

The Attackers: Jesus Christ Controls History: through the Preservation of the Universe & Based on the Spiritual Status of a Client Nation's Believers

VI. Jesus Christ controls history through the preservation of the universe.

1. The Bible begins with the declarative statement that God created the universe:

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2. The member of the Trinity who was the agent of creation was Jesus Christ:

Colossians 1:16 - For by means of Him [Jesus Christ] were all things created [κτίζω, ktízō: from no preexisting materials] in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers—all things were created [κτίζω, ktízō] through Him [διὰ, diá: indicating agency] and for Him [εἰς, eis: indicating purpose].

Colossians 1:17 - And He [Jesus Christ] has existed eternally before all things [the angelic race and the universe], and by means of Him [Jesus Christ] all things hold together [intensive perfect active indicative of συνίστημι, sunístēmi: literally: to stand together with; to join parts together into a whole].

3. Further proof that the physical laws sustaining the universe were created by Christ is noted in:

Hebrews 1:3a -The Son is the radiance of His glory and the representation of His essence, and He sustains all things by His powerful word.

v. 10 - You founded the earth in the beginning, Lord, and the heavens are the works of Your hands.

4. This present universe is not permanent since the Lord intends to bring it to a fiery end and replace it with new heavens and a new earth. Its destruction is prophesied in:

2 Peter 3:10 - The day of the Lord [comprises events beginning with the Rapture of the church and concluding with the destruction of the universe; this context indicates the latter] will arrive as a thief in the night [without warning], in which the heavens [the universe] shall completely disappear with a great noise and its elements shall dissolve with fervent heat [e.g., nuclear fission], and the earth and its works [the human-good production of men] that is in it shall be burned up.

v. 11 - Since all these things shall be destroyed in this way, what sort of persons should we become in holy conduct and lifestyle as God would have it,

v. 12 - as you eagerly look forward to the coming day of God [the eternal state] and strive for its coming? That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by burning and the structure of the universe will melt with intense heat!

v. 13 - But according to His promise [Isaiah 65:17; 66:22] we are looking for a new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

5. If Jesus Christ created the universe, if the Rapture of the church is imminent, if the Tribulation is prophesied to last seven years, and if His millennial kingdom is prophesied to last for one-thousand years, then it follows that the earth and the universe will continue on a steady course for at least 1,007 more years.
6. This knowledge provides the believer with tranquility of soul in the face of alleged problems that are being used to propagandize the masses who cannot evaluate the information from a biblical worldview.
7. Jesus Christ will sustain this earth which contains a sufficient supply of logistics to meet the needs of the human race for at least the next 1,007 years.
8. There is plenty of oil, coal, natural gas, and nuclear power available to provide us the energy we need to operate industrialized economies. We are not going to die because it will get too hot, or too cold.
9. All will be fine, life will go on for the human race, and the Word of God will prosper somewhere on this earth in every generation until the Lord destroys the universe.
10. We are therefore able to relax and enjoy life and concentrate on growing in grace knowing our destiny is set and our future is secure for both time and eternity.

VII. Jesus Christ controls history based on the spiritual status of a client nation's believers.

1. Client nations exist throughout the Church Age and during the course of each one's history it experiences historical uptrends and downtrends.
2. All aspects of a client nation's Zeitgeist are affected by the status of its resident believers.
3. If the doctrinal inventory is large and advancing the Zeitgeist will reflect increasing order and tranquility. If the inventory is small and regressive it will reflect increasing disorder and turbulence.
4. Therefore, as goes the believer so goes the client nation: its economy, culture, government, law enforcement, jurisprudence, education, arts, music, entertainment, and social life.
5. Zeitgeist is a German word that has been adopted into English and means literally "the spirit of the times." The definition is "the general intellectual, moral, and cultural climate of an era."
6. The up- or downtrends of a client nation is therefore dependent upon the spiritual inventories of its believers, whether they are collectively strong and enlarging or weak and diminishing.
7. Jesus Christ controls a client nation's history based on the inventory of doctrinal ideas circulating in the streams of consciousness of its believers:

Revelation 2:23b - "I am He Who constantly inventories [retroactive progressive present of ἐρευνᾶω, *ereunáō*: that which is begun in the past and continues into the present; the present of duration] the emotions and the stream of consciousness, and I will impose punishment to each one of you according to your production from the cosmic system."

8. This means the true patriots of a client nation are those believers who continue to pursue truth, no matter what the circumstance, by making Bible study Priority One in their lives.
9. Therefore, the spiritual status of a client nation can be discerned by the dominant worldview of its citizens.
10. If there are historical uptrends in evidence, then it means the collective doctrinal inventory of the nation's believers enables the Lord to control history so that general prosperity is enjoyed by all.
11. If there are historical downtrends in evidence then it means the collective doctrinal inventory of the nation's believers requires the Lord to control history so that general recession is suffered by all.
12. Through it all the mature believer is sustained and is able to ride out the resultant upheaval that is administered by the cycles of discipline.