

between himself and his creatures. To use a grammatical construction from Paul [Rom. 3:4], it is as though Van Til were saying, "Let God be incomprehensible and every man hopelessly ignorant!" Paul's actual comment, of course, is, "Let God be true and every man a liar!" Lying, unlike irremediable ignorance, allows some discernment of the truth which one is lying about. Paul's point, as I understand it, is that even if all men remained in unbelief through their own deception and self-deception, the truth of God and its epistemic availability would remain unaffected. If, however, God had created all men with an epistemic endowment that is *semantically blind* to divine revelation (blind, thus, merely because of human creaturehood!), then while God's truth would remain unaffected, it would be radically unavailable to man. And to provide emphasis, that is because if the ontological situation is as Van Til describes it, the Creator is *powerless* to create a being with whom he can communicate "in the same voice."

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But what has Van Tillian analogicity to do with Linus's defense of The Great Pumpkin?

Lucy thinks we have utterly lost sight of the forest for the trees. "*Au contraire!*" I say. We have seen the devastating implications of Van Til's insistence that all bona fide human knowledge is analogical of an unknowable exemplar. And with respect to reference, meaning, and truth, we have seen that a co-competence of *both* God and man to use a language for communication requires three vital areas of semantic coincidence.

At the outset it was claimed that both Linus and Charlie are Van Tillian in method, though not in content. While Charlie is a straitlaced Christian theologian so far as content goes, Linus's content is informed by pumpkinology. Charlie, of course, is adamant that the Pumpkin has to go, but we are now in a position to see why Charlie's apologetics sword is incapable of doing damage to even a foe like the Pumpkin. In particular, we can now see why Van Til's doctrine of analogical knowing can serve to provide Linus's position with total immunity so far as refutation from Charlie is concerned. In a word, *analogicity provides an impenetrable haven for ideological nonsense and logical absurdity!*

Here is how to construct your *own* haven. Choose a deity. (Linus