


# THE PAWNBROKER

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## THE KINGDOM WON'T DISAPPEAR BUT RATHER FINALLY APPEAR

When hard times come people trade some of their dispensable valuables for ready cash at the pawnbrokers. The teaching of "Earthism" in place of *"The Kingdom of and from the heavens"* is a result of becoming indigent in biblical teaching. Before the emerging facts of the future as before revelation of the Lord who sits enthroned in the heavens for anyone to buy into a scheme for the kingdom of God and the Eschata different from scripture is to be left with something of rapidly diminishing value and something like the parcel passed in the Christmas Party game that needs to be out of your hands post haste.

## WILL YOU TRADE FOR AN EARTHBOUND SCHEMA?

It is important that we do not trade the truth of *the Kingdom realm throne city and world that comes down out of heaven from God* for a "continuity package" in which one asks for "a stone" and hopes God will dispense with the current oceans and recycle the present earth for us. That is pawning *the biblical teaching we have* for the ready cash that *we want*. The mercy about having allowed ourselves to be "sold a pup" through fondness for an earthbound schema of things that is not taught in the Word is that we can revisit the broker and buy the truth of His word back.

## ARE WE LOSING OUR GRIP ON TRUTH? IS FAITH FAILING?

But that is not as easy as it would appear for that requires conviction of the uniqueness of virgin truth as taught by the Apostles and the original scriptures to re-emerge in its peerless beauty. *A posteriori* or the second time round that is not so simple for it requires a volt-face.

The encouraging thing is that as we grow in the Christian Faith, we discover the depths of what was known and taught and rather than try to fit the dancing theories of science and religious fad to what scripture teaches we had best keep our oil separate from our water. It remains true for instance that ***God created the heavens and the earth in six days*** though science has developed a new chronology not knowing the power of God by faith. By faith we believe the things that are were created ***not from the things that do appear***. It shall be exactly so in respect of ***the New Heaven and New Earth***. Let us not lose our grip on truth plainly taught.

## WHAT PRICE TRUTH?

How important is it not to "sell the truth" of ***the Father's kingdom -a vital eternal provision of the Fatherhood and teaching of the Son?*** It is important if we are to hold a high doctrine of the Fatherhood of God. Things are either as the father planned or they have a very different origin and are unverifiable.

**(Mt 15.3, 16.17 John 8.38 Luke 12.32 John 20.17 John 14)** In the case of what is in the hands of the pawnbroker the first embarrassing dilemma is how to recover it? It will take time to get the courage and conviction that it needs to be re-deemed. A pauper may resolve to stay poor-or may walk past the pawnbroker's window and glimpse the truth again. The interesting thing shall we say about "pawning doctrinal truth" is that just as in an ordinary clearance-it is usually a case of losing one's interest in something because it is *old*, seems irrelevant or is losing its good look in face of appealing claims that *a priori* seem far superior. The "renovated earth" theological riposte might immediately present as one such highly gratifying eternal acquisition.

**The complex nature of Isaiah 65 17-25** could so easily be mismanaged and freestyle translation might seem to commend the above position. I retail the Hebrew in bold script: "**Behold me as I create a new heaven and new earth.**" If this creation were restoration the **Piel** of the verb would be essential-i.e it would need to read "**behold me continue to renew**" but that is not the case. Besides the LORD says "**The first heaven and earth shall not be**

**remembered nor come up upon the heart". But even if those who pass from it eternally must rejoice and must dance or exult where or when I create-yet (or) nay nevertheless behold me creating(earthly) Jerusalem an exultation and her people an object of joy."** The counterpoint is repeated in Isaiah 66 which generally explores the latter-day kingdom of the millennium and contrasts this in v22 with the ["eternal"]New Heavens & Earth. To confirm the contrast in both cases the old 'renovated' Jerusalem is not freed from the curse (65.20) and death (66.24) **Q.E.D**

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