

# Trading Up



Boardwalk is the rare piece, with odds of 1 in 513,591,720. The odds of finding Park Place are 1 in 11.

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## Rabbinic Law

"What finds belong to the Finder, and what finds most one cause to be proclaimed."

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## Things that can determine something's value:

- Rarity
- Condition
- Usefulness
- Demand
- Intrinsic Value  
(like the past ownership of an object)

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## Things you can do with treasure:

- You can buy provisions
- You can bless people in need
- You can go places with less limitation
- Treasure provides you leverage in a variety of situations
- Treasure can provide opportunities
- It can change your life & the lives of people around you

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# An Era of Distractions



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Metaphysics a division of philosophy that is concerned with the fundamental nature of reality and being and that includes ontology, cosmology, and often epistemology.

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**Ontology** is the philosophical study of the nature of being, becoming, existence, or reality.

**Cosmology** is the study of the origin, evolution, and eventual fate of the universe.

**Epistemology** is the branch of philosophy concerned with the theory of knowledge. Epistemology studies the nature of knowledge, justification, and the rationality of belief.

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Metaphysics ... analyzes the generic traits manifested by existences of any kind.

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**“Is water wet?”**

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*“If you tell a big enough lie for a long enough period of time, the masses will begin to believe it is the truth.”*

**ADOLF HITLER**

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*“However a man discovers the will of God for himself, whether it be in a lightning flash of a moment’s illumination or at the end of a long and conscious search, it is worth anything unhesitatingly to accept it.”*

**WILLIAM BARCLAY**

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*“The kingdom of heaven is so valuable, that when a sinner finds it and thinks about it deeply in his heart; he examines the preciousness of the treasure, and counts the cost of purchase; and he’s so convinced of the promise of life eternal, that he goes and sells all, renounces his sins, abandons his evil friends, and gives up on the idea of salvation through his own righteousness. And he gets rid of anything that would keep him from gaining salvation; and purchases the field.”*

**MATTHEW HENRY**

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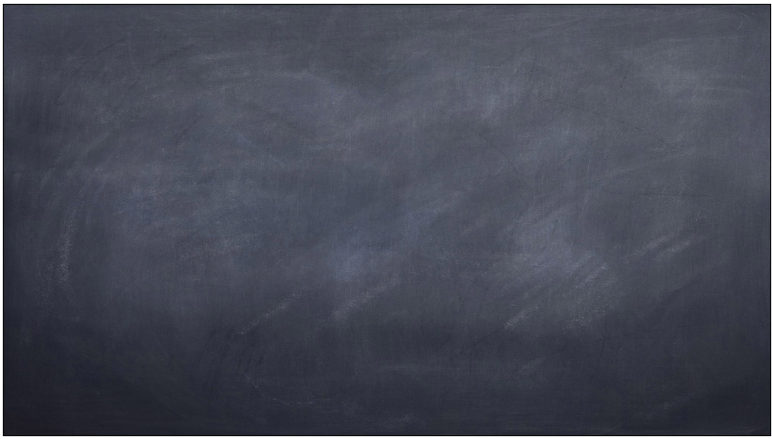
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