

all their external relations and cultural nuances), and on the other hand, *rational predication about those things*. I don't think Van Til is either a Rationalist or an Idealist—not if we model Rationalism on the sort of philosophy produced by Spinoza, or if we model Idealism on the sort of philosophy produced by Berkeley. But his persistent running together of "predication" and "what predication is *about*" shows heavy rationalistic and idealistic strains in his thought."

Then Lucy interrupted: "I think I have maybe a faint sense for the problem you are talking about, Harold, and I don't want to say that it doesn't have importance for philosophy types; but if we *must* consider what you just said, isn't there a more down to earth way of saying it?"

"Try this," joined in Schroeder; "I'll play it for you on my little piano here! Just kidding, Lucy. I really do sympathize. As I've been listening to Harold, my own mind has been serving up images to help me make sense of presupposing, analogicity, no identity of content, and systems of predication. Want to hear what an aesthete's mind came up with as Harold made his last point? It really has a Halloween flavor to it."

"Yeah, why not?" Lucy managed in her best deadpan, while her heart leaped for . . . joy? "Stifle it, Van Pelt!" she told herself, "you're just setting yourself up again. Schroeder wants to explain something, not get romantic with you!"

"Well," began Schroeder, "Harold has just thrown out for our consideration that Van Til seems to be one-dimensional about the reality that apologetics ought to be making sense of. I don't need to tell you that that approach will be less than enlightening if there is *more* than one dimension involved."

"I could tell *you* a thing or two about missing dimensions!" pouted Lucy inwardly as her face exhibited sweet and rapt attention.

". . . Van Til tends to run together rational predication *about* mind-independent things with the mind-independent things *themselves*," Schroeder went on.

"Wake me when it's over," drawled Peppermint Patty.