

observation. Yet it is impossible for them to go further, for these particular men to go further west than the shores of the Pacific Ocean. There they look at the shore, they see the waves lapping at the sand, they look out and see the clouds in the distance, far off they see where the ~~water~~ ~~w~~ seems to meet the sky. If they were to go further, thousands of miles, would they come to a land, or would water continue like this, as far as one could go. If they did come to a land, what sort of country would it be? Would it be mountainous or flat, would it be rainy or dry, would the rivers run from south to north like the Nile, ~~or~~ or from north to south like the Mississippi? From west to east like the Amazon, or from east to west like the Columbia? These are questions which they might debate long and earnestly. Much acuteness might be displayed, as they discussed various reasons for reaching one conclusion or another about the nature of the land on the other side of the Pacific Ocean. They might take up the question of whether people live there, and if so, what these people look like, what kind of language they talk, what sort of political organization they have, unless if these philosophers have no way to get to China, the only way they could possibly know the answers to these questions would be to receive a communication from someone who had been there. ~~This~~ This is where revelation is important, revelation gives us knowledge regarding matters that we cannot possibly reach ourselves. When it comes to the knowledge of what happened in the universe thousands of years ago, or what will happen thousands of years from now, who made the universe, what its plans are, what happens to us after death, these and hundreds of other questions, vital questions, are in an area that we cannot possibly reach in any means available to us, If we are to know anything about them, we must have a revelation from one who knows the facts about them. Revelation, thus, is the only source of dependable knowledge regarding matters to which we do not have personal access for direct observation.

Someone told me recently of having heard a famous scientist lecture on the constitution of the Universe. He discussed the relationship between the various stars,