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Jesus, the Sustainer of all things...1:17

What does 'He is before all things...' indicate? 1:17a; Jn.1:1-3; ICor.2:7; Gal.1:17; IPet.1:20

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 alters this force? IPet.3:10-13; Heb.1:10-12

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*** And what is the stated purpose behind all these truths (1:15-18)? 1:18b ***

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

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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...

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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!!

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That He is the Head of His Body, the Church. The assembly of Spirit-indwelt believers.

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Jesus is not a 'good spirit/angel' sent to the church. He's Creator / Head of the Church.

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He is the beginning, the firstborn (highest rank) of those raised from the dead. ICor.15:20

*** And what is the stated purpose behind all these truths (1:15-18)? 1:18b ***

So that in everything He might have the supremacy! Christ is Lord over everything!

What was at the heart of the doctrinal error being taught at Colossae? 2:8-10

That Christ was not God. Being a man meant He was less than God. Probably an angel.

From Scripture, how do we see the Incarnation/Trinity/Christ's supremacy? Phil.1:5-11

Christ, of the Trinity, created everything, then emptied/humbled Himself. Submitted to the Father.

And how do we see all authority finally merged in the Trinity? ICor.15:20-28

Christ reigns till all His enemies are under His feet, then He offers it all to the Father!