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In stressing this unit, the writer puts his emphasis on one important central idea, revelation, God has spoken. God who at sundry times and divers manners has spoken through the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us through His Son. God has spoken. This is ^{a vital} ~~the~~ keynote of the book of Hebrews, as of the whole Bible. The Bible is a revelation from God. Unless we get this keynote clearly in mind, we fail to get the real meaning of the book of Hebrews, or in fact, of any portion of the Bible.

There is much talk said about Revelation nowadays, and yet many people fail to understand its real significance. Actually revelation is one of the commonest facts of life and yet one of the most wonderful and in some ways one of the most baffling. By the word revelation it should be clear ~~that~~ we are not meaning some kind of a queer and wonderful thing. It is indeed wonderful. But what we are meaning is a very common fact. I'm not here speaking simply about revelation from God, I am speaking of all revelation, Revelation is simply the communication of ideas from one personality to ^{an-} ~~the~~ other. The marvel ~~ous~~ of the Bible of course is that it is communication from God. It is revelation of the very finest and most vital type. However, fundamentally, revelation from God is the same as revelation from another human being. This is one of the commonest facts of life. It is just natural to us to expect a revelation from another personality. We speak to someone, even if we have never seen them before. We expect a look in the eye, a smile in the lips, something in the gesture, to convey to us the idea, that is in the mind. We ask questions, and we expect a revelation, a communication, the idea ~~tha~~ t the other person has.

As a ~~matter~~ of fact most of what we know comes to us by revelation. If it were not for revelation our knowledge would be extremely slight. We observe a certain number of things in life, a certain number of things we notice. There are some things that we are able to figure out for ourselves, but if you would take away everything that has been