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1 one of the most characteristic features of the
 2 activity of the Heb. prophets was a state of
 3 ecstasy that would tend to produce unnatural
 4 visions and ideas, and that their belief that
 5 they were divinely directed was simply the
 6 result of an emotional state. The activity of
 7 the prophets has even been compared to that of
 8 the whirling dervishes of Islam, more than a
 9 thousand years after their time.

10 The strongest evidence adduced from the Bible
 11 for the existence of a state of ecstasy among
 12 prophets is found in I Kings 18 in the account
 13 of the activities of the prophets of Baal who
 14 "called on the name of Baal from morning even
 15 until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us...And they
 16 leaped upon the altar...And they cried aloud,
 17 and cut themselves after their manner with
 18 knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out
 19 upon them" (vv.26-28).

20 It should be noticed that this is not an
 21 account of Heb. prophets at all. The quiet and
 22 dignified attitude of Elijah, the true prophet
 23 of God (cf.vv.30-37) is quite in contrast to the
 24 orgiastic and ecstatic activities attributed to
 25 these prophets of Baal. It is not at all

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