

5) God Spoke

we actually see, with our eyes, most of what we

Aside from what

know comes to us through revelation. The most brilliant scientist in the world ^{has} received at least three-fourths of his knowledge through revelation, either from hearing someone speak or from ⁽²⁾ reading the thoughts and observations of others ⁽¹⁾ on the printed page. ⁽³⁾ The high school teacher who

teaches evolution to his students has probably received 99% of his knowledge of science through revelation ^{through what someone has either} told him, ^{or written down}. Revelation is one of the commonest facts of life.

If we are to know anything about God's character or desires, we ^{will} ~~must~~

^{need} ~~have~~ a revelation. ^{Do not begin with words!} Hebrews 1:1 says: "In the past God spoke to our fore-

fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ^{but in these last}

^{days he has spoken to us by his Son} God spoke through the prophets. God spoke through His Son. How

wonderful that the Creator of the universe has chosen to give us a revelation!

We at Biblical seminary believe that nothing in life is more important than ~~to~~ ^{try} learn to understand that revelation.

theological

In many/seminaries, at least 95% of the time is given to examining the thoughts of human beings, to seeing what people have guessed and argued, to learning what human beings have concluded. In many cases even so-called

"Bible study" ^{consists of} ~~simply means~~ learning what other human ^{beings} think the Bible

^{means,} ~~says.~~ We need to learn ^{how} to determine ^{its meaning} for ourselves, ^{we} ~~exactly what the~~

~~Bible means.~~ We need to learn to get directly from the Bible the facts that

God has placed there and also the answers that He has provided for the

particular needs that each of us may have.

~~Apart from this how foolish it is to spend hours learning Hebrew and~~ ~~Greek.~~ When I was a seminary student, ^{and} ~~part~~ of the homiletics course ^s was

taught part-time by ^{the} a minister of a nearby church. One day this minister

remarked, "I was glad to find a use for my Hebrew Bible. I use it to keep

the door of my study from slamming shut!" Everybody laughed. To me there

^{was nothing humorous about his remark. It was} ^{tragic!}