

Most of the scientists have secured the knowledge which they have by communication with other personalities and then as they have tested this knowledge, they have found it very ~~helpful~~ ^{to make it} and that has increased the confidence of these men in whom they rely and in other cases they have that the information that was received is in error--they then lose confidence in that particular source, but revelation is a very common means of getting information and is the very dependable way of getting information if it comes from one who knows of which he speaks--if he can be trusted to tell the truth. It would indeed be strange if He didn't send us a revelation, being a Personal God--at least in some way reveal Himself. We must remember also though, that revelation doesn't necessarily mean getting all the information we possibly could get on that subject--any revelation must be interpreted and it requires two personalities--one personality expresses a thing and the other person receives it--we have to understand the information given in the revelation. ILL. of being given a complicated chemical formula and put it into a sterile bottle--you know what is there. But revelation is quite different--you go to a boy four years old and try to transfer this from my head to his head and try to give him a revelation of this to his head and it is not at all strange if he doesn't grasp it correctly. There must be the capacity in the receiver for receiving the message as well as ~~an~~ capacity on the part of the giver. You can give a revelation only up to the capacity of the receiver. ILL. of being in Germany--when a benefit for some needy students was to be given--the time that Einstein gave his two hour lecture on relativity which couldn't be thoroughly grasped because of the receiver not being capable. It was in an unfamiliar language and in an unfamiliar field--^{Revelation} to be effective both receiver and giver must be adequate. ILL. of J. Edwin Orr while in service met this officer who was colored blind and he couldn't describe colors to him because he didn't know what they were like. A revelation then has to be given in such a way that it can be appreciated and read by the person to whom it is given. Now of course something could be given which he didn't catch on to immediately but could be caught on to later on as he studied it and pondered it. But we can see that there are dangers and difficulties in this matter of revelation--it is not something that just is simply poured into our heads by God--God has create us with certain capacities and has created us with a capacity of forming languages and our formation of language consists in forming a feeling that a certain word conveys a certain concept--even in hundreds of languages, even sufficiently near to convey the ideas in different languages--Now God gives us a revelation, and we run into difficulties even here also in getting the exact meaning of His message to us.