

The Defeasible Pumpkin

An Epiphany in a Pumpkin Patch

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In this delightful story, the now middle-aged characters of Charles Schultz's well-known *Peanuts* comic strip are reunited at the behest of Charlie Brown for the purpose of disabusing Linus of his belief in The Great Pumpkin. While Charlie is a Christian, he finds himself in a dilemma, for his method of defending the Christian faith is essentially identical to the method that Linus uses to defend the Pumpkin. They are *both* presuppositionalists of the Van Tilian sort, and in faithfulness to their common method they find their views equally vindicated. The setting of the dialogue is an all-night vigil in a pumpkin patch.

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