

I fear that a good deal of recent philosophy is exactly like this. We can easily see how silly it would be to look eastward from the shores of Brazil, and ^{to} try from the shape of the clouds to tell something about the continent of Africa. It is equally foolish to think that reasoning based only upon facts available to us here in human experience can answer the vital questions about God, immortality, and the great eternity far beyond our reach. There is ^{only} ~~but~~ one way to answer the most vital question of life. We must get a revelation from One who know^s.

Let us suppose that some of us visit a railroad station which is unfamiliar to us. We see trains coming in and trains going out according to schedule. We see a regularity about it all. We see many men working together to accomplish definite results. Looking at all of this no one would think ~~that~~ of calling it pure chance or accident. Anyone would know that there is a plan back of it. Otherwise there would be chaos and not a railroad system. If we should wish to find out when trains would leave for a certain place, we might stand around for a few days. We might watch carefully, noting the times at which trains came and went. After much careful study, we might attempt to predict when future trains would come and go. However, it would be much easier to get a time-table, and find out ^{the intention of} ~~what~~ the men who organize the train system, ~~had decided to plan.~~ We would soon learn that not all trains run every day. Some run week days; some run Sundays only; some are omitted on certain days of the year so as to not run on particular holidays; some do not run on the day before certain of these holidays; others do not run on the day after. Some run in summer, some only in ~~the~~ winter. There are many considerations that enter in, but it is all clearly explained in a good time-table.