

Revelation in the true sense I believe, at least in the general sense, is one of the most common things in all life. I would even say this that any scientist in the world including the most brilliant has received 90% of what he knows by revelation. And I would say that the high school teacher has received 98% of what he knows through revelation. Now if you said that to one of them they would be shocked, I'm sure. Because most of them would think that by revelation you mean some kind of esoteric thing that has little connection with life. But actually revelation means that somebody takes a thought he has in his mind and passes it on to you so you can get an idea of the thought he has in his mind. And if you would take the most brilliant scientist the world may have and you would erase everything from his mind he received from hearing something someone else said, or from reading something that somebody else wrote he would have to start from scratch. And if he developed 1% of the knowledge that he has today I would be tremendously surprised.

Communication from other personalities is one of the very most common things in life. We can't explain what personality is. It is a very difficult thing. The commonest thing in life is personality. Yet exactly to explain it we can't. Yet we have contact with it. We have experience. And if we can believe in another personality who can communicate with us, there's no reason we should not believe in a God who not only exists but who can communicate with us, and pass on to us ideas he wants us to have.

I often feel that the philosophers of our day with their theories and explanations of the universe are many of them exactly like a group of men who might be living somewhere in this country but who might have brilliant minds, but suppose that these men had never been in China, had never talked to anybody who had ever been in China, and had never read any books by anyone who had ever been in China and suppose these men were to go up on Mt.

near San Francisco and they were to put together these brilliant minds and look out into the ocean, and as they looked out there into the clouds and -- clouds and into the sky and waves they might say, I wonder if there might be another country over there. I wonder if there is or not. If there is a country I wonder what kind of people live in it. I wonder whether it is a flat country or whether it has mountains in it. I wonder whether it is dry desert or whether it is a moist humid area. I wonder whether the rivers in it run north to south like the Mississippi, or South to North like the Nile, or west to east like the Columbia, or east to west like the Danube. I wonder about these things. Well, they could discuss with the most brilliant reasoning you can imagine. They could discuss these questions for months, but they never could give any satisfactory answer. There is absolutely no way to find out except for somebody to go over there and see and bring back the message or to read what somebody was written who was there. When it comes to eternal things; when it comes to where the universe comes from; how it became established; what its ultimate fate is, what its purpose is; there's absolutely no way anyone can tell except to get a revelation from the One who knows. So we have this revelation which God has given us. It's one of the simplest concepts;