

think that some philosophers are like a group of people who might go to the shores of the Pacific Ocean and they might stand there on the shores of the Pacific Ocean and there they would look over toward China. And there among themselves they would try to figure out just exactly what kind of country China might be. But they would never learn anything about China because they need data. ^{of things} You've got have facts, you've got have data if you are going to make any progress in thinking about anything and one man who had been in China three days could tell these people more than they could figure out in a thousand years with their argument and their discussion. Well, when we come to want to find about the origin of the universe and about the destiny of the universe, about what lies back of the universe, about where it came from, and where it is going to, - the finest minds can argue and think and theorize but if you do not get the facts which to discuss, you have no basis and you will never get anywhere and I fear a great deal of philosophy is trying to discuss things for which you don't have the data. Like the man at Mt. Wilson who wants to know what the sun looks like from a point in N.J. can't guess at it, for it would be wrong. He has communicate with the person there and see it. The only way we can get a revelation of the facts is to go to one who has been there and who knows. So in the sphere of religion revelation is absolutely necessary because we don't have access to the data and in any field of science revelation is absolutely necessary because no one man has access to the data and no one man could work it all out if he didn't have access to that which has been worked out by thousands of other men before him. So revelation is one of the most important methods of getting truth in any science. It is the most common one, the one most used in any science and it is the absolutely necessary method of gaining truth in the field of religion. We notice that revelation simply means communication from one person to another. That does not mean that revelation is always dependable, that depends on who you get the revelation from. ILL. - Two Englishmen looking for a big buck to shoot. The people of that country described to them how to find the buck and when they got there sure enough, there was a buck there to shoot. Often one wonders though if when asking directions, if the people are really telling the truth or just "Stringing the interragator along". Your revelation if it is worth anything has to come from someone who really knows of what he speaks, and one whom you can trust to tell the truth--and so revelation is not an infallible means of securing truth--it depends from ~~the~~ whom? the revelation comes. But revelation is one of the most common ways of getting information--it is one of the most common ways we get information from others.