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on perspective: another metaphor

an image of two opposing views on opposite sides of the street.

Perspective is the only thing that forces parallel lines to meet.

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on the slide rule

I feel as though the concept of the slide rule serves well as a metaphor for all of Galileo's observations and discoveries. In some complex and sometimes seemingly indirect way, everything he realized is somehow connected to everything else - motion, light, reflection, the moon, the telescope, perspective (perhaps especially perspective) are all intertwined. Just as everything on the slide rule can be somehow applied to everything else, even if indirectly. An enormous spider web theory, an overrepeating story of the connectedness of both nature and thought.

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