

Meditation #30: Celebrating the Cosmic Glue

What does it say? –

STUDY: Colossians 1:11-20

GOLDEN TEXT: Colossians 1:16-17 = *For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers; all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

What does it mean?

For too long, contemporary culture, and scientific/technological pursuits, have denatured nature, treating animals and plants—and the Lord’s earth itself—as simply *things, objects*, mere measurable *commodities*. Tragically, otherwise Godly people, who should know better, have adopted this *secularizing* perspective. However, earth is our home, plants and animals are fellow creatures of God, and the Lord Jesus Christ is the *Cosmic Glue* that holds it all together—and gives creation its meaning and purpose. We have heard of the “unified field theory.” In a deeper sense there is a “*unified person theory*.” The way we treat his world is how we are treating Jesus, because he is the *Cosmic Glue*. What we do in his creation definitely matters to him, because he is always there holding it all together. Christmas is the special day we celebrate his birth on earth, while his cosmic work was initiated long before, from the earliest moment of creation.

1. As you meditate on the Lord Jesus Christ as the *Cosmic Glue* who holds it all together, look outside. Do things look different now? Can you hold that awareness together?
2. Now look around you in the place you are in. Do things look different? Can you hold that awareness in your mind? In your imagination let it all fall apart. What happens?
3. All things were created through and for Jesus Christ. Does the creation know that fact in some way? Do we have a responsibility to make that truth known and felt?
4. If we do not submit to Jesus our behavior in our spheres of influence, who is to blame? What will be the results in environmental pollution and depletion of resources?

What are we going to do about it?

5. The word “Christian” was first introduced in Antioch (Acts 11:26), and means “little Christ.” Since Christ holds the whole world together, what opportunities do you have to participate with him—within your ability, within your spheres of influence?
6. When the creation that he is holding together is being polluted and depleted by irresponsible behavior, how does Jesus feel? How should we feel? What should we do?
7. Can non-believers see Jesus as the *Cosmic Glue* of creation? What should be done to make their recognition of Jesus far more likely?

Truth To Celebrate: *The Infant of Christmas is also the ultimate “Cosmic Glue” of all the creation, so there could not be a greater birthday to celebrate. Celebrate the divine, personal, Cosmic Glue today.*

Advent-Action: *A positive relationship with the Lord Jesus, the Infant of Christmas, must lead to positive responsibility for the creation that he “holds together.” How does that responsibility now show in your behavior? Make a list of the behavioral changes you have made within this Advent season to reflect your commitment to honor and please him. What additional changes are still needed? What is your plan to progress on those changes in the coming months?*

