

SUE SINCLAIR: A modern-day 'JEZEBEL'? **'Dreams and Visions' or The Word of God?**

On 13th March 2020 I penned an article that was posted to the ministry web site on this link - <https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2020/March/new-apostolic-reformation-british-version-launches.pdf> - This was the heading I assigned to the article –

'NEW APOSTOLIC REFORMATION': **British Version Launches**

In that article I gave the link to a very helpful article by **ROB THOMAS** of 'the watchman4wales blog' and this was the link –

<https://watchman4wales.blogspot.com/2020/03/british-isles-council-of-prophets-new.html>

In the article he gave details of the formation of the co-called '**British Isles Council of Prophets**' and it gave the names of those involved in this '**prophetic**' organisation. In my article I made reference to the fact that one of the names of the '**Core Leaders**' was familiar to me and that was the name of **EMMA STARK**. I had written a warning article last year about **EMMA STARK** and it can be accessed on this link –

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2019/February/a-stark-warning-for-ballymena.pdf>

In recent days, a Christian lady, who for years has received my newsletters etc wrote to me and enclosed a print-out from someone named **SUE SINCLAIR** who heads up a 'ministry' based in Liverpool and which is called '**COMMUNITY WATCHMEN MINISTRIES: FROM THE GATEWAY OF LIVERPOOL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**' – The web site for this ministry is located on <https://www.cwmprayer.com/>

This lady, **SUE SINCLAIR**, is listed as a '**Council Member**' of the recently formed so-called '**British Isles Council of Prophets**'. The print-out the lady sent me is of an item posted on the web site of **SUE SINCLAIR** and is found on this page of her web site - <https://www.cwmprayer.com/sue-sinclair-1> and from that page you need to download the item listed as '**From Isolation to Mobilisation**'.

My Christian friend was anxious to know what I thought of '**From Isolation to Mobilisation**' as some folks in the church she attends were keen to circulate this '**Prophetic Report**' by **SUE SINCLAIR**. The print-out ran to 6 pages and so I went through it and highlighted a number of statements that for me were very much '**red-flag warnings.**' I then phoned my friend to share those '**red flag**' concerns with her and she found my observations helpful.

In this article I want to set out as best I can what the concerns were that I discovered in this so-called '**Prophetic Report: From Isolation to Mobilisation**'. Right at the outset of the phone call I explained to my friend that the **OPENING STATEMENT** of **Sue Sinclair's 'Prophetic Report'** was a huge '**red flag warning**' – big enough for me to quite frankly totally discount what was contained in the rest of the report. This is how that **OPENING STATEMENT** read and I shall explain my concerned reaction to it in much greater detail later in this article.

**'This is a prophetic report which mentions and highlights
several prophetic dreams and visions I have had since 2008.'**

Basically, the rest of the 6 pages is a recapping of a number of these supposed '**prophetic dreams and visions.**' On page 1 we learn of **3 dreams** that the Lord apparently '**gave**' **Sue Sinclair** back in 2008 which apparently '**set the course of much of her (my) life since then**'. **Dream 1** suggested '**The walls of disunity between the Church are coming down.** **Dream 2** suggested '**The top of a mountain that represented a place of revival, transformation, salvation, signs, wonders and miracles ... Everyone stops here ... but because of disunity ... they end up going back down**' **Dream 3** suggested '**a desperate situation going on causing people to be panic stricken. They ran in desperation to Christians ... and they cried urgently "What must I do to be saved?"**'

Sue Sinclair's response to detailing these **dreams** was '**I have had no doubt since that time that something dreadful** (Cecil – conveniently prophetically 'vague') **was coming that would waken people and we needed to prepare, equip and empower the Church ... I knew ... there would not be time to invite people to an ALPHA COURSE or look for an evangelist to lead them to Jesus**'.

This was another significant '**red flag warning**' because one of the greatest tools of Satan at supposedly mending the '**disunity**' between so-called **churches** has been the ecumenically-endorsed **ALPHA COURSE** that has strongly advocated and aided supposed Christian **unity BUT** at the expense of Biblical truth and here we have **SUE SINCLAIR** clearly exhibiting **no 'discernment'** by lamenting that such a tool might not be available to '**lead**' people to Jesus – but which Jesus I ask?

Page 2 contained another '**red flag warning**' as **R T Kendall** was favourably quoted and there then followed a '**prophecy**' from a book by him followed also by details of a '**prophetic dream**', supposedly confirmed, that **Sue Sinclair** had experienced.

Back in 2015 I wrote an article expressing my concerns about **R T Kendall** who was coming to Belfast to speak there later that year. The article on this link details the concerns that I had and why I recommended for people to give his meeting a miss – <https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2015/February/RT-Kendall.pdf> The fact that **Sue Sinclair** looks favourably upon **R T Kendall** is another example of the **absence of 'discernment'** on her part.

Also, on page 2, Sue Sinclair wrote – ‘In September 2019 the Lord **asked me**’ and then later ‘05/10/2019 the Lord **spoke to me about His Church**’. **My question is simple** – how did the Lord **ask** and **speak**?

No reference is made to The Scriptures, the only means today by which God **asks** and **speaks** in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit to His people today. He certainly doesn’t communicate audibly with His people today so how did He supposedly communicate to **Sue Sinclair**? **People really need to exercise ‘discernment’** and to speak up and to ask questions when such claims are made.

Another ‘**red flag warning**’ came in the form of some of the **terminology** ‘sprinkled’ throughout the ‘**Prophetic Report**’. Those connected with the so-called **New Apostolic Reformation** and its recent spin-off, the **British Isles Council of Prophets** are prone to use what I would call ‘**buzz words**’ and the ‘**Prophetic Report: From Isolation to Mobilisation**’ by **Sue Sinclair** certainly contains a number of them. Before identifying the ‘**buzz words**’ in her report I would suggest you go to a **VERY** helpful article entitled and accessed on

A GLOSSARY OF NEW APOSTOLIC REFORMATION TERMINOLOGY

Posted on April 29, 2020 by Rick Becker

<https://fitl.co.za/2020/04/29/a-glossary-of-new-apostolic-reformation-terminology/>

These are 12 examples of such **terminology** ‘sprinkled’ throughout the report

- ‘Acceleration’ no.1
- ‘Align(ment)’ no.5
- ‘Anointing’ no.7
- ‘Breakthrough’ no.16
- ‘Double portion’ no.23
- ‘More’ no.45
- ‘Release’ no.57
- ‘Revival’ no.61
- ‘Signs and Wonders’ no.67
- ‘Transformation’ no.79
- ‘Unity’ (at expense of truth) no.80
- ‘Vision’ no.83

Such **terminology** has I believe the ‘power’ to capture and excite the imagination of people and **to distract them from exercising biblical discernment**.

A further very subtle ‘**red flag warning**’ came when **Sue Sinclair** wrote on page 3

‘For this has been a season when many false prophets have arisen and will arise and even some of the elect may be deceived. We really need to ask God to help us to discern as **CHARACTER** is essential in these days and not just **CHARISMA**’

For me, this statement is subliminally saying two things

1. Unlike 'false prophets' I am a 'true prophet'
2. The 'litmus test' to discern a 'false prophet' is CHARACTER

The biblical 'litmus tests' to discern whether someone **WAS** (please keep in mind there are **NO** 'prophets' today) a 'true prophet' of God are detailed first in **Deuteronomy 13:1-3**

"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, wherof he spake unto thee, saying let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God PROVETH you to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul".

and then secondly in **Deuteronomy 18:22**

"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, BUT the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him"

The test of whether someone was a 'true prophet' was whether they directed people to the **TRUE** God revealed in His Word and whether what they '**prophesied**' actually came to pass – '**fidelity**' and '**accuracy**'. I was converted back in 1984 when a so-called Charismatic '**third wave**' was sweeping the world and prominent amongst those claiming that there were genuine '**prophets**' of God being raised up were people like **John Wimber**, founder of the **Vineyard Movement** and **Mike Bickle**, involved initially with the self-styled **Kansas City Prophets** and today with the **International House of Prayer**. There is a helpful article concerning both these men located on –

<https://www.lighthouse trailsresearch.com/blog/?p=17478>

There is ample evidence that these men were willing to excuse and give a pass to self-proclaimed supposed 'true prophets' **even though** these people often got things badly wrong, and they taught that becoming a 'true prophet' was a learning experience and so someone could expect to get things ('prophecies') wrong on occasions. Back in 1990 a brochure was printed and published called '**Equipping the Saints: Introducing Prophetic Ministry**' and it was distributed when **John Wimber** came to Belfast to the Maysfield Leisure Centre to school people on how to learn how to exercise the office of '**prophet**'. The brochure included items penned by a number of folks including **John Wimber** and **Mike Bickle**. Another who contributed was a man called **Jim Goll** now of '**God encounters Ministries**' – you can see him speak on this link –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzbDJiv734A>

In this video **Jim Goll** talks about his book '**The Prophet**' and in the first few minutes he twists the teaching of **Ephesians 2: 20** to accommodate his false teaching – that verse reads, in context including verse 21 – "**Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation OF the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone**".

The foundation for Christ's church **WAS** laid by the apostles, prophets and Christ Himself, none of whom remained physically on earth into the 1st century AD. But how did **Jim Goll** refer to that verse.

This is what he said - '**The office of a prophet is more governmental. In Ephesians 2:20 the church is built on the foundation of Jesus AND apostles and prophets. Prophets ARE equippers like pastors.**' For me, this subtle change in the order and tense from that revealed in Scripture seeks to move apostles and pastors from the completed foundational role that **Ephesians 2:20** teaches into an ongoing role that he and his ilk seek to promote.

John MacArthur in his book '**Strange Fire**' wrote (pp 96-98) **When writing his epistle to the Ephesians, Paul explained that his readers were part of God's household "having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the corner stone". That passage equates the apostles with the church's foundation. It means nothing if it doesn't decisively limit apostleship to the earliest stages of church history. After all, a foundation is not something that can be rebuilt during every phase of construction. The foundation is unique, and it is always laid first, with the rest of the structure resting firmly above it ...**

When the apostles gave instruction regarding the FUTURE (Cecil – emphasis mine) of the church and how the church ought to be organised, they did not suggest new apostles should be appointed. Instead they spoke of pastors, elders and deacons (1 Peter 5:2; Titus 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:2). Later we read (p 126) 'Although the revelatory gift of prophecy has ceased, the proclamation of the prophetic Word still continues today – as preachers exposit the Scriptures and exhort people to obey (2 Timothy 2:4)

Earlier we read on p124 '**charismatics often point to 1 Thessalonians 5:20 to defend erroneous prophecies, thinking these verses support their claim that New Testament prophecy was fallible and full of errors. After all, they contend, why would Paul command the church to test prophetic utterances if New Testament prophecy was equal to the inerrant and authoritative prophecies of the Old Testament? ...**

Paul was not instructing the Thessalonians to do anything other than what God had always required His people to do. The Lord instructed the Israelites to test all prophecy on the basis of orthodoxy (Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Isaiah 8:20) and accuracy (Deuteronomy 18:20-22) ...

The presence of false prophets (Cecil – the only kind the Lord Jesus gave advance warning of – Matthew 7:15; Matthew 24:11&24) in the first-century church is a fact that is clearly attested to in the New Testament (Matthew 7:15; 24:11; 2 Timothy 4:3-4; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1; Jude 4)

I mentioned the brochure that accompanied **John Wimber's** 'workshop' on prophecy in Belfast in 1990 and the article in it that was penned by **Jim Goll** was titled '**TRYING TO PROPHECY? Here's practical advice for getting started**'.

10 suggestions were listed and here is a selection from them –

Suggestion 4: 'Don't rely on physical sensations. When you begin to **move in prophecy** the Lord frequently gives you physical sensations – knots in the stomach, fluttering heart beats, intense heat, a feeling of euphoria, **impressions, visions and so on. The Lord does this to prepare you to receive or deliver his word.** However, it is also true that as time goes on, the Lord often **withholds these promptings** so you can grow in the ability to **hear him** apart from physical sensations.'

(Cecil - I simply ask – where is the biblical basis for all of this?)

Suggestion 8: 'How do you receive a message? You don't have to be struck by a lightning bolt to prophesy. A message can come in a variety of ways: **literal words; senses or inklings; visions of words like teletype print in your mind; dreams and so on. More often than not, a seasoned individual received the sense of what God wants to say.** Your duty is to then express that sense clearly and appropriately' (Psalm 12:6).

(Cecil – **Paul wrote in Romans 11:33-34** "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how **unsearchable** are his judgment and his ways **past finding out. For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Yet, Mr Goll is suggesting that we can 'receive the sense of what God wants to say'** and keep in mind this is not about preaching what God has already revealed in His Word but is something **ADDITIONAL** to His Word. His citation of **Psalm 12:6** again is totally incompatible with what he is suggesting because it again refers to what God has already infallibly revealed "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times" – his **'senses or inklings; visions of words like teletype print in your mind; dreams and so on'** are very far removed from what Psalm 12:6 is referring to).

Suggestion 10: 'What if you mess up? No start is perfect. Maturity only comes from taking risks and occasionally failing. **Proverbs 24:16 says "For a righteous man falls seven times and rises again"**

(Cecil – what a total perversion of what this verse means – it has nothing to do with exercising the office of a 'prophet' but everything to do with our post-conversion experience that, despite being saved from the condemnation of our sin, we are not fully delivered from its power and so, ongoing confession and repentance are part and parcel of our path to glory – Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:8-10).

Learn from your mistakes, ask the Lord to forgive and cleanse you (Cecil – in context, from uttering false prophecies!) **and get back up and humbly receive his grace (1 Peter 5:5)**

(Cecil – this reference to 1 Peter 5:5 is again a total twisting of what the verse is dealing with – it is addressing 'the pride of youth' and has nothing to do with, in context, uttering false 'prophecies').

The article in the brochure by **Mike Bickle** was titled **‘PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATING PROPHECY’**

8 suggestions were listed and here is a selection from them –

Suggestion 1: ‘Make sure your heart is open to receiving **genuine words** from the Lord’ (Cecil – straight away the principle is laid that ‘Sola Scriptura’ is **not** to be followed or adhered to. In the ‘Reformation Study Bible’, in an article titled, ‘The Reformation’, **Stephen J Nichols** wrote ‘Scripture alone is the church’s sure and certain guide, and **the church will lose its way** when it drifts from this sure foundation’ (p 2480).

Suggestion 3: ‘Communicate in word and on paper so newcomers can be regularly and instantly informed about the guidelines and ground rules governing the giving and receiving of **prophecy** in your fellowship’. (Cecil – so, does every fellowship have the liberty to make up its own ‘**guidelines and ground rules**’ or is there some ‘**authority**’ to which reference can be made? For Christians who reject the notion of ongoing ‘**prophecy**’ the **Bible Alone** is their sole rule for faith and practice.)

Suggestion 5: ‘Deal humbly and frankly with people **whose prophesying is not edifying** in either its content or their presentation. Give them **specific boundaries** which YOU BELIEVE are appropriate for where they are in their **prophetic “measure”** and communicate any changes that develop as they grow’. (Cecil – when someone is learning to drive, they have to display an ‘L’ (learner) plate on their car. When they pass their test, then for a year they have to display an ‘R’ (restricted) plate on their vehicle and then after that time they don’t have to display any plate. These instructions on ‘growing’ their ‘**prophetic measure**’ have no basis in scripture. In addition, true prophets of God often spoke forth genuine prophetic words that would not have been ‘**edifying**’ to their listeners but would instead have instilled a fear of God, the exact purpose for which God intended them. One only has to think of the ‘**prophecy**’ Jonah delivered to the citizens of Nineveh and, from the King downwards, all were filled with fear and trembling and repented. There were no ‘politically correct’ limitations for God’s true prophets’.)

Suggestion 8: ‘Have the integrity and humility to “mop up” any messes that are caused by **wrong prophecies** or poor administration. This is the only way to ensure that your congregations “corporate conscience” (Cecil – gullibility?) **stays clear and good regarding the gift of prophecy**’. (Cecil – the matter of ‘**wrong prophecies**’ is covered clearly, as we saw earlier, in Deuteronomy 13 & 18. It’s not a matter of ‘mopping up’ BUT of ‘**calling out**’. I think the words of 1st John 4:1 are appropriate at this point “**Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try (test) the spirits whether they are of God BECAUSE many false prophets are gone out into the world**”)

My reason for referring back to this 1990 brochure on the claimed ‘**Prophetic Ministry**’ is to show that these types of claims have been ‘on the go’ for quite sometime and really provided the ‘springboard’ for today’s **NAR** and **BICOP**, the latter of which sees **Sue Sinclair** occupying a position of ‘**Council Member**’. **Jim Goll**, **John Wimber** and **Mike Bickle** were and still are, in two cases, the ‘trail-blazers’ for the likes of **Bethel Church, Redding CA** headed up by **Bill Johnston** and **Kris Vallotton** both of whom would be regarded as leading figures in the **NAR** and who would be ‘looked up to’ and warmly welcomed by several associated with **BICOP**.

In 2019 I wrote a lengthy article that gave much detail on the dangers posed by the **Bethel Church, Redding, CA** and their influential leaders **Bill Johnston** and **Kris Vallotton**. That article can be accessed on the following link and the relevant section begins about half-way down page 4 –

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2019/March/Kingdom-Come-Conference-April-2019.pdf>

Returning to the specific subject matter of this article, only the passing of time, some of which has already stretched back in the case of **Sue Sinclair** to 2008, will determine whether or not her **'prophetic dreams'** turn out to be accurate. In addition, is she really **'directing people to the TRUE God as revealed in His Word?'** I shall address that latter point when I come to comment later upon my use of **'JEZEBEL'** in the title of the article.

For now, I want to take up what I wrote in the opening paragraph of page 2 of this article, namely that –

the **OPENING STATEMENT** of **Sue Sinclair's 'Prophetic Report'** was a huge **'red flag warning'** – big enough for me to quite frankly totally discount what was contained in the rest of the report. This is how that **OPENING STATEMENT** read and I shall explain my concerned reaction to it in much greater detail later in this article.

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The fact that **Sue Sinclair** was claiming to have **prophetic dreams and visions** and then shared and passed them on through her 'ministry' demonstrated that she was 'out of step' with the clear teaching of Scripture.

In a different yet still relevant context, I addressed the subject of God/The Lord Jesus Christ supposedly appearing to Muslims in **dreams and visions**. My views to the contrary are clearly set out in the article on the following link that also includes valuable contributions by **Phil Johnson** of **Grace to You** and **Gary Gilley** of **Think on These Things**. This is the link –

<https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2015/July/dreams-visions-divine-voices-appearances.pdf>

Hebrews 1:1-2 state that **'divers manners'** used by God in Old Testament times have forever ceased. **Matthew Henry** commented –

now we must expect no new revelation, the excellency of the gospel is the final, the finishing revelation ... to which nothing is to be added ... so that now the minds of men are no longer kept in suspense by the expectation of new discoveries ... a revelation which God has made by his Son ... far superior to all the ancient prophets, by whom God communicated his will to his people in former times.

The Apostle Paul stated clearly in 1st Corinthians 1:21 “it pleased God by the foolishness of **preaching** to save them that believe”. In Romans 10:13-15 Paul wrote “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not **heard**? and how shall they **hear** without a **preacher**?” and in verse 17 Paul wrote “So then, faith cometh by **hearing** and **hearing by the word of God**”.

The “**light**” of salvation today does not come through **dreams and visions** but rather as the Psalmist recorded in **Psalm 119:130** “The entrance of **THY WORDS** giveth **light**”.

Another resource that should prove instructive is a talk given by my good friend, **JUSTIN PETERS**, on the subject of ‘**Hearing from Heaven: How to know the voice of God:**’ and this is the link to video of that talk –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZEEdqr5nbA&list=PLcpTMSL-FR-djoAmKdZhOo3HbDxW80o6n>

In closing this particular ‘**red flag warning**’ portion I want to cite some words by **Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones** that are quoted on page 261 of John MacArthur’s book ‘**Strange Fire**’ –

‘Once these New Testament documents were written, **the office of a prophet was no longer necessary**. Hence, in the Pastoral Epistles which apply to a later stage in the history of the Church, when things had become more settled and fixed, **there is no mention of prophets**. It is clear that even by then **the office of the prophet was no longer necessary**, and the call was for teachers and pastors and others to expound the Scriptures and to convey the knowledge of the truth.

Again, we must note that often in the history of the Church **trouble has arisen because people thought that they were prophets** in the New Testament sense and that they had received special revelations of truth. The answer to that is that in view of the New Testament Scriptures **there is no need of further truth**. That is an absolute proposition. **We have all the truth in the New Testament and we have no need for further revelations**. All that has been given, everything that is necessary for us is available. Therefore, if a man (Cecil – or woman) claims to have received a revelation of some fresh truth we should suspect him (Cecil – or her) immediately.

The answer to all this is that **the need for prophets ends once we have the canon of the New Testament** (Cecil – the principle of Sola Scriptura). **We no longer need direct revelations of truth; the truth is in the Bible**. We must never separate the Spirit and the Word. **The Spirit speaks to us through the Word**; so, we should always doubt and query any supposed revelation that is not entirely consistent with the Word of God. Indeed, the essence of wisdom is to reject altogether the term “revelation” as far as we are concerned and speak only of “illumination”. **The revelation has been given once and for all**, and what we need and what by the grace of God we can have, and do have, is illumination by the Spirit to understand the Word’.

(D Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Christian Unity*. Grand Rapids: Baker 1987: p 189-191).

There is a popular saying that no one knows with absolute certainty who coined it, but it does seem very apt here and it says ‘**If it’s new, it’s not true; If it’s true, it’s not new**’ and I think that applies perfectly to the subject of claimed additional ‘**prophetic divine revelation**’ in this post completed New Testament era.

Before addressing the topic of the use of the term 'JEZEBEL' in the title of this article I want to mention one other probable 'red flag warning' – towards the end of her 'Prophetic Report' Sue Sinclair wrote –

Nehemiah 8:10 The Voice version
"Let the Eternal's own JOY be your protection."

So, what is this **Voice version** that **Sue Sinclair** has chosen to quote from. Well, here are two links that give helpful information on this '**version**' which is in fact a paraphrase that 'emergent guru' **Brian McLaren** was a party to – that in itself should serve as a major 'red flag warning'. These are the links -

<https://www.extremetheology.com/2008/11/review-of-the-voice-new-testament--part-one.html>

<https://www.extremetheology.com/2008/12/review-of-the-voice-new-testament-part-two.html>

Just by way of example, this is the opening paragraph from the first link

Emergent church leaders such as **Brian McLaren** and Chris Seay in conjunction with a pack of poets, songwriters and storytellers have just released a new "translation" of the Bible that they claim is a "fresh expression of the timeless narrative known as the Bible". The name of this fresh "translation" is '**The Voice**' and it claims to be a dynamic translation of the Bible. Unfortunately, not since the release of the Jehovah's Witnesses' New World Translation of the Greek Scriptures in 1950 has there been a bible published that so blatantly mangles and distorts God's Word in order to support a peculiar and aberrant theological agenda

Quoting from such a questionable 'translation' displays once more an absence of discernment on the part of **Sue Sinclair**. For any who may not be familiar with the threat posed to Biblical Christianity by **Brian McLaren** then the article on this link should prove helpful –

https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/current-concerns-2013/McLaren_and_Mesa.pdf

Finally, I want now to address the use of the term 'JEZEBEL' in the title of this article and how I referred to **Sue Sinclair** as a 'modern-day JEZEBEL'. I had in mind the Lord's use of the term as found in **Revelation 2:20**. He is writing to the church in Thyatira and in this verse He says '**Notwithstanding** (despite the good things detailed in verse 19) **I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman JEZEBEL which calleth herself a PROPHETESS, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols**" and He goes on to speak of her unrepentance and the fate that awaits those who continue to follow her and her ways.

William Hendriksen in his helpful commentary on Revelation called '**More than Conquerors**' wrote the following on pages 71-72 –

'Thyatira became a trading city. Here were to be found the trade-guilds: wool-workers, linen-workers, makers of outer garments, dyers, leather-workers, tanners, potters etc ... if you wish to get ahead in this world, you must belong to a guild; if you belong to a guild, your very membership implies that you worship its god. you will be expected to attend the guild-festivals and to eat food, part of which is offered to the tutelary deity, and which you receive on your table as a gift from the god. And then, when the feast ends, and the real – grossly immoral- fun begins, you must not walk out unless you desire to become the object of ridicule and persecution. In this difficult situation, what must a Christian do? ...

In this difficult situation **the prophetess Jezebel** pretended to know the real solution of the problem, the way out of the difficulty. She apparently argued thus: in order to conquer Satan, you must know him ... In brief, a Christian should learn to know "the deep things of Satan". By all means attend the guild-feasts and commit fornication ... and still remain a Christian; nay, rather become a better Christian' ... **Jezebel** ... Her name is a synonym for seduction to idolatry and immorality.'

In 'The Handy Bible Dictionary & Concordance' by Merrill C Tenney and Alexander Cruden we read this final comment on page 83 under the subject heading '**Jezebel**': **In Revelation 2:20 a symbol of spiritual fornication**'.

Basically this '**prophetess Jezebel**' was encouraging professing Christians to "give heed to **SEDUCING spirits**" (1st Timothy 4:1). She was encouraging professing Christians to 'make room' for and 'take heed' of '**spirits**' that were not speaking for the only true God but were in fact 'agents' of Satan. And of course, these '**spirits**' can be 'angelic' and 'appealing' and Paul gave this warning about their 'commander' in **2nd Corinthians 11:14** - "And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light".

Not for one minute am I suggesting that **Sue Sinclair**, like the **JEZEBELS** of old (King Ahab's wife 1st Kings 18-21; 2nd Kings 9: and the prophetess of Revelation 2:20-23) is advocating worship that involves LITERAL fornication and immorality. What I am suggesting is that by her 'ministry' she is encouraging '**spiritual fornication**' that, rather than bringing professing Christians into a closer and deeper relationship with the one true God, is in fact leading them away from Him and His Word as their sole guide through life – they are being encouraged to look to 'fresh revelation' and 'experiences'.

The Apostle Peter was blessed to witness the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus Christ – what a 'revelation' and 'experience' that must have been **BUT** in **2nd Peter 1:16-20** we read these words concerning that event and his thoughts in the wake of it –

"For ... we were eye-witnesses of his majesty ... when we were with him in the holy mount (Cecil – that was the 'revelation' and 'experience' at the transfiguration) ... We have also a **MORE SURE WORD** of prophecy, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed ... Knowing this that no prophecy of **THE SCRIPTURE** is of any private interpretation For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: (Cecil – these truths were not of personal, human origin) **BUT holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost**" (Cecil – for true prophets, THE Holy Ghost was the author and originator of what they were compelled to record and reveal).

As stated earlier in this article, the office of **'prophet'** has been made redundant since the Canon of Scripture was completed (Cecil - see the quote by **Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones** on page 9) and so faithful believers must utterly reject such **'Prophetic Reports'** issued by **Sue Sinclair** or any other self-proclaimed **'prophetesses'** or **'prophets'**.

Some may argue – but there is so much 'good' in what is being said. We do well to remember the incident in **Acts 16:16-18** –

“And it came to pass as we (Cecil – Paul and Silas) went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her master much gain by soothsaying (Cecil – Collins English Dictionary and Thesaurus: 'a seer or prophet: fortune-telling'). The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this she did many days. But Paul being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour”.

What the young girl was saying sounded so 'good' – it was marvellous free publicity for the ministry and mission of Paul and Silas **BUT** Paul was **“grieved”** because he knew that something was amiss and he confronted it. No matter how 'good' some portions of what some modern-day, self-proclaimed **'prophets or seers'** say or **'prophecy'** we KNOW that it is not by the promptings of THE Holy Ghost but rather is at the behest of a **“seducing spirit”** and so their false 'ministries' must be both rejected and confronted and that is the purpose of this article.

Much of the modern-day **'prophetic'** deception originates with the so-called **Bethel Church** based in **Redding, CA** that has already been mentioned in various portions of this article. A helpful book called **'A Hidden Path: Bethel Redding and Beyond'** has been published and is available to purchase on these links –

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Hidden-Path-Bethel-Redding-Beyond/dp/1645708047>

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https://www.amazon.com/Hidden-Path-Bethel-Redding-Beyond-ebook/dp/B081TS6D43/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1KCQD5HY90KOI&dchild=1&keywords=a+hidden+path+bethel+redding+and+beyond&qid=1590075583&s=books&sprifix=a+hidden+path%2Caps%2C220&sr=1-1

In closing, I can think of no better way to end this article, other than by quoting again
1st John 4:1

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try (test) the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world”.