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Title: False Prophets

Question inspiring this revelation: Who is entitled to receive revelation for the church?

Imagine that a well-respected member of your ward or stake begins telling other members of the Church about revelations he has been receiving on the last days as well as changes in belief and practice the Church should make.

What principles of revelation discussed in section 28 would help a person successfully navigate this situation? Reference and explain your answers.

1.  Verse 2 talks about how only Jospeh Smith can receive revelation for the church. This clearly shows that Jospeh, or whoever the current prophet can receive guidance for the church. It helps to create a system that makes it clear what is actually from God, and what is not.

2. Verse 11 talks about how they shouldn’t make a big deal about telling Hiram Page that he’s not actually able to receive revelation for the church. In the situation that someone is telling people that they have revelation for the church, this shows that you shouldn’t try and make a spectacle out of them. It should be handled in private.

3. Verse 13 says “For all things must be done in [order](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/28?lang=eng#note13a), and by common [consent](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/28?lang=eng#note13b) in the church, by the prayer of faith.” This shows that there is system for how revelation is handled in the church. Plus the person receiving the revelation needs to be accepted by the church as the prophet. This helps to prevent issues with confusion surrounding revelations.

4. Verse 7 says “For I have given him the [keys](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/28?lang=eng#note7a) of the [mysteries](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/28?lang=eng#note7b), and the revelations which are sealed, until I shall appoint unto them another in his stead.” This shows that the lord appoints whoever gives commandments to the church. Only that appointed person can give commandments, and the lord only gives revelation to them.

5. Verse 4 says “And if thou art [led](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/28?lang=eng#note4a) at any time by the Comforter to [speak](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/28?lang=eng#note4b) or teach, or at all times by the way of commandment unto the church, thou mayest do it.” It looks like in this verse the lord says that you can receive revelation related to teaching and helping those around you, but not to receive commandments for the church. Only the prophet can receive revelation related to commandments.

What experience have you had in the Church in dealing with false revelators and their revelations?  What have you learned from it?

One experience I had was talking to some members of the Community of Christ at the Kirtland temple. It was interesting to see how they had a lot of the same beliefs as us, but they had some things that weren’t from the prophet as well. Some of their beliefs were false revelations, even though they were very nice, well intended people.

Questions (2)

1: What was Hiram Page telling the members of the church to do?

2: The header says that Oliver Cowdrey was influenced by Hiram Page. How many other members of the church listened to him?