

would answer. However, what happened was entirely different from what I expected. My sister stepped up to the showcase and began to walk along in front of it, rapidly commenting in English on her reactions to the various objects. The clerk could not understand a word that she said. Yet the German clerk <sup>above</sup> walked along behind the counter, facing my sister, <sup>and kept</sup> ~~keeping~~ up a running stream of conversation <sup>in German,</sup> pointing out various features of the objects and calling attention to their particular aspects. Each of the two women was talking as fast as she could, in a language that was completely foreign to the other. I could understand what both of them were saying, but did not know what any of it really meant. Each of them knew that she was not passing on any ideas to the other person, but the natural urge to communicate was so great that each proceeded as if the other person could understand what she was saying.

Thus revelation is one of the commonest experiences in life. Unless we become terribly inhibited, we immediately begin to communicate with other individuals with whom we come into contact. When we say that the Bible is God's revelation, we are not suggesting anything strange or bizarre. If He is a person, ~~therefore~~, we would expect Him to communicate in some way with the <sup>persons</sup> ~~creatures~~ whom He has made.

#### The Basic Question: Is God a Person?

Christians believe that the Bible is God's revelation through which He communicates to us. The basic question is, <sup>not: "Is</sup> ~~is~~ there not such a thing as revelation? <sup>"</sup> but, "Is God a person?" <sup>"</sup> If God is a person, we can expect