

Pallon Daruwala speaking about the current body of work:

Vertical Horizon is a body of work inspired by the musings of Stephen Hawking, when he wondered:

"What if the world is so strange that we could never hope to understand it

...and science was wasting its time trying to do so."

Taking the concept forward from here, I wondered...

How strange could this world have REALLY been?

What is the one single thing that every living creature on this earth takes for granted?

At first I thought it was the air we breathe ...but then, most live on the oxygen but some thrive on the carbon dioxide and other gasses, and so that is not universal.

Hawking goes on to talk about perception and relativity with respect to space and time. This is when I built a little model of my own:

I pictured myself looking at the round earth from a spaceship. I imagined zooming in to the people, their buildings, the trees and noticed that almost everyone would be, quite literally, "hanging" from it. Our earth looked like a large, round pin-cushion with people, animals, buildings, trees, etc. protruding out like pins that had been stuck into it.

However, if you were to ask any of these people, they would all swear that they were on level ground and facing upwards!

That was it! The one thing we all take so much for granted is not the air we breathe, but the flat, horizontal, level plane that we all live on! Now, a world without a horizontal plane would REALLY be a strange place to live in!

What if we did not have this horizontal plane that we're all so familiar with, to stand on, build on, grow our crops on, etc.? I wanted to see how things might have developed and evolved... So I tilted the axis 90 degrees and "let nature take its course" ...and there it was, the VERTICAL HORIZON!!

This is my theoretical, visual interpretation of how things might have been in such a world.

I leave you with the images and the thoughts...