

Faith is buying only dresses with sleeves.

Faith is knowing you would like polygamy.

Faith is crying a little bit when your Bishop tells you that had you been Eve you never would have eaten that apple.

Faith is dressing up and attending your ninetyninethousandth M.I.A. social.

Faith is not contracting spiritual pneumonia from the cosmic chill blasting in from eternity.

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There is something to be remarked in coming home from a fairly satisfying Sunday School and a better than good Relief Society and instantly feeling the need to play Peggy Lee's, "Is That All There Is?"

A CANDID AND UNCENSORED INTERVIEW WITH A MORMON CAREER GIRL

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Q. Our readers are interested in knowing more about single professional women in the Church. Tell us about your background.

A. I'm from a small Utah community. I went to college in Utah and to graduate school in the east.

Q. What do you do with your spare time. Do you cook or sew for example?

A. Don't you think that question is beside the point?

Q. Not at all. I'm sure our readers would like to know —

A. — that I'm a genuine Mormon woman? O.K. I'm not a freak. I cook — make jam, bottle fruit on occasion, but I don't seem to get the right spice balance in my Pakistani curries; commercial curry power just isn't proper. And I sew. I made both of my winter coats; they are lined, underlined, and interlined; and I love to throw parties and entertain. I once gave a surprise baby shower to which husbands and single men were invited. We had a folk-rock band. Some friends of mine who happened to be in town came by. And the oven caught fire and the refrigerator warmed instead of cooled. It was a great party! But I wander. Let me guess: your next question was going to be whether anybody had ever proposed to me.

Q. Well, this was to be a candid interview, but I wasn't quite going to get that personal. Uh, has anyone?

A. I've left a trail of broken hearts across three — no four — continents. It may interest you, though, that I have never had a proposal from a Mormon. I am not certain of all that says, either about Mormon men or about me. I think that it reflects the relatively young marriage age in the church and the fact that Mormon men are guided to seek wives who fit into a particular mold. On the other hand, maybe I have chronic halitosis and my best friends won't tell me.

Q. What about your childhood and home life?

A. I had a lovely childhood, and my parents encouraged me in my career ideas. My mother returned to teaching when I was about four years old. My father thought that was just fine, and he never felt any threat to