

## **Critical Reflection on a Contemporary “Prophet”**

Each movie, recording, or reading gives a picture of someone who is working for change in his or her society. Each is calling for a freer and better life for all persons in the society. The question worth asking is how similar is this change-agent to the prophets in the Old Testament? After enjoying the materials on the contemporary “prophet,” consider the following five questions.

- 1. What is the crisis that the prophet addresses? What is the crisis at its deepest level? Biblical prophets were conscious that brokenness in the social order was always a manifestation of worship of false gods. What is the false god that the prophet is revealing?**
- 2. Biblical prophecy arises from the spirit of the exodus from Egypt. Moses is the first and ultimate prophet who challenges the whole distorted Egyptian culture with its false gods and perverse values. How is the contemporary prophet like and unlike Moses?**
- 3. Biblical prophets go far beyond complaining or even what we would call social action. They bring to peoples’ awareness ways that the power structure in their culture is fundamentally fraudulent. They try to raise consciousness of ways that leadership uses deception to keep the dominant culture in place. How does your prophet awaken awareness of the illegitimacy of the regime?**
- 4. How does the prophet awaken people’s imagination to the possibilities of a way of being that are God’s alternatives to the ways they’ve been living?**
- 5. Would you describe the contemporary prophet as inside or outside his or her dominant culture?**