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Types of Knowledge

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There are many theories about knowledge. These theories constantly contradict one another. It is not difficult to construct a theory that would cast doubt upon just about every idea.

I believe there is only one way that we can ~~not~~ really know anything--that is through a revelation from God. All else is subject to error or misinterpretation. What God has revealed must be true because He knows everything. That does not mean that what we infer from it is necessarily true, because the human mind is very subject to error.

In thinking of what a person considers to be true I like to distinguish between what I might call conviction, or thorough-going belief, and what I ^{perhaps} ~~perhaps~~ would call philosophy. My conviction, my thorough belief, must be based on what ~~is~~ God has revealed. ~~is~~ In so far as I can understand it, whatever He has revealed to me is absolute truth. Yet ~~this~~ this of course covers only a comparatively small portion of the matters about which we think. A great part of our life activity deals with matters with which we come in contact, ideas that we have heard from others, conclusions that to our natural minds seem to be correct. If we act upon these ideas and it works out we consider them proven to be correct. Yet any one of them might be true under certain circumstances and not under others, or might even be true for a certain length of time and not at a different time. However, these ~~Here I am speaking not of ~~philosophy~~ philosophy ~~is~~ But of matters~~ of ordinary life. In these, the fact that there is always a certain doubt does not have to be prominent in our minds. If we think more deeply we ~~will~~ realize that there is this doubt and that a great part of what we considered to be true will simply disappear.

What I am thinking of is not this, but is the individual's interpretation of ^{and in the universe} the meaning of life/and of the great forces that are involved in it. Whatever we can learn with certainty from the Scripture about these matters can be considered as something that can be held with complete belief or as a real conviction.