

## Picture of a Prophet by Leonard Ravenhill

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**THE PROPHET IN HIS day is fully accepted of God and totally rejected by men. Years back, Dr. Gregory Mantle was right when he said, "No man can be fully accepted until he is totally rejected." The prophet of the Lord is aware of both these experiences. They are his "brand name."**

**The group, challenged by the prophet because they are smug and comfortably insulated from a perishing world in their warm but untested theology, is not likely to vote him "Man of the year" when he refers to them as habitués of the synagogue of Satan!**

**The prophet comes to set up that which is upset. His work is to call into line those who are out of line! He is unpopular because he opposes the popular in morality and spirituality. In a day of faceless politicians and voiceless preachers, there is not a more urgent national need than that we cry to God for a prophet! The function of the prophet, as Austin-Sparks once said, "has almost always been that of recovery."**

**The prophet is God's detective seeking for a lost treasure. The degree of his effectiveness is determined by his measure of unpopularity. Compromise is not known to him.**

**He has no price tags.**

**He is totally "otherworldly."**

**He is unquestionably controversial and unpardonably hostile.**

**He marches to another drummer!**

**He breathes the rarefied air of inspiration.**

**He is a "seer" who comes to lead the blind.**

**He lives in the heights of God and comes into the valley with a "thus saith the Lord."**

**He shares some of the foreknowledge of God and so is aware of impending judgment.**

**He is ordained of God but disdained by men.?**

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