

to a mountain in California near the seashore. You might have gotten a group in those days of the greatest minds in the world to come there and sit on the top of the mountain where you could look out upon the Pacific. If none of them had ever had a revelation about China--that is to say they had never been there themselves, they had never seen anything anybody had written of an account of a visit to that land, if they had never talked with anybody who had ever been there, if they had never gotten anything except what they had gotten through their own observation and study, they might have sat on the mountain and looked over across the Pacific and speculated and cogitated and made philosophic theories and tried to decide whether there was nother country out there.

If there was, what sort of a country was it? What kind of people were there? Did the rivers run from North to south like the Mississippi? Did they run from South to North like the Nile? Did they run from East to West like the Columbia? In what direction did they run. What kind of people were there? What was the situation? It would be absolutely impossible to give an answer to these questions without a revelation. Revelation is one of the commonest facts of life. The question is, Who does the revelation come from? Is the revelation from someone who is dependable? Is the revelation from someone who knows? Without revelation we would not make much progress.

If we have a revelation from the Creator of the universe, how foolish we are to neglect it. We read in Hebrews 1:1, that God spoke. He spoke through the prophets in ancient times. More recently he spoke through the person of His Son. Through revelation from God we get information as to what life is really all about, and without this revelation it would be impossible to really know what is necessary that our lives may be worthwhile.

If there is a person, it is natural that the person try to reveal himself to another person. I had it impressed on my mind once very strikingly how natural a part of life revelation is. In fact so natural that it is just an impulse on our part to reveal ourselves to another person.

I was studying at the U. of Berlin. I received word that my sister was going to make a visit there. Now she had never previously been out of the U.S. As far as I know she didn't know a word of German. So I had to show her around there and interpret for her anything she wanted. She said, I would like to go to a department store and go to a certain department in that store, and will you go along and interpret. I said, Certainly.

So I took her to this store and we went into the section of the store I don't ordinarily go to, and we got in there and I thought she will say to the clerk, Have you got anything like this? The clerk would say, Look here, and she will say, Have you something of this kind? And the clerk will say such and such. I would interpret and translate back and forth. But when we got there it did not go that way at all. There was a long glass counter there with different things inside you could see, and no sooner had we