

between General Revelation and human culture? If all God-created facts are revelational of God, then are all man-created facts also revelational of God? If the answer be yes, then we must ask: Is sin a fact? Is blasphemy a fact? Is the dishonoring of those in authority a fact? Is murder a fact? Are adultery, rape, and homosexuality facts? Is stealing a fact? Is lying a fact? Is greedy, unlawful desire a fact?

If it be said that even these actions are revelational of God, then can it be said that these facts are "facts" because they have been revealed by God? Or can there be others ways of knowing than by revelation?

### The Possibility of the Acquisition of True Knowledge by the Unregenerate

A brief examination of the NT shows that the unregenerate can acquire true knowledge of "facts," and are able to do so by means other than that of revelation. A few of the references which support this assertion are classified and analyzed in the following chart:

#### UNREGENERATE HUMAN ABILITY TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF TRUE "FACTS"

REFERENCE	KNOWER	FACT(S) KNOWN	MEANS OF KNOWING
Mk 12:12	Pharisees	Application of parable	Human reason
Lk 7:37	Sinful woman	Location of Christ	Human report
Lk 23:7	Pontius Pilate	Geographical source of Christ	Human report
Jn 7:28	Some Jews of Jerusalem	Identity and geog source of Christ	Human report
Acts 2:22	Devout Jews	Claims of Christ authenticated by many miracles and signs	Experience and human report
Acts 26:4-5	All the Jews	Strictness of Paul's Pharisaism from his youth up	Experience and human report
Mk 13:28	All men	Definiteness of precursors of summer	Experience (past)
Jn 9:20	Blind man's parents	Identity of blind man	Experience (continuity)
Acts 3:10	All people in the temple	Healing of lame man	Experience (contrast)

Thus we see that the unregenerate can attain to knowledge by means other than divine revelation. These means include human reason, reports by other human beings, and human experience. Of course, when we speak of the unregenerate attaining to knowledge, we mean knowledge of truth, since any other kind of knowledge is not knowledge. Only knowledge of truth is true knowledge. This means that the unregenerate person can know "facts" truly, if we add two qualifications: (1) he can never know anything exhaustively; and (2) he can know "facts" only at the personal, scientific, and historical levels; he cannot know "facts" at the metaphysical level. And of course, to this we must add that he