong nuclear force'. Right...

What happens to everything when He removes this force? IPet.3:10-13

The destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. Uncreation.

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We're looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, home of righteousness! Amen!!