

## **Faith Matters # 31 – Matter Matters Too – May, 2018**

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead makes all the difference: for you, for me, and – surprise – for all creation! Death shall have no dominion – none!

Cosmologists study the development of the entire universe. Many of them see creation expanding until after billions of years it dies a cold death. Others believe creation will eventually contract, compress, and die a fiery death. But the resurrection of Jesus Christ changes all that.

Scientist-theologians<sup>1</sup> remind us that the universe, as John proclaims, was the creation of God: “All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being”<sup>2</sup>. He is saying that all matter in the universe was brought about by the Word who was incarnate in Jesus Christ. God cares about all matter.

To the young church in Ephesus Paul explains that God has made known “the mystery of his will... as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth...”<sup>3</sup> All these things don’t have a choice; they will be transformed. But we do. In addition to “all things” benefitting from Christ’s resurrection, “we also have obtained an inheritance...”<sup>3</sup> And that’s worth choosing!

This is really good news, worthy of thanksgiving, of praise to the loving Creator, and of sharing with others who haven’t heard.<sup>4</sup>

(<sup>1</sup> such as the quantum physicist, the Rev. Dr. John Polkinghorne, *Science and the Trinity: The Christian Encounter with Reality*. <sup>2</sup> John 1:3; <sup>3</sup> Ephesians 1:9<sup>f</sup>; <sup>4</sup> 2 Timothy 4:1,2)  
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