

communication that we are glad to see him and wish to show a friendly attitude toward him. ~~It would say one thing~~ Our words say one thing but they communicate a different idea. This is a crude instance of communication of personality. A person sees another one who speaks a different language altogether and you can't even talk to him, but you may make a smile and communicate a friendly attitude. I was in a ~~man~~ boarding house in Rome not so long ago and some Americans came in to get a room. They could not talk any Italian, and the proprietor could not talk any English. They had been recommended to the place by a relative of the proprietor, whom they had met in another city who spoke excellent English. They wanted to stay there because they liked the relative so much. However they felt ~~that~~ they should know in advance how much they were going to have to pay. I sat there. I listened to them trying to convey the idea that they would like to know what the price would be. They were absolutely unable to get the idea across. The various things that were said by the proprietor shows a complete misunderstanding of what it was that they were trying to say. The idea simply never seemed to come to ~~nam~~ him that they wanted to ask the price. Although I do not know much Italian I happened to know the words for what is the cost and I expressed them. Immediately the proprietor understood fully and wrote down the price so that they understood exactly what was involved. Even though they could not understand each other's language they expected to be able to communicate ideas. Once one learns another language a whole world of understanding opens before him. It is possible to communicate ~~a~~ thoughts and express ideas in a way that is simply impossible until one has a common language.

Revelation then in the broad sense simply means communication. Communications or revelation is one of the commonest facts of life. It is hard to imagine how anyone of us would get through even a fraction of a day without communicating his thoughts to others and getting others to communicate their thoughts to him. Most of the knowledge that any of us have, we have secured by communication. Very little of it has come from our own observations or from our own experiments. Most of it has come from things that others have told us. Revelation is communication and those facts which we cannot reach, we cannot touch, we cannot handle. Those which deal with matters which we cannot get contact with must come to us by revelation. We can -