

our life. When we see another human being, we notice certain things about him. His posture, his eyes and his facial expressions reveal certain facts about him. But in most cases, our knowledge of the person is multiplied a thousand fold when we enter into communication with him, and give him a chance to reveal himself in words. It would be hard to conceive of civilized life without communication. Most of what we know comes to us by communication from another person. Revelation in this sense is one of the commonest facts of life.

It is natural to want to communicate. Wherever you find two normal persons, you find an inherent tendency toward revelation, or communication, from one to the other.

Once I had an experience which impressed this idea very forcibly on my mind. It was when I was studying at the University of Berlin in Germany. My sister was coming for a visit. Not knowing the German language, she asked me to go with her to a department store, in order to interpret for her. When we reached the store, we proceeded to a section of the building that I had never before visited. The things in it were quite outside of my own area of interest. In the room I saw rows of glass cases, under which there were various objects which meant nothing to me unless they were explained to me. I expected that my sister would say, "Have you such and such a type?" and that I would then translate her words into German. Then I expected that the clerk would point to some object and ask in German, "Is this what you have in mind?" and I would translate into English. Thus my sister would ask various questions, and the girl