

the way they came into existence, the question of whether there had been one time at which they started, or whether there was a constant origin of new matter, and dying out of old matter. He had some ~~very~~ definite theories on this~~es~~. As one listened to him, it seemed as if here was a man who really knew what he was talking about, and then most surprisingly he made a very strange admission. He said, how do we know the forces with which we have contact on this earth are the same ones which are operative in these matters billions of miles away? And this whether the theories that we are advancing are correct? Well, he said, ~~as~~ as a matter of fact, we do not know. He said our situation ~~is~~ could actually be well compared to ~~that~~ of a man who is found in a long dark street, standing at the edge of a small street-lamp, the only one in the course of several blocks, and hunting very vigorously around the base of the lamp. Someone asked him, what are you doing there? He said, I am hunting for the key to my house which I lost somewhere in the street. They ask, but what makes you think that it is here under this light. He says I have no reason to think that it is here, but this ~~is~~ is the only place there is light. I cannot look for it anywhere else because I only have light here, so I might as well look hard here, and hope that I will find it. Now, he said, that is our situation in determining the nature of these distant portions of the universe. He said we work along certain assumptions ~~and~~ because there is no other way we could work at it, and he said perhaps sometime we will find that the conclusions we are reaching are true. I thought this was a very interesting admission of the small amount that we know once we get away from the limits of this earth. The only way we can possibly be sure about matters at such a distance is by securing a revelation, a communication, by getting someone who can see what we cannot see, to tell us what is there.

Now our attitude toward the God is that ~~is~~ it is a revelation. But equally important is that it is not simply a revelation but that it is a revelation from God. A revelation from another human being may be in error, he may intentionally mislead us,