

objective knowledge unknown to a given person (for example, in books or computer storage systems), but it is difficult to see how it can be called *revelation* if it is not communicated to, and received and understood by, a knowing subject.

Permit me to illustrate the point. If an important message containing new data is placed before a person who is blind and deaf in the form of a sound motion picture, does any communication take place? Even though the message is objectively up there on the screen in the form of light images, and objectively there in the room in the form of sound waves, is there any information which gets through subjectively to this blind and deaf one? And if not, can we properly speak of the message as a *revelation* to that person?

Leon Morris addresses this issue. He says:

It must be emphasized ... that revelation is in the nature of a gift Revelation is an act of God, not man. All that man can do is to receive what God proffers.

This does not mean that man's part in the revelatory process is unimportant. Unless he receives the revelation humbly and with faith revelation does not take place. We ought not to think of it as something given objectively in such a way that it cannot but be seen and recognized for what it is. It can be misunderstood. It can be rejected ... Men may ... reject the revelation either in nature or in Scripture or in both. Without faith there is not perception of revelation. Not everyone who looks at nature or reads the Bible is convinced. This does not leave the reality of revelation in uncertainty. It is the perception of the revelation that is at stake, not the revelation itself. God has spoken whether they hear or whether they forbear. But unless men come in humble faith they will still miss the wonderful thing that God is saving to them.^15

On the one hand we can affirm that revelation is objective and historical: on the other hand we can affirm that revelation is also subjective and personal. It would seem that if a disclosure is to be revelation in the fullest sense, it must be understood. If something is revealed to me