

You would go back down a couple of hours and find the entrance to a nother little streamlett and go up there and again a steep cliff. After 2 or 3 days of trying one way after another of getting out, with the top of the land above them more than a mile in altitude above them and they would get up maybe a third of the distance and them come to a steep cliff one after another after another they finlly would have dropped there and died there. So far as I know no trace of them has ever yet been found.

Now not many years after that I myself went down to the foot of the canyon below the headquaters where they had stopped the last time they were seen. From there I went along the plateau that was about 1000 feet above the stream. I went on and went for about a week through very wild country there. Then I came back and did not see a person during that time. I knew what had happened to the couple. But I was not the least bit anxious or worried. The reason was that I had something they had not had. I had a revelation.

Some men had come a few years before that and had stood at various high points around the mountain looking down into the canyon, and from there they had made drawings of the interior and had taken sightings to learn where the cliffs were and how high they were. They had put on maps the information that showed me exactly where you could go up and get out, and exactly how far you would have to go before you came to another place where you could get out. I had a revelation those people did not have.

We read in Prov. 29:18, Where there is no vision the people perish. But he that keepeth the law happy is he." That word vision there is the word regularly used in the OT for the vision of the prophets. It does not simply mean sight; it means a message from God. Where there is no vision. The message I had was not a message directly from God. But it was a message from men whom I had never seen, who had investigated an area in which I had never been before, and had left a revelation for me giving me information about its details.

There are those nowadays who think that revelation is an old out-of-date mideaval idea. But we want revelation for today. We are interested in what we can see, what we can study, what we can work out, what we can understand. But these people do not realize that revelation is not an antiquated idea, that revelation is one of the commonest facts in life. Revelation is simply the transfer of information from one person to another, and without that we would make very little progress in science, in philosophy or in almost any other phase of life. We would be in utter barbarism, savegery without a revelation.

Because by means of it we pass on from generation to generation what we have learned and what we have observed. The greatest scientist has derived at least two-thirds of all he knows by revelation. He has heard what others have studied and learned and observed. Or he has read what others have written down. Sometimes I have thought that the people who think that we can learn everything simply by our own study, by our own progress, by our own thinking, that we can reach conclusions as to the meaning of life this way-- sometimes I think that they are like someone who a few years ago might have gone