 prevent this, he wore a sign that asked people not to take him seriously. Even if people obey his instructions, she said, they are affirming that whatever he says, no matter how strange, is valid.

"If men can't change things, then we don't need to lobby them anymore," Johnson said. "Let's stop begging and pleading. To change things you must change yourself. Then the system outside you must accommodate that change." She compared women in blacks in South Africa, saying that because women are outside the system rather than a part of it, they are free to create change.

Johnson feels that women can free themselves from oppressive societies because they have no part in them. She asserted that as a woman she had no part in creating the world's conditions, and is basically an outsider. She noted that men created the government and Constitution, men own 99 percent of the world's property, and men control most of the institutions and hold most of the positions of authority—while women do two-thirds of the work and are paid one-tenth of the wages.

Johnson believes that most of the world's problems would not exist today if women had been in power. She feels that women can save the human race from destruction by refusing to submit to patriarchy and instead finding the answers for themselves, rather than turning to institutions—religious and otherwise—for guidance.

Prior to Johnson's disillusionment with politics, she was active in the women's movement and competed in the 1984 Presidential election on the Citizens Party ticket. Her criticisms of working for change within the system has made her controversial with other feminists, some of whom consider her ideas radical and impractical.

Johnson described her spiritual journey in her first book, From Housewife to Heretic and her most recent book, Going Out Of Our Minds: The Metaphysics of Liberation, in which she also discusses her newly accepted lesbian identity.

Although many of her ideas are radical, Johnson's answer to patriarchy was simple and nonviolent. "Let's believe in the voice inside ourselves, and step off the edge into something we're not sure of, trusting our own hearts," she urged, adding, "that's the new world."

APOSTLE ANSWERS QUERIES

"REJECTION IS part of our ministry. It hurts at times, as does being misunderstood or misrepresented, but that seems to go with the territory," stated Elder Neal A. Maxwell, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, in a three-part interview on Salt Lake television station KUTV's evening news.

Conducted by reporter Michelle King, the interview covered a range of topics. Concerning the accusation that LDS members are blindly led, Elder Maxwell said, "I do not see that. The Church is rare in the world today: As the educational level of members goes up, conviction and commitment increase. That cannot be said of certain other [churches]. So, even though the tremendous thrust on education is there, loyalty increases with education and that's scarcely blind obedience."

When asked if there is a place in the Church for "so-called liberals who question doctrine," the former commissioner of the Church Education System replied, "whether one's a bricklayer or an intellectual, the process of coming unto Christ is the same: ultimately it demands complete surrender. It's not a matter of negotiation."

Concerning disagreement among Church leaders, Elder Maxwell, a former University of Utah executive vice president said, "Hav-