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“SCIENTIFIC ‘LAWS’ AND THE UNIVERSE”

1. The preservation of the universe and the earth, including the human race, animal life, plant life, and the stability of our environment and atmosphere with its various components, depends exclusively on the omnipotence and immutability of Jesus Christ.
 - A. In Colossians 1:16-17 Paul said, “**For by Him [Lord Jesus Christ] all things were created, {both} in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.**”
 - B. Hebrews 1:3 tells us, that Jesus Christ “**...is the radiance of**” God the Father’s “**glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power...**”
2. The term ‘scientific laws’ is a misnomer. Scientific laws, as such, do not exist because science neither advances nor enforces these laws. E.g.,, in chemistry, each time certain elements are combined, certain results always occur. This phenomenon is more accurately termed a divine law, *not* a scientific law.
3. So-called scientific laws are based on the statistical assumption that the universe, which operates according to a fixed norm, will continue to do so. Science can observe, classify, describe and apply these normative operations, but it is *powerless* to control them. A distinction must be maintained between illegitimate scientific speculation and the legitimate observation and classification roles of science as part of the naming task God gave Adam.

Notice how in Genesis 2:19-20 Moses said, “**And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought {them} to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field...**”

Principle: Only God-- specifically, the Lord Jesus Christ-- in His sovereignty can guarantee the continuation of these phenomena.

4. The universe, with its current laws of operation, will not always exist as it does at the present time.
 - A. Peter, in 2 Peter 3:10, say's, "**But the day of the Lord** [which refers *here* to / end of the Millennium, and therefore / end of human history] **will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.**" And in v. 12 he adds, "**looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God** [eternity], **on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning and the elements will melt with intense heat!**"
 - B. The apostle John wrote in Revelation 20:11, "**...I saw a great white throne** [for / judgment of unbelievers *after* / end of human history] **and Him who sat upon it** [/ Lord Jesus Christ], **from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.**"
5. Known 'scientific laws' and phenomena which man has been able to observe, classify and apply depend entirely upon the faithfulness of God. Jesus Christ at the present time ensures the perpetual function of every bona fide scientific law-- Colossians 1:17.

Again, in 2 Peter 3:4-5, Peter quotes the false teachers as "...saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming [2nd Advent]? For {ever} since the fathers fell asleep, all continues *just as it was* from the beginning of creation.' For when they maintain this [false teachers of ch. 2-3], it escapes their notice that by the word [*logos*] of God [Jesus Christ: Jn. 1:1-3] {the} heavens existed long ago and {the} earth was formed out of water and by water."

6. The reason for preserving the universe is to resolve the Angelic Conflict in human history and to bring "**many sons into glory,**" Hebrews 2:10. When God destroys the present universe at the end of the Millennium-- 2 Peter 2:10-12-- only those indestructible things with eternal value will survive:
 - A. Our salvation through faith alone in Christ alone.

Paul said in Romans 8:38-39, "**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God** [/ motivation for / sacrifice of His perfect Son in our place], **which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**"

B. The infallible Word of God.

- 1) Isaiah 40:8 say's, "**The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.**"
- 2) Jesus said in Matthew 24:35, "**Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.**"

C. The divine historical record of believers who lived in the light of Bible doctrine-- Psalm 69:28; Philippians 4:3; and:

Revelation 3:12, which tells us, that "**He who overcomes** [/ mature believer who executes God's Protocol Plan; / hero of faith in / AC], **I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God** [/ mature believer will have / record of his life inscribed forever on a pillar in / heavenly temple; / 'temple of God' is / eternal record center in / future, it provides / historical textbook of / *true* heroes of history; in / same manner that Egyptian, Greek, Assyrian and Babylonian temples had / great deeds of people inscribed on their pillars], **and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon him [1] the name of My God, and [2] the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and [3] My new name** [which is 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the bright Morning Star; / 3 names are a 'coat of arms' of heavenly glory for / Spiritual Warrior-- / Order of / Morning Star]."

D. Eternal blessings, both those conveyed to winner believers and those forfeited by loser believers;

- 1) We see, from 1 Corinthians 3:13-14, that "**each man's work will become evident; for the day** [of judgment for believers; *Bema Seat*-- 2 Cor. 5:10] **will show it, because it is {to be} revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If** [*when*; 1st class condition] **any man's work which he has built upon it** [foundation of faith in Christ, v. 11] **remains, he shall receive a reward.**"
- 2) Ephesians 1:3 say's, "**Blessed {be} the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly {places} in Christ** [/ very position of our 'spiritual blessings' makes them immutable]."
- 3) In 1 Peter 1:3-4 Peter writes, "**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of**

Jesus Christ from the dead, to {obtain} an *inheritance* {which is} imperishable and undefiled and will *not* fade away, reserved in heaven for you.”

E. The resurrection body of every believer.

In 1 Corinthians 15:42-44 Paul say's, **“So also is the resurrection of the dead [believer]. It is sown a perishable {body}, it is raised an imperishable {body}; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body [‘and there is,’ you’re in it], there is also a spiritual {body}”**

He goes on in v. 50 to **“...say this, ...that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery [something never before revealed until / CA]; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable and we shall be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’”**

8. Jesus Christ holds the universe together by the power of His Word-- Hebrews 1:3. Simultaneously, He postpones eternity to give the human race ample opportunity to appropriate the grace of God.

2 Peter 3:9 say's, that **“The Lord is not slow about His promise [v. 4; 2nd Advent], as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for *any* to perish but for *all* to come to repentance [a change of mind about Jesus Christ].”**

This opportunity begins at the moment of faith in Christ and continues throughout the believer's life in order to resolve the AC and glorify God for all eternity.