

## **SYLVIA'S CORNER**

### **ON PROPHET MODE**

I don't know if you have had the same experience as I have, but let's see.

Mormons often ask me why I left the church. I always cite the false prophecies of their church prophets as one of the reasons.

This is when it gets interesting. They always tell me the same thing. They tell me that when that prophet said something wrong, he wasn't functioning as a prophet. That's why I call it being on "prophet mode". It seems to be something that comes and goes.

What confuses me is that one of the things I was told when I first joined the church was that the prophet was given continuous revelation by God, and that was how the church was led. If that's true, how can their god turn his revelations on and off? That means that whenever he makes a mistake, it's not a real prophecy. Good way to get out of it, I say!

Let's take the statement that Joseph Smith made about six foot tall people living on the moon, for instance. Or the one that Brigham Young made where he agreed with Joseph's statement, and added that there were men on the sun, too. Oliver B. Huntington, in the Young Woman's Journal 1892, said that "as far back as 1837 Joseph Smith said that the moon was inhabited by men and women the same as the earth." Joseph also said that these inhabitants generally lived to the age of 1000 and dressed in Quaker style. At the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Brigham Young said that he thought the sun was inhabited too-that it was not made in vain. (You can find this in the Journal of Discourses, Vol. 13, pg.271.)

It seems to me, and I hope to you, that either a prophet functions like a prophet all the time, or he is not a prophet at all. A prophet has God's spirit living with him all the time to provide guidance, or he does

not have that spiritual gift at all, don't you agree? My God does not take my gifts back.

In the Old Testament there was a very harsh test for prophets that uttered false prophecies. They were killed!

In Deuteronomy 13, you may read the stern warning that Moses had about false prophets and their prophecies and see if these two men's examples fit the test that he gives.

Thank goodness that as a "Born Again Christian" I have the Holy Spirit that guides me into all truth, and I have the Holy Bible to back it up. If I hear a prophecy and it does not line up with scripture, I don't believe it. If it never comes true, that is definitely a false prophecy.

I invite you to do your own investigation of Mormon prophecies that haven't come true. You will find the search most enlightening. Don't take my word for it.