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## PENSIONS

I have been careful thus far in the book to limit my commentary strictly to original ideas (the one exception being the collateral idea discussed in the last section). However, I have been assured by Andrew Hohms (founder of Battery Finance) that my interpretation of what will happen to credit markets is original. Why do I say any of this? It is because there is very little that can be written or thought of regarding pensions that is truly original. I practiced in the cutting edge of pensions back in the early 2000s, and I was dumbfounded by the level of general expertise there was when it came to pensions. Of course, not enough to manage it correctly and avoid disasters like that of the 2000 dot-com crash, the 2008 global financial crisis, and the 2022 BoE bailout (see the Epilogue and my blog post “Pensions Finally Come of Age” for breakdowns of these calamities).<sup>1</sup>

Pensions are the king when it comes to OPM expertise. By OPM, I mean “Other People’s Money.” Everybody is an expert on how to manage other people’s money, and nothing

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<sup>1</sup>Hirshcfield, B. Orthogonal Divergence. (2023, April 20). *Pensions finally come of age*. Fundamentals.<https://fundamentals.ghost.io/pensions-finally-come-of-age/>