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Elite 48

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1 only really unnatural circumstance described in  
2 the passage is the fact that Saul joined with  
3 them. This will be discussed below.

4 The work of the prophet is generally repre-  
5 sented as an individual activity. At this time  
6 Samuel is the only individual who is described  
7 as performing the true prophetic function of  
8 receiving messages from God and passing them on,  
9 but it would be quite natural that other individ-  
10 uals might join together to follow him and to  
11 spread the message that he presented. At this  
12 period of Philistine oppression it would be par-  
13 ticularly natural that such activities, partly  
14 religious and partly nationalistic, should  
15 develop. In a loose way the term "company of  
16 the prophets" might be applied to such groups.

17 It is reading into the passage something that is  
18 not there to say that these men were giving evi-  
19 dence of an abnormal psychological condition.  
20 Even if they had been doing so it would prove  
21 nothing as to the attitude of Samuel and the  
22 many other individual prophets, both before and  
23 after, of whom <sup>h</sup>noting at all similar is ever  
24 stated.

25 Another passage cited in this connection is

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