

*(argumentatively) secures the Christian position. Logical laws themselves are relativized to God's epistemic absolutivity." But that response is equally available to Linus in behalf of the Pumpkin. Analogically apprehended mysteries are exempt from straight logical critique (univocal critique, Van Til would say). Van Til's line has always been that 'contradictions' at the core of the Christian faith are proper 'mysteries' while 'contradictions' at the core of opposing systems are conclusive evidence of their impossibility and falsehood. That is a darkish saying indeed.]*

The hour was late so Brown packed it in for the night. Tomorrow he had to rise early to begin greeting arrivals for the first reunion of his Peanuts pals in thirty-three years.

### III

#### The Plan: A 'Point of Contact' with Linus

What Brown decided had more to do with the time of year than any personal closure he might have felt with apologetic scruples. Halloween was only a day away and this might be the last opportunity to disabuse Linus of his (surely) cultic belief in The Great Pumpkin. He was certain he could count on everyone to participate—but there was the problem with Lucy. Would *she* come after all those years of unrequited love from Schroeder? He was delighted when she was the first to arrive.

"... and that's the idea, Lucy," Brown concluded. "I want all of us to stand vigil with Linus in the pumpkin patch Halloween night. If seeing is believing, then maybe the failure to see is disbelieving. What do you think?"

"Will Schroeder be coming?" Lucy asked absently.

"Lucy!" Brown blurted with perceptible asperity. "What about the *plan*?"

"You mean the lot of us squatting in a pumpkin patch all night? Pul-leeze! I've never met anyone with an imagination like yours, Charlie Brown!"