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1 The passage states that seventy elders prophe-  
2 sied in a group by themselves and that two men  
3 prophesied within the camp. Thereupon Moses'  
4 servant was filled with jealousy for Moses' sake  
5 and asked Moses to rebuke them, but Moses  
6 answered, "Would God that all the LORD's people  
7 were prophets."

8 It would hardly fit with the rest of what is  
9 told in the Pentateuch about the character and  
10 attitudes of Moses to think that he was refer-  
11 ring with commendation to an activity that could  
12 be described as orgiastic or ecstatic. From the  
13 context it seems much more likely that the men  
14 were praising God and extolling His goodness in  
15 a way that would arouse the admiration of the  
16 rest of the people.

17 Much more is generally made of certain  
18 passages from I Samuel. A recent writer speaks  
19 of "the numerous references in I Samuel to bands  
20 of prophets who, dancing and singing to the  
21 accompaniment of musical instruments, worked  
22 themselves up into a frenzy, and then fell into  
23 trances." Actually there are very few passages  
24 in I Sam that could possibly be interpreted as  
25 warrant for such a statement.

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