*“Speech is but a broken light upon the depth of the unspoken.”*

**George Elliot 1819 – 1880**

Is speech the limiting factor in the expression of human emotion? Elliot suggests, as stated in the quote, that speech, or language, is something that is a ‘broken light.’ This broken light is the idea that language cannot truly encompass the entirety of anything of any subject, and thus language becomes a limiting factor as to how humans can express thoughts and ideas. The extent of this effect’s influence varies depending upon the subject being dealt with. The more materialistic, the less of the influence, for abstract concepts, a little stronger and for human emotion, it is quite strong. I agree with this idea that language is simply ‘broken light upon the depth of the unspoken’ because language is just a general representation of physical matter and it cannot express the entirety of abstract concepts and emotions.

To begin with, language limits materialistic things because language does not express everything there is to know about the object being expressed. The word associated with the physical thing does not express all the parts and functions that the object possess. For example, when the world ‘table’ is said, most people do not directly think of the flat surface of which you put things on and the legs that support this surface nor the nails or screws that attach these two elements together to make the table as a whole. As well, it is not intuitive to think of all the functionalities of a table. This is why language limits materialistic things thus language has been but a broken light because it did not express the unknown things related to the table. This example can be used with any number of other tangible, materialistic objects. Language is ambiguous and it becomes even more so for abstract concepts.

Next, language cannot express the entirety of abstract concepts. (For the sake of this paper, an abstract concept is an idea that does not exist in a tangible form). Just like for materialistic things, language does not express all the things that contribute and are related to the abstract concepts nor the intricate influences that are upon humans. This is how language becomes a limiting factor in this sense. Policics is a good exaple Poliics is an astrct conecpet in that it does not eists in any tangile for Tahter, it tries to explain how groups of people and societices interact with each other and how they organize each other Because of the broadness of this subject, the effect of language not expressing all of the encopassed factors This is why the influence is heightened In short, abstract concepts falls into this quote because language leaves any eleents of any abstract concept inconclusive and in the dark.

To Finnish, human emotions are the subject that I feel deonsttte this idea in the quote adequetly. Emotions cannot be expressed independently of past eperience fro the speaker and the audience as well, language does a poor job of describing eotiong and this illustrates the point of the quote As well, language limits the main idea being expressed by language because it does not invoke or demonstrate the particular emotion trying to be expressed

In conclusion, based upon these subjects, materialistic objects, abstract concepts, and human emotions, and their weaknesses introduced by the use of language, I agree with this quote.