Colossians 1:16 - By means of Himself [Jesus Christ] all things were created ex nihilo [$\kappa \tau i \zeta \omega$ (*ktízō*)] in the sphere of the universe and upon the earth, the <u>visible things</u> [matter] and the <u>invisible</u> things [energy], whether the authority associated with nationalism or the laws of divine establishment, or demonic general officers or demonic commissioned officers—all things were created ex nihilo [$\kappa \tau i \zeta \omega$ (*ktízō*)] by Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:17 - And He keeps on <u>being before all</u> <u>things</u> [eternal life of undiminished deity], and by means of Him all things <u>hold together</u> [συνίστημι (*sunístēmi*)].