


# WHAT ABOUT...GOD THE FATHER?

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*This file simply poses some questions not alone for friends of the "new-fangled" heaven on earth continuum theory of Christian cosmogony but for all of us as we have to approach new ideas and assess their reliability.*

## 1. OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN!

Is there any fundamental evidence that God the Father will set up his throne on earth and evacuate the "heaven of heavens" where HE presumably has dwelt eternally?

Does the "Kingdom of Christ" in any future shape require the abdication of the Father in favour of the Son's earthly kingdom or is development in the opposite direction theologically & eschatologically?

## 2. SPACE AND TIME

Is the world utterly and only the space-time continuum that can be measured by the dimensions with which we are familiar? Is your mind open to the 90+% of the universe about which we have no readable data and concerning which scientists can now tell us that it may have as many as 10 dimensions?

## 3. THE END WILL COME!

Paul wrote to the Corinthians and said, "Each in his own turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, those in his PAROUSIA. **1Cor.15.23** Then the end (τέλος) will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death for "he has put everything under his feet. Now when it says 'Everything' has been put under Him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this then the Son himself will be

made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all." (1 Corinthians 15.24ff)

#### **4. SUNBURN!**

"Neither shall the sun light on them nor any heat!" NEVER AGAIN says scripture will these saints who appear to have come up to heaven during distressful times on earth -NEVER AGAIN will they hunger or thirst -nor the sun beat on them or any scorching heat. I hear the sweet words of a welcome homecoming-"They serve Him day and night in his temple". While the earth continues beneath these glorified ones are so glad to have reached "the further shore" of heaven for they "came out of great tribulation"

We cannot interpret this by saying they will be back on earth to sunbathe-because scripture categorically says "they will not". We cannot say their mission is to descend to this earth to live there for ever. We cannot say they are going to have bodies any longer afflicted by the sun-for a new type of light shines upon them and the city of God has neither sun or moon (**Revelation 21 23-24**) It would appear by simple mathematics that if ALL NATIONS walk in that new light NO NATIONS walk in the sunlight!

#### **5. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SUN?**

On this topic do check out **Isaiah 60.19-20 Psalm 72.17 and Psalm 89.36** for yourself.

#### **6. WHERE DO WE GO WHEN WE DIE?**

Jesus said the thief would enter Paradise with Him. Some speak of a not prolonged stay in "Purgatory" and others say "I have friends in both places"(meaning Heaven and Hell). Is heaven still on the cards as a destination after death? To which place should Christian ministers point the minds and souls of men and women grappling with eternal issues? Years ago, the Jehovah witnesses held out to those who listened to them the hope of a "Paradise earth"-this very metal ball in its "new spring". But our friends who have passed to their reward are not surely going to thread their way around these

streets and hedgerows once more? Are they going to say "We've been here before?" Where are they now? They are with Christ! Indeed! Where is He? Interceding at the throne! And where is the throne? It is not good enough to escape this question by supplying a second throne. There is only One God and one throne. Where then is the throne? Scripture says "Heaven is thy throne!" God's throne is firm and is a heavenly throne. **In 2 Corinthians 12.2** the apostle Paul speaks of being caught up to the "Third heaven" and hearing words. Where did those words come from? They came from the throne of God. So the physical heavens we know about -the heavens that space research has spent a small fortune to investigate hold no information on this dimension of reality. Nor are we bound to cede to "new thought" that this higher realm is in any hurry to abdicate in favour of our solar system.

## **THE FATHER'S HOUSE**

This glorious place is extensive enough to house all the ransomed church of God. It has ***"many rooms"***(**John 14.2**).

The place which Christ is gone to prepare in the Father's house has been settled upon us long ago. The apostles certainly had rooms in readiness some 2000 years ago. The "final touches" of Christ are such as we would expect any host to make prior to the arrival of along awaited guest.

## **WHAT WOULD ENGLAND BE WITHOUT THE SEASIDE AND THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER?**

It would be rather a pity if we were to become so unsettled that we needed to "escape to the country" and get back to old England however pleasant the Dorset countryside. The new thinkers might hum "There'll always be an England" **but I would put more trust in "a cabin in the corner of Glory Land" if I were you!** Those blue skies over the white cliffs of Dover have excited many a sailor but Enoch went up and Elijah went up and Jesus went up and you will go up! If new thought takes hold of you strongly you had better believe with all your heart that "whatever goes up comes down." I could live with that as a Pre-millennialist but this "down to earth"

experience of the last days is not a proven fact for the billions who have homes in the mansions of God. I dread to think that the expectation of "earth for eternity renewalists" is to live here eternally *after the renovations* is posited comfortably on the experience of Noah and his family who re-settled well after ***lots of water*** and mighty movements in the deep changed earth's surface. The "Renewalist" belief in a world brought back from ***lots of fire*** is the more difficult

(a) Because that "fire" is foreseeably of a nuclear order-more like a flowing lake than a little garden clearance.

(b) Because with the fire there is a rolling up of the heavens like a scroll and the passing out of service and remembrance of the earth

(c) Because the scene of man's eternal state changes to the "heaven and earth" that are recorded in the making by Isaiah and come down from God out of heaven in place of the present earth and its distant musical ensemble of singing stars. **Isaiah 65 & 66**

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