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**Who Moves All These?**

***Colossians 3:1-4***

**Topic:** Jesus

**Subject:** Why is Jesus the answer to the greatest questions in life?

**Complement:** Christ is creator and first mover in everything.

**Purpose:** The listeners will trust Jesus as Lord of their lives.

# Introduction

### Interest: Who is the one who causes all things to be?

#### Immanuel Kant on 30 Sept 1784 encouraged all to use their own understanding where man emerges from “his self-imposed immaturity” without relying on traditions or beliefs: “Enlightenment is man’s emergence from his self-imposed immaturity. Immaturity is the inability to use one’s understanding without guidance from another. This immaturity is self-imposed when its cause lies not in lack of understanding, but in lack of resolve and courage to use it without guidance from another. *Sapere Aude!* [dare to know] ‘Have courage to use your own understanding!’—that is the motto of the enlightenment.”

#### In contrast, Alexander Solzhenitsyn in 1983 that the terrors of the 20th century all happened because “men have forgotten God.”

### Need: Why do we need God?

#### How do we find truth?

#### Where did we come from?

#### How can we help the dying?

#### How do we plant and lead the church?

#### The answer is Jesus Christ. But…

### Subject: Why is Jesus the answer to the greatest questions in life?

### Background: The Colossian heresy caused doubt about reality in the world. It combined Jewish and Hellenistic cultures, combining various diets, angel worship, and other human efforts rather than Christ (2:8-9).

### Text: Colossians 3:1-4 answers the big questions that we all have.

# I. Jesus is the Answer.

## “For God in *all his fullness* was pleased to live in Christ” (1:19).

## “For in Christ lives *all the fullness* of God in a human body” (2:9).

# II. Believers must act based on Christ.

## The rougher the sea, the longer a chain needed to hold the anchor into the seabed. The more challenges we face, the more we need to anchor into Christ, including:

### Decline of the church in the West

### LBGT

### Succession of church leaders

### Authenticity of Adam

### Creation of humankind

### Jesus Seminars

## Deepen in both knowledge and skills. Keep learning!

## The current young Jewish writer, Yuval Noah Harari, argues that humans are working to become like a god on our own terms. He admits that people do not know who they want to be, so he leads in a godless wasteland. His two key bestsellers are:

### *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*

### *Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow*

# Conclusion

### Christ is creator and first mover in everything (MI).

### We must return to our belief in the Bible. We are not becoming gods, but men who must be in the likeness of Christ.

### Application: We will never become God.