

or at least that it ought to be. There was no protest from Linus.

Another half an hour. Then Harold spoke again . . .

". . . there are several Scripture texts that have been bouncing around in my head for a while now. I'd like to share them for the light they may shed on the problems we've been discussing. The first three have to do with what seems to me to be an epistemological ceiling, or an absolute constraint, on human knowing. The fourth text [pp. 79-80], I think, has to do with the dynamic of human knowing *beneath* that ceiling. So the consideration of the first three texts in the language we've been using is *vertical*; the consideration of the fourth text is *horizontal*. I'll do my best, Lucy, not to sound like I swallowed a dictionary.

"Deuteronomy 29:29 says:

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law. (NIV)

Isaiah 55:9 says:

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (NIV)

And Acts 4:12, I believe, is importantly tangent to the Deuteronomy and Isaiah texts. It goes:

*Salvation is found in no one else [other than Jesus Christ], for there is no other name **under heaven** given to men by which we must be saved. (NIV)*

"We live 'under heaven' and as humans we live by our created ability to acquire knowledge 'under heaven.' Knowledge is a distinctively interpretative enterprise and Linus has already commented on the variety of ways in which that enterprise may be frustrated or compromised. But Linus, I think, gives us a counsel of despair about the prospect of *acquiring*