

That is the big difference between any questions that can be presented. Is it a question of dealing with matters that are acceptable to you or is it a question of dealing with matters that are not acceptable to you? Now suppose I ask you this question: How much do I weigh? You know that I am standing here in front of you and you can see me. You could shut your eyes and pretend it isn't so, and there are a great many things in life that are like this kind of fact. We see them, we know them, we are absolutely certain of them and of questions that deal with matters that are acceptable to us. We have a right and a duty to examine them and not to let somebody else tell us something about them that is contrary to the evidence.

Acceptable facts are man's right and duty to examine and study. But there are many facts which are inaccessible to us. Suppose I were to ask you to name my great-great-grandmother. No one here would be able to so it and you would look at me, you could examine me, you could go over me with a microscope, you could turn me around, you could look at me from the front and the back, you could put me on a scale, you could do all sorts of things and you could not tell the name of my great-great-grandmother. There is absolutely no way by scientific examination you could get an answer here in this room for that question, It is a question that is inaccessible to you. If you should look at almost any atlas you will find towards the front of it two round pictures. One of them will show the western hemisphere and one the eastern hemisphere. On the one you will see the outline from Asia and Africa; on the other you will see North and South America and the various countries, rivers and mountains that are a part of them. That is what these two hemispheres present. Now, if you open a book on astronomy [note: illustration was prior to lunar explorations] you will find a very similar picture in it. You can easily find a picture that shows the moon and its mountains, its depressions, its high points, which have been studied and named, but you find only one hemisphere. You do not find two, and if you did find a book which had two you can be sure that the second one was pure imagination and nothing else, because it so happened in the providence of God that the moon goes around the earth in such a way that it always keeps the same face toward us, and any time you look at the moon you can see these same outlines on the moon. Some people think that they look like a man's face. Others think they look more like a man standing chopping wood, but however you interpret it it is the same outline there on the face of the moon and we can look at it with our telescopes and study the details and map out its mountains and its valleys and learn a great deal about it. And we know that there is another side to the moon. We are absolutely sure about that because we can see this side and we can see the edge and we know that there has got to be another side, but what is on that other side nobody on earth knows and there is absolutely no way that anyone on earth can know, at least not until we