

I had been there for over a year and felt very much at home in the language. So she asked me to be her interpreter. We went to a big department store and went into a section of the store I had never been in before. There was a long glass case. The person behind the case, - and I talked to him. "My sister will look at the case and ask a question; I will put the question in German. Then the clerk will answer in German, and I will put it in English. My sister will hear and answer in English and I will translate it into German and so forth. But it didn't work that way at all. We had hardly said two sentences before my sister began walking back and forth in front of the case and the clerk began walking back and forth in back of the case. One of them would be saying, Look at this color. Just look at this! Isn't this well made? Look at this! The other one would say, O I like this one, I like this one, etc. Each of them was jabbering along as fast as they could and neither one understood a word that the other was saying! I understood what both of them said, and had no idea what any of it meant!

But they both know that the other person could not understand what they were saying. They were simply giving way to a natural human impulse to communicate. A natural impulse to reveal yourself to another person.

Now revelation is not only one of the commonest things in life but revelation is the source of most of our knowledge. Actually by far the greater part of what any of us knows comes to us by revelation. Sometimes I think the attitude of modern-day philosophers as they conjecture about the universe -- its origin and destiny and the meaning of human of human life -- would be quite comparable to what would happen if nobody in the country had ever crossed the ocean, and there had never been a book brought here that gave us a revelation about Asia. So we only knew what we saw in the U.S.A. If a group of very brilliant scientists were to go the top of Mt. Camelf....(?) just N. of San Francisco, and there on the top of that Mt. they would look out at the Pacific Ocean. They would see the waves ~~spw~~ sweeping in, and the clouds in the sky, and they would begin to try to decide whether there was a country over on the other side of it! Whether China existed, and if so what is it like. What kind of people do they have there? What language do they speak? Do they have mountains there? Do they have rivers? Do the rivers run from N. to S., as does the Mississippi. Do they run from S. to N. like the Nile. ~~Zha~~ Do they run from E. to W. like our great rivers in this part of the U.S. From W. to E. rather, or do they go from E. to W. like the Columbia. They could conjecture and discuss and talk and argue about these subjects and they might have the greatest brains in the world, but they would be absolutely === but there would be absolutely no way whatever that they could tell anything at all about China unless they were to get a revelation. Unless someone who had been to China were to talk to them or they were to read a book by someone who had been to China or they had seen pictures that had been made in China. They would have to have a revelation. The greatest scientists on earth have not learned more than 10% of what he knows by his own observation, and