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Headcovering 1<sup>1</sup>

There are many things we could say about headcovering, but the foremost things are what Paul said about it; and unless we see these, we have missed the church, God's order, His authority in church government, His Lordship, His eternal purpose. And we are reduced to striving for our own recognition and pre-eminence — striving to be equal with one another. We find ourselves outside of Messiah's church, His Body, destined for the destruction of the ones going down the broad road, failing to enter the kingdom of the heavens. We must seek and keep seeking His Kingdom and His righteousness beyond all things. But if we are not spiritually poor, we will never see our need and we will fit nowhere in the order of God or His Word except in the negative.

God is interested in tangible, physical signs if they represent reality. There must be a discernible connection between the symbol and the reality or it is no value. God loves outward expressions if and only if they represent an inward reality. 1 Cor 11:12. The veil was worn in the early church (11:16). In Joel 2, it is written that men and women would be prophesying. In order to do so, woman must be equal to man — woman must be able to hear from our Master as well as men do — and this can only be through headcovering, or the veil.

We do not have any such *custom* of merely wearing veils on the heads of the females in the church. We do not have a custom of headcovering. *No such custom!* Custom: form, practice, as a long-established practice which grows into a legally-binding force, a *regulation*, performance, etc. We don't pop a veil on the head of the newly-baptized women as a custom, rite, practice, regulation. But, "*Let a woman cover her own head.*"

Why should women wear a headcovering? There is hardly anything more pertinent to the church than headcovering, because headcovering as everything to do with God's authority and the powerful, unseen angels who are absolutely vital to the work of the Edah.

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Who shut the lions' mouths for Daniel? Who delivered an answer to Daniel when he had prayed for twenty-one days? Who appeared to Moses in the "burning bush?" And who dried up a path in the Red Sea for the children of Israel, etc., and on into the New Testament...? Who did these things? God Himself? Yahshua? No! Angels did these things. Angels are God's ministers, according to Heb 1:7. And if we look throughout the Bible, we'll see that every powerful thing that our Father does on the earth, He does by means of His angels. And now, since Pentecost, angels have come to live in the church. They accompanied the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost as rushing winds and flames of fire. (See Heb 1:7). Angels attend Him; they are His ministers.

Speaking of His children (the church: see Mt 18:17), our Master said in Mt 18:10, "See to it that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually behold the face of My Father who is in heaven." Every child of God (not just physical children) has an angel that continually beholds the face of God. Don't you suppose that your angel, God's minister and messenger, brings to you the radiance he beholds from God?

Mt 18 speaks about the church; that is, how to conduct yourself in the church. Only in the church can headcovering be carried out in truth. Only there, in a church where there are angels, should headcovering be worn, for headcovering is worn for the sake of the angels (according to 1 Cor 11:10). (The angel of the church, as spoken of in Rev 1:20, 2:1,12,18 — notice verse 29: the Spirit speaks to the churches through the angels of the churches — and also our individual angels.)

It's a matter of God's order, His government. The government of God did not start with the creation of man, but with angels. If we are unaware of God's order (the way He intended things to work together), we will be ignorant people who constantly "go astray" (Heb 3:10). If we are ignorant of God's government, then we are lawless people. God's system of grace is for complementing and completing God's government. Grace is for the purpose of redeeming and restoring those who have fallen away from God's government. Grace and Truth came through Yahshua the Messiah (Jn 1:17). The Messiah came to be the Savior of the world (this was grace),

so that He might set up His kingdom (this is government). Grace teaches us to say, "No!" to sin, iniquity, lawlessness (which is doing our own thing in the way we think it should be done) so that we may be subject to God's government. Grace gives us the strength to uphold the government of God upon the earth.

The insubordination of women in refusing to acknowledge the authority of their husbands would offend the angels who guard the saints and the whole created universe. We know that there are unseen rulers and authorities, invisible spiritual powers as spoken of in Eph 1:21 and Col 1:16. These powers are angels. They are totally dependent upon God. There is nothing that could make them insubordinate to God. They aren't tempted. They have not fallen, but they don't have a choice.

Angels do not quite understand redemption, for the mystery is made known to men, but they do understand rebellion — they saw Satan sin and be cast out. They understand authority because they see God.

Now there are fallen angels. These too, understand authority and rebellion, for they took part in the great rebellion of Satan. These angels surround us and are our principal foe (according to Eph 6:10-21).

Each individual in the church has an angel, and there is an angel over the church. (There are also fallen angels around us.) These angels have seen the Fall and they have witnessed the Son of Man suffering and dying, and being resurrected and ascended and glorified. They attended the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, coming as a mighty wind. Angels discern authority — even Philip the evangelist couldn't start a church because he lacked authority. The Holy Spirit didn't co-operate by coming upon the believers nor did the angels. It was only by apostolic authority that the Spirit came.

So Paul says in 1 Cor 11:10 that a woman ought to have a symbol of subjection to authority on her head, showing that she is under God's government — that which constitutes His Kingdom on earth until He returns in glory (Mal 4:6, the restoration of Mt 17:11,12) — for the sake of the angels. Headcovering is a symbol of subjection to God's authority, that she is

laboring towards Yahshua Messiah being pre-eminent in the universe. She wears the symbol for the church and for Messiah. She wears it to exhibit the presence of God's kingdom on the earth. She should wear it until the Messiah returns in glory, restoring all things (Mal 4:6, Mal 3, Mt 3:17).

Unless we are seeing the "church of the angels," we do not see the church. Headcovering is the visible sign of God's government, the first fruits of his restoration of all things. Headcovering is not worn for the sake of man, or for the sake of God, Who knows all things — whether a person is submissive, but headcovering is worn for the sake of the angels, the invisible servants of the church.

1 Cor 11:16 distinguishes the hair from the veil. "For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but, if it is a shame or a disgrace to have a shorn head, let her cover her head... (verse 10) because of the angels." What is better than having a woman's hair cut off? Wearing the veil, of course! What is better than being condemned for our sins? Confessing our sins, of course! Let a woman cover her own head!

Look at 1 Cor 11:14-15. A woman's hair is a natural covering, but her act of covering her head is a type of her spiritual covering (1 Cor 11:7-10). The natural comes before the spiritual (1 Cor 15:46). Nature tells us by a woman's long hair that she needs a covering on her head. Our natural bodies first, then our spiritual ones: our natural parents are a type of our spiritual parents. The woman's head is not her true head. Her headcovering is a type of her true head which is Messiah in His Body, the church.

Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered or unveiled (verses 6,13)? It's like the baptism of the Holy Spirit into the Body of Messiah (1 Cor 12:13 and Gal 3:27): it is a spiritual baptism, but the immersion in water is the practical expression of that spiritual baptism. (We don't want spirituality that is not practical, do we?) A woman covers her glory (her hair) out of respect for God. And in God's order, she gives up her own glory for man; she becomes his glory by covering her own (1 Cor 11:7-10). This is the reversal of Eve's seeking

glory (her own rule) independent of God. (Satan said, "You will become like God, knowing good and evil.")

If verse 15 of 1 Cor 11 meant that a woman needs not to cover her head because her hair is that covering (some people feel this way), does that mean that every woman with long hair is covered? That would mean in verse 4, if hair were the covering, that every man who prays would have to be bald in order to not dishonor his head. Do the angels see it that way? Or do we need a veil to be covered spiritually for their sake? And wouldn't this understanding of verse 15 negate the force of verses 2-14? And some feel that Paul, a wise master builder (1 Cor 3:9-10) expends the space of thirteen verses to establish a point and then say, in effect, "Don't wear the veil — every man to himself in this matter." That is absurd! He is not laboring the need for headcovering and then in verse 16 throwing it all away, denying its need by saying, "We have no such custom." Paul is not negating all the verses that have led up to verse 16 by saying, "Every man to himself."

This letter that Paul wrote to the Corinthians was received by all the churches, so much so and so many times, that it has become regarded as canonical. But if the custom of wearing the veil had not truly been a custom, then this letter would have been rejected and disqualified. Christians have practiced this for centuries until this age of lawlessness. The whole point Paul is trying to make in the first part of 1 Cor 11 is that woman should wear the veil, because her head should be covered. Paul had to bring these things to the Corinthians because their meetings were for the worse (verse 17), not for the better. There was disorder and lack of government. There was not even one wise man among them who could judge in such matters (1 Cor 6:5). So Paul had to write to them of how the church should represent God's order and government — His Kingdom — on the earth. In chapter 11, he begins to explain to them the principle of headcovering and government and authority and angels in the church.

The traditions spoken of in verse 2 of chapter 11 were also the teachings of Messiah (verse 1, "imitators... of Christ"). The early church apostles passed on to the churches by word of mouth the very words of Messiah. This is why Eph 2:20 and 4:11 are most necessary: only

through the ministry of apostles and prophets can the gospel and teaching of Messiah, the Foundation, be established in a place where the people have called upon the name of our Lord Yahshua Messiah, as in Corinth.

A true church exists when the angels are present, meaning the Holy Spirit is there along with His angels. When the church comes together for the worse, they insult the angels and grieve the Holy Spirit. Who is to be approved? Those who have revelation wear the headcovering because they are submissive and because of the angels. They have the Holy Spirit and so they please God. The meaning of headcovering is this: I am an equal recipient of God's grace with man: equal, except in authority. In this life I need his headship. I am a product of Eve, but I am being made into a daughter of Sarah (1 Pet 3:1-7). Redemption needs to take its toll with me. The Lord's prayer has become my prayer. "Your kingdom come, Your will be done." I gladly submit myself to your authority, your order, your government, and your body. I have a place in your purpose. I prove it by wearing my headcovering with dignity and honor and in reality, not just in pretense.

If a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off — so as to manifest the inward condition of the spiritual state of her wicked (lawless, out-of-order) heart. But if it is disgraceful to her to have her hair cut off, then let her cover her head. But if it is not disgraceful, a shame to her, let her stay in that condition of disgrace by her outward manifestation of her inward condition. Short hair is the disgraceful covering and sign that she is in submission to the fallen angels. (This is a shame in light of Gen 5:1,2). Her short hair is a sign for their sake. "Long" hair is the sign of her covering to the holy angels and to the fallen angels as well, that she is not in rebellion along with the fallen angels. So those who are not in rebellion along with the world should wear a veil (the sign of power, authority, and permission) over their covering of long hair — but it would be inconsistent with the scriptures and the churches of God to wear a veil over a woman's short hair (the sign of rebellion). One can only spiritually cover "long" hair which is "woman's glory." A man is not to have long hair like a woman who is in harmony with God's order, but he is to have neither short nor long hair — not cropped or polled — cut a circle

around your head which makes a tufted, cropped "hair style." This is the order of God, but one must be in God's order first, as priests. Lev 19:20-30. Everything God does and says is full of purpose.

But a woman who has short hair when she comes into the church and is baptized, can only wear a veil if she has revelation in her heart, soul and heart. It may be good to let her hair grow out which would give her time to come into full awareness and revelation of the full effect of head covering, what it signifies and verifies and sanctifies. (But this time of waiting may not necessarily have to happen in every case.) A woman is not to cover her shame but her glory. Short hair could not be her glory unless she glories in her shame. A woman is only to cover her glory. If a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her.

No other time in history is like today. Since the spirit of women's liberation, women have cut their hair off. The first thing most (not all) women do if they leave the church is cut their hair off — and start smoking. To women in general, except in this day, long hair was to her as her glory, which she ruled over. You don't rule over anything that you cut off. One of the hardest things for real women to do is cut their hair off. This is how it should be with women — their hair is to be ruled over, thus becoming their glory. As Messiah is the Father's glory and we are Messiah's glory and woman is man's glory. Messiah is one with the Father — and man is one with Messiah, and woman is one with man. Jn 17:21-24. Long hair should be a woman's glory — at least before the last generation. But when a harlot turns to the Lord, she always grows her hair back so that it is long — ALWAYS. But if a woman, a harlot, turns to a false Messiah, she will not have revelation about this, so she will remain a harlot. 1 Cor 6:13,17; Gen 19:29. Too many daughters have already been profaned. Jer 3:3. A harlot's forehead refuses to be ashamed.

Many mothers in the church pass on this revelation to their girls about headcovering — which is only knowledge to the girls, but it is a foundation for revelation when they receive the Spirit of God into their heart. Some mothers do not pass on what they know about this because they may have no revelation themselves about this and are wearing their veil as a *custom* or a rite and not as a *revelation*.

It is like circumcision in men. If we live by the spirit we are not under the Law. The covering here needs to be cut off altogether like sin and the flesh. But we know the flesh is not literally cut off, but we reckon ourselves *dead*; we reckon the flesh cut off. We put sin, the enemy, under our Master's feet. Then the day will come in our glorified bodies when the flesh, sin, will be entirely cut off. But now the agent producing corruption is still producing corruption. This some day will be cut off in the 8th day. No more sin-producing agency will be anywhere in the universe. But it shall all be thrown in the Lake of Fire.

We *need* to see that we need to do this now in this age — and we cut off the flesh and flush it down the drain or bury it. We do not keep it as a witness but the witness is the pure and clean and sensitive heart which is able to propagate life — minister life to life, faith to faith, to others — reproducing until the 8th day comes in as a full reality.

The ability to obey the commandments is what is important, not doing something ritualistically which anyone can do, but a spiritual man after God's own heart. What they do is full of purpose and meaning.

Many I have talked to excuse themselves like a harlot who wipes her mouth and says, "I have done nothing wrong." They quote Paul in 1 Cor 1:10 but they excuse themselves by saying, "Jesus dies for sinners, and nobody is perfect, and I have two natures that fight all the time..." But I ask them what about *grace* — where is your *favor* from God to *obey* Him. You have not because you ask not; your soul is malnourished for lack of daily bread.

Our most precious possession is diligence to monitor our communion with Yahshua who stands and knocks at our door when we lose this *fellowship* (1 Cor 1:9) we have been called into. We must hate every trace of evil which tries to rob us and this fellowship, if we prize this fellowship as any value. Some value this communion less than a very insignificant-seeming thing. Who has then been born of God? 1 Jn 5:18.

Even our Master Yahshua was circumcised because He was human, but without sin; but He was still human and needed to be circumcised, like He also was human and did not eat what

was not created by God to be eaten. Just because He was God He did not break the Law, but kept it perfectly (Rom 6:1,15). Sin is still transgression of the Law of God (Rom 8:2,4-9).

No one who deliberately sins is a child of His and sin is breaking the law (1 Jn 3:4-10). Even murder or bearing false witness, or profaning the Sabbath day. We are forgiven for breaking the law — true — but they excuse themselves by saying, "Nobody is perfect;" but, if you deliberately break the Law of God, you are of the devil (1 Jn 3:8), after receiving knowledge of the truth on certain matters (Heb 10:26), like *murder* (1 Jn 3:15).

This is not speaking of acts of falling into sin (1 Jn 2:1; James 4:17; Heb 10:26 is as 1 Jn 5:16-18; Num 15 — sin after *knowing the truth*, Jn 8:31), but breaking the law of God after one comes into the knowledge of His will, the truth (1 Jn 5:20), a deliberate going against God's will or His law, as a high-handed *revolt* against the law of God in our spirits and mind. The spirit of God governs our own spirit — our spirit governs our souls and our soul governs our body. Whoever willfully sins (Heb 10:27;6:4-6) — as a transgression of the law after knowing fully the truth, has never known Him or become His. 1 Jn 3:7 — let no one lead you astray — sin is lawlessness of the heart, which is unredeemed by the Spirit of God (Pr 29:1). For everyone who is included in the New Covenant is not lawless but is lawful — the heart and mind is full of His Law — the one who belongs to God is full of His law. This is the New Covenant. Man less God's law versus man full of God's law (written on the heart and mind). Even natural man has God's law written on his natural heart (Heb 8:9,10; Rom 2:14,15), but *less* God's spirit — who brings God's spiritual law, His moral law, which is written on our hearts (Rom 8:2-4-9).

1 Cor 11:16. We have no such custom as to wearing veils as a "spiritual" covering (in the flesh). That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit. What ever has begun in the flesh remains flesh and gives birth to flesh — but whatever has begun in the Spirit is Spirit and gives birth to spirit. This is the difference between David and Saul, Jacob and Esau. The spiritual and the natural. A fleshly baptism can't endure unto eternal life. Just by wearing a scarf on the head does not mean one is covered unless it has been born of

the Spirit or from revelation in the heart. If one cannot understand head covering, it means he has an evil (lawless) heart — wicked.

What was Paul trying to correct here? What was he trying to get them to understand? He does not want them to pop a veil on their heads any more than Yahshua wanted His disciples to tell someone that He was the Messiah. Mt 16:20, Lk 9:21. A person must have inward revelation that He was the Messiah, not just hear someone say it and gather a big following in the flesh. Mk 8:30. They were not yet unworldly, prepared to preach: it wasn't time. Paul did not want mere tradition or doctrine, empty and void of life, to get started in the churches. He would rather confuse people than to spell it out so the fleshly, carnal mind could understand it. 2 Pet 3:16-18. Peter, just as Paul, wanted people in the church to grow in revelation and understanding of the heart — in grace and favor of the Lord. 1 Cor 7:19. Ritual passes away with inward revelation. Jn 14:21-24. Eph 2:11-12.

Are you able to pass life on to someone else — or mere custom, tradition and doctrine? Paul would rather everyone be confused than going back to the weak and beggarly elementary things of the past when they dwelt outside of the commonwealth of true Israel, the church. Eph 1:18, 2:11-12.

There is "no such custom" (Greek text) in the church as the wearing of headcoverings. Paul was answering some questions concerning the custom of wearing veils. 1 Cor 7:1. He was just getting around to this question. Paul was cutting off further discussion and appealed to the example of other churches full of life and revelation. 1 Cor 14:36-37. The woman is in subjection even as the Law says, and in the assembly the women are silent. (Except those to whom it is given to speak to bring absolute clarity and direction — even as God speaks to us in our heart, beyond all accusation. The prophet who lives in our heart always bears witness to the truth within us beyond all accusations of the devil. 1 Jn 4:4, 3:20. A woman who is in subjection will bring absolute clarity and direction from a pure spirit through which the Spirit of God can speak. Acts 18:26). *Whoever speaks*, let it be the very utterance of God. This alone will silence the *futile* talk of godly women, the Word of God agrees with the prophet who dwells in the heart,

absolutely. Brethren, do not become children in your understanding but in baseness become babes, while in your understanding or revelation become full-grown.

1 Cor 11:15. Her long hair, not her veil, is a covering. If a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her. If she has short hair, it is a shame to her. Her long hair is given to her for a covering. This, of course, does not mean that if a woman has long hair she does not need a veil for a covering while praying or prophesying (do you find a spirit in you that wishes this were true?), v. 13,5,6,10 which would violate these verses, actually not just these but all of verses 2-14.

The long hair is an outward manifestation that a woman was not out of order even in the natural order of things, which was her natural covering. She was not in such a state of mind as to cut her hair off as temple prostitutes (harlots) and other vile women did. The long hair then was the place where the spiritual covering could be *applied* — covering her own glory — for the sake of God's purpose.

Actually, the woman who is redeemed by the blood of the Lamb of God and is filled with His Spirit filling her life, this woman wears the spiritual veil on her heart — the overflow is the outward sign of this inward submission. If any woman is not wearing the spiritual veil on her heart, she has become a resounding brass or a clanging cymbal. (Have you ever known a woman who fit this description?) A woman who wears this spiritual veil on her heart reveals the hidden character of the heart in the incorruptible veil of the quiet and meek spirit which is, in the presence of God, very precious. It is worn at great price to her, *covering her own glory*. Only in woman covering her own glory can restoration come to fruition.

Holy women of God adorn their hearts with the veil of inward submission and direct their hope toward God. Even as Sarah was obedient to Abraham to the absolute utmost (1 Pet 3:6, Amplified) — calling Him Lord, Master, so is the woman who wears the veil upon her heart, thus not bringing herself into fear of any single cause of alarm. Pr 3:25,26.

There will come a time when the ruin of the lawless will cause sudden panic. Many women who do not wear the covering on their spirit will desert, betray, and go into *all immorality*. Gen 19:26. Yahshua said, "Remember Lot's wife." The Lord will keep your foot

from being caught only if you are wearing your veil in your heart. (Dt 29:18-20). Paul takes from the words of Pr 3:27 and puts it into 1 Cor 7:3-5. "Unto the wife let the husband render what is her due, and like manner the wife also unto the husband." Even as the church, the wife longs for, her whole desire is for, her husband. This is the natural order of life. As the husband loves and rules over the wife, the wife's whole desire will be for him. Gen 3:16. There is nothing better and more wonderful than an *absolute king* and monarch who ministers absolute justice. This evokes total devotion from his people — even as a child loves his father who is king as he ministers justice to him. Even as Yahshua our King is to us, so shall husbands be to their wives and households. Gen 18:19. All who have intimate friendship with the Father will be like the Son who rules over His house. Heb 2:16, Lk 1:54-55, Heb 3:6. Not only do we have a priest over our house, we have a prophet, and not only a prophet, we have a king. Heb 10:21,26-31.

When the church was pure, God did not tolerate deliberate sin (Acts 5:1-2 — a sin against the Prophet in their heart). Acts 3:22,23 — They were cut off — shall we bring back those days? And go on from there to the heights of the earth? Isa 58:14 — Not until we put away deliberate sin (or verse 13). Where will we get so great a revelation as to advance to this narrow way which leads to the kingdom? By doing the will of the Father (Mt 7:21). Is profaning the *Sabbath day* a sin? Is it a transgression of the Law? Someone said we can't keep the law — that is why the Lord died for us, so he goes on deliberately breaking it. Well, is he from the devil or not? 1 Jn 3:8-10. Is trampling the Sabbath under foot a sin? Isa 58:13. Did Yahshua do away with the Law? Or one may ask, has heaven and earth passed away yet? If so, then we are not obligated in the least and can go on trampling or profaning the *Sabbath day*.

Well, I only say this that the New Covenant could be confirmed and established in our *hearts*, Heb 10:16. We will die if we start living under the external law, but we will also die if we don't live by the law in our hearts. Rom 8:2-9,29. The Law is good and holy, if one has the Spirit of life in Messiah Yahshua — because we are set free from the *bondage* to its impossible requirements which our Savior took upon Himself. But we do not disobey His law because Yahshua died for us, but on the contrary. Rom 3:31 — No longer a prisoner of the law of *sin*.

The law of God was not sin, but we were entrapped in a vicious web of striving in the flesh to please God and to keep the law — a *law of sin*. Rom 7:23 — Who will set me free from this body of this death — *in Him only* can we do anything. In Him, in communion with Him, there is no sin. *Willful sin* is not even in our mind but we are on the other hand still serving a law of sin in our members — verse 25 in the flesh. *But* we must *rule* — until all His enemies are under His feet (Heb 10:13). *What are His enemies?* Pouting, insecurity, temperaments, fear, intimidation, sulking, self-pity — these are but a few. (Anything else of the ten commandments that cause *division*.)

The mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God for it does not subject itself to the law of God — never has and never will. The mind set on the flesh — or a mind fixed and determined to go against God's will is death (Heb 10:26). But the mind set on or fixed and determined on the Spirit is life and peace. For those who are spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit, but whoever is of the flesh naturally sets his mind on the things of the flesh. Rom 8:5-8 — One has faith; the other does not. Those who *can* are able to set their minds on the spirit and are spirit, but those who are not able to do not belong to Messiah, because all those who belong to Messiah because all those who belong to Messiah have crucified their flesh with its passions and lusts, etc. Gal 5:24; Rom 8:9 — these susceptibilities to ungodly stimulus (Titus 3:3-7, Emphasized Bible; 2:12).

A REDEEMED WOMAN wears the veil in her heart, then on her mind, then on her head. This is restoration from the fall. To wear a veil on the heart, then on her soul — the soul consists of her intellect, emotions, and will — covers the whole aspect of the fall of man (the tree of knowledge), through the serpent's guile deceiving the woman.

The outward manifestation of this is worn upon the *hair*. The hair of woman, the outward distinguishing mark of the sexes, as both male and female are covered bodily, properly. The hair of woman must be covered while in the presence of the holy angels and the unholy angels who looked upon the fall of man with amazement. The woman is the one who was deceived, not the male. The reason Satan cannot repent, cannot be redeemed, is because he was guilty of a

deliberate sin. Man's sin through woman (who are one) was not deliberate, but she was *deceived*. Satan was not deceived. Man *fell into sin* — Satan plotted deliberately, willfully, high-handedly. 1 Sam 14:13. He knew what he was doing — if we sin deliberately, there is no repentance either, in the New Covenant. Heb 10:26-31, 6:4-10. There is no repentance as far as the Kingdom rule is concerned, for we have forfeited our right to rule with the Lord. Even as Esau forfeited his right for the birthright. Even though he sought to be forgiven with tears. Heb 12:16-17. Deliberate, calculated sin is high-handed revolt against God's anointed. The Word of God is not *vain babble*. It means what it says — God hates the Edomites for the very reason that they think they can break God's law and get away with it, with the excuse that "Jesus died for us sinners," and "If we confess our sins...", etc. Sins which are forgiven and cleansed from us are sins which we have fallen into — tempted and fallen into sin — we are to pray deliberately — "Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from *all* evil." Lk 21:34-36.

MAN: The male counterpart of man must also wear his covering in his heart, completely and perfectly, Acts 3:22-23, or he will be assigned to a place where the *unfaithful* will be during the Kingdom reign. Those who are not worthy: Lk 12:46. Rev 2:3 speaks of their deeds as not complete, sins, etc. They must repent from these, or they lose their lampstand and their names will be taken out of the book of life, and they experience a second death. *This is serious, very serious*. 1 Cor 9:25-29.

The outward manifestation (veil) of this *heart* submission is a heart which has been brought under a spirit of obedience — a heart which has been conquered by the love of God, is worn upon the hair. The hair is a "covering," the long hair is a covering for the woman and the veil is the covering for the hair — her hair is her glory, but the veil is for the glory of God. The veil comes from the heart which has been conquered, vanquished by Messiah's Spirit. Jn 14:21-24. The long hair, under her rule and control, is her covering, but the veil is her permission from her spiritual covering to pray or prophecy — the woman under man for the angels' sake. (FOR THE ANGELS' SAKE, a woman wears a veil. Only where there is a messenger, is apostolic authority attended by angels, or an angel. Every church that is established by the Holy Spirit,

through apostles, will have angels. Churches are established through angelic activity — heavenly host. It takes all power and authority to establish an outpost of the Kingdom of God in *Satan's domain*. Jn 5:15). The woman under man's rule is his glory, the whole man under Messiah's anointing is His glory and God's Anointed is His Glory. The glory of God will fill the earth and the whole universe someday, but first, man must be restored and redeemed. 1 Ths 5:23.

The hair is upon the head of woman — long and flowing — simple, not in showy adornments and braids, showing and demonstrating the inward heart of the female. 1 Pet 3:1-6. Simple, quiet, inward beauty shows through her hair — her glory, as man shows Messiah's glory. Through our submission, this glory is revealed. Mal 3:1-4, contrary to Mt 7:23. Her long hair is her glory, not short hair. Why is long hair her glory, and not short hair? Short hair is not a problem. That is the reason it can't be her glory. She has removed her glory by removing her hair — there is no conquest over her hair — radiant. Hair takes effort to bring under submission and control. Heb 10:13. The Spirit of God broods over us to bring us under control, as to be useful in the Master's hands. There is nothing radiant about a woman who has cut off her radiance, her glory. What if God cut off His glory, what if Messiah cut off His glory, what if man cut off his glory, what if women cut off their glory? Then God's purpose could not be accomplished. We are to rule over every creeping thing. Gen 18:19. We were chosen, foreknown, called by God to rule. WE MUST RULE. God must rule, Messiah must rule, man must rule and woman must rule. Without this, there is no glory. We must make Messiah preeminent. Col 1:18. Woman must make man preeminent and woman's hair must make her preeminent. Her hair must be in submission. Just as our children must be in subjection to the parents, so wives to husbands, husbands to Messiah, and Messiah to God. Only in the church of God's order can this be.

All this is done in the *church*. Outside of this body, there is no glory. The hair is upon the head, the head is upon the intellect, the intellect is upon the emotion, the emotions are upon the will, the will is upon the spirit, the spirit is upon the Spirit of God. "Whoever has been united to the Lord has become one Spirit with Him." Man is once again back in God's image, as He created them — male and female He created them. The heart of man, male and female, is bound

together by the one spirit they have received in baptism, and in marriage for those who are married.

God's Spirit governs the human spirit. The human spirit or heart governs the will. The will governs the emotions. The emotions govern the intellect. The intellect governs the brain. The brain governs the head and the head governs the whole body — bringing everything under subjection as He created us — Jn 17:21-24. No further delay, Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. 1 Ths 5:23.

Redeemed women wear the veil for the sake of the angels. Without it [the veil], a woman cannot pray or prophesy or worship, for it reflects her true inward condition and character of her heart — of complete trust in man. No longer contentious and venomous. Only this kind of heart can come acceptably before God, for only with that kind of heart can a woman worship in "spirit and truth." In their complete trust, they will be as Sarah their mother, in the faith that saves them, rest and peace — God's rest. Heb 4:3,10,11. "Believed" means trusted, have put your trust in, relied upon, adhered to. The second and last Eve, has been saved, (baptized at last), redeemed, forgiven, restored, and fully recovered from the Fall. Amen.

Man does not behave by instinct, like animals, but by choice, like spiritual beings. Eve was perfectly compatible with man. Gen 5:1,2: spiritually, willfully, emotionally, intellectually, and sexually. So the two together became one flesh. God blessed them and called their name Adam, which means man. And Adam, man, was to fulfill his *name*, and his *calling*. The reason he was created was to be realized. Why were you created?

A female shall woo and win and protect a man. *A new thing*. Jer 31:22. The erring but deeply penitent wife, instead of staying in her independence, will devote herself to restoring the whole man as they were created. Gen 1:27. "The two shall become one." Gen 5:1,2. Then He shall return for HIS bride. Can you imagine being a wife? Can you imagine being the wife of Messiah forever?

When the inside is like the outside, and the outside is like the inside, when the two shall have become one, the Lord will return... But this witness of the Kingdom will be manifested

before the actual Kingdom of God is set up on the earth. This good news about this Kingdom must be proclaimed in all the world to every nation as a witness. Then the end of this age will come and the next age will begin.

The Lord's prayer for unity in Jn 17:21 cannot be fulfilled until man himself is united. God created man male and female — they were one in man, but man was divided in the Fall. Woman took on the snake nature, striving (many times unconsciously) for equality. Gal 3:28. Male and female were divided, separated, on opposing sides. Woman, in her subtly deceptive nature, bringing ruin and downfall to man. (We have seen in the scriptures many examples of this, such as in Jezebel, Delilah, Athaliah. etc., and also in our own lives in the church). Through the cross of Yahshua, that division is abolished. Man and woman can now be one, whereas before the cross, this was impossible. Now, in the restoration of all things, there can again be unity in mankind. Until there is unity there, unity is not possible anywhere else. We may strive for external unity in the Body of Messiah, but without unity in man, it is only pretense. That is why we say that without headcovering (which is the representative of this unity) in any "so-called" church we may encounter, we can have no true fellowship or communion with them. There can be no unity in the Body without unity of MAN. This must be the foundation. Through the restoration of woman to God's order, true unity can begin and our Lord's prayer can be realized. "The Lord our God is One." And we are created in His image — male and female as one. Before we can again be in the image of our Creator, we must be One, as He is one. Abraham commanded his household (Gen 18:19). There was order in his household, through Abraham's faith there was unity. If we are to be of his seed, we must also be in unity. This was a fulfillment of the promise of God to Abraham, that his seed would be many, but one, in Messiah. Gal 3:16. If you belong to Messiah, you are Abraham's seed, heirs in fulfillment of the promise. Gal 3:29.

1 Cor 11:12. The veil was worn in the early church (11:16). 1 Cor 11:10 (KJV): "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels." "POWER" in the Greek means: privilege, force, capacity, competency, freedom, mastery, delegated influence, authority, jurisdiction, liberty, right, and strength. In Joel 2, it is written that men and women

would be prophesying. In order to do so, woman must be equal to man — woman must be able to hear from the Lord as well as men do, they must be just as sensitive to the Holy Spirit, they must receive grace just like men — and this can only be through the power of headcovering, or the veil.

Headcovering does not deal solely with redemption, but, if not more importantly, with creation as well — God's purposes and plan in creation. Man in the beginning was not adequate to fulfill God's purpose, the dominion of creation. So He created woman as a helpmeet. She was to help man accomplish God's purpose. If Adam hadn't needed Eve, God would never have created her. Does woman have to rule? Will she rule? Must she rule? Her rule is perhaps the most difficult, because she must rule over everything in her.

She must rule over her emotions, her concepts of right and wrong (Eve's temptation), and even her conscience. What did Sarah have to master in order to obey Abraham? Everything! Everything in her was screaming to resist him. His request went against everything she had ever learned. But she was faithful to God's order, His purpose in creation, she was obedient to man. Father, Son, Man, Woman — this is God's order in His government. Woman is not the low dog on the ladder. God's government is comprised of these four components, and if one is missing, His order is not complete. In fact, woman, by her submission, institutes in man the ability in him from God to represent God on earth. You can't have authority unless you're received. The woman makes the man preminent. We make Yahshua preminent by our submission to His Lordship.

Eve was deceived. Before the Fall, Eve had long hair, and it was her covering (natural, like Adam was natural). But since the Fall, unless man and woman are fulfilling what they were created for (God's order), they can not accomplish His purpose. They must re-discover what it is to be women. Woman's ministry is to be veiled in entire submission to the man. The key to everything that God is doing is in the women. Adam could not do it without Eve, as Messiah can't do it without the church. Men are not any further along in God's purpose or spirituality than their wives are. Women are the glory of man. Women will never be equal to man in authority, but they are equal in grace, and they find that equality through submission. Man finds his

equality to Messiah through submission. He [Messiah] is the head of the church. Phil 2:5-7. We must take on the mind of the Body and unless we are doing that and thus being in God's order ourselves, we have no right to say anything to anyone. Women are very intuitive and are greatly needed in the Kingdom of God. We can hear from those who are submissive.

The Jews have a prayer thanking God that they were not born a woman. This is a good prayer outside of Messiah. Outside of the order of God, women are not equal. It's obvious that they are not equal, because they are constantly striving to be equal. If you are equal, you don't have to strive to prove it. Only through headcovering is dignity and equality found for women. Observe uncovered women and you will see how they know they don't have dignity. They try to dishonor themselves. They try to draw attention to themselves. They glory in what is a shame to them. Satan has badly deceived them, robbed them of their rightful place in creation. There is no touchstone for them to rest on, no place for them to get their bearings, no safety, no way for them to know who they are.

"Last night, as we were sitting around our fire after supper, several young Germans joined us. We began talking about Yahshua. They were very intellectual (as are most Germans) but nevertheless the truth was being expressed. One girl especially seemed to be receiving. Then one man asked about our headcoverings. We began sharing a little about God's order. They didn't like it. The girl started to argue against the truth, saying, "Woman was equal to man — even better than man." Then a brother told them that women were evil, taking her nature from the snake, full of all cunning and deception. Well, it was as if he had slapped her in the face. Her reaction was so violent that she cried out, "Male chauvinism!" About this time, three other German girls came up. As soon as they caught the gist of the conversation, the fire started to fly. These women were hard-core women's libbers. They started spouting out their vain philosophies — that woman was, in the beginning, the far superior being, and how men created the concept of a "male" God to suppress women. It was such an awful spirit. Several of the women of the church had been involved in this movement, but they were not nearly as strong in it. One sister tried to share her experience with them, but they were obstinate against the truth. The sister

shared this morning how these women had reminded her of Jezebel, the spirit of Jezebel. Another sister later shared that she had been convicted of her unconscious allegiance to that "strong woman" spirit, although she was never involved in any women's movement. She saw within herself that any allegiance of that sort was making her a Jezebel. She had read earlier in Rev 2:18-20 that the one thing He (Messiah) had against the church was their toleration of the Jezebel spirit. That sister wants nothing to do with that spirit any longer — neither do any of our women here. It was like a warning from the Lord to us when we saw those women last night. The nature of the snake was born into us, and this generation's prophets, poets, and singers have nurtured that seed from our youth. We must beware! The snake turns into a dragon when it is matured."

In Phil 2:5-9, it gives the foundation for our life together in the church and for an understanding of headcovering. Woman's equality with men is an absolute in Yahshua, in redemption. Col 2:11. Gal 3:28, there is no distinction, we are equal. Yahshua is equal to the Father — another absolute undeniable fact. But we shall have the same attitude as our Savior did, who did not grasp for that equality, but rather willfully submitted to giving that up, to take on God's order — that order could come once again to the universe. In authority, Yahshua made Himself a servant — one who had to obey. Man also must obey, for there to be order, that God's government could operate. Woman must obey also. Messiah obeys God the Father, man obeys Yahshua, women obey men. This is peace. This principle of headship is expressed outwardly only by one of those privileged to obey in the government of God. That is, of course, women. Headcovering says to all creation that the order of God — His supreme authority — has once again been established on earth. Not that woman is the only one who obeys, but rather that obedience is being expressed in the Lord, the man, and the woman. For there to be peace in Jerusalem, God's order must be observed without grasping — strife or contention. We need not contend for something we already have. We have equality. We don't have supreme authority. We are under authority.

We now live under grace. Grace teaches us to abide in God's order. Some people falsely attribute to "living under grace," the license to do anything because we are "forgiven," and truly "under grace" means that we are totally free and privileged. But we must be very careful that we don't try to use "grace" to destroy God's government. The government of God did not start with the creation of man, but with the angels. That's why women wear the veil. Headcovering says, "I accept God's appointed position for myself, and I don't nullify God's government by the grace I have received." By grasping (Phil 2:5-9), we nullify God's government. We may say that because we are under grace we needn't submit, but that attitude would nullify government and is not the attitude of Yahshua.

We must lay aside our certain privileges which are ours under grace. Men and women are equal recipients of God's grace only when they are in submission and not at all rebellious. Messiah is not equal to the Father in authority, man to Messiah, or woman to man. This is God's rest. Messiah obeys in His appointed position, man obeys in his appointed position, and woman in hers. The woman proclaims while praying or prophesying that everyone must cover his head, but only she wears the sign of this on her head.

No one should have his own opinion any longer before God. We must be covered in our own opinions. The Lord puts His life into us to bring forth fruit that identifies His very character to the universe. He demonstrates the power of His government in the loving submission of His people, and the rest and peace that comes to mankind when they are once again restored to order.

There is order in all of God's creation, seen in action down to the tiniest atom. Every science class labors to teach to its pupils this intricate order. And when this order is disrupted, many grotesque mutations have come about. The greatest and most horrible is seen in the atomic explosions which cause multiplied destruction just from tampering with the order of God within the atom. But even greater than this, is the destruction caused by the disruption of God's order in the fall of Satan first, and then of man. Satan began to strive for equality, disrupting the order of God, and then man fell into that same strife, but Yahshua came to undo this by submitting (not grasping). Headcovering is the most radical sign of protest going on upon the earth today. Even

more dramatic than the protest against the use of nuclear power is this protest against the disruption of God's order. Headcovering is not just an empty protest which demonstrates against a problem with no solution. On the contrary, headcovering provides the answer to the peaceful unity of all mankind, as someday God's government will be restored to earth in all its power. And ORDER will reign again in all creation! A woman is privileged to say all this as she wears her headcovering!

There is a countdown on earth to bring all things together under one Head. Eph 1:10. Headship principle is the basis of co-operative work in all relationships between parties. Headship of man over woman issues from the relationship of man to God. This principle is in force in heaven. If this headship is broken, confusion arises. Paul, in 1 Cor 11, is wanting both the inward and outward, veil and submission. We're getting at the physical symbol. We do not just spiritualize the Communion (breaking of bread). We take physical bread and wine. It's the same with baptism — we use real water. Gen 3:16. Woman's liberated place is in God's order. Woman finds her equality with man only in Messiah, but her position in subordination in matters of authority. The outward veil should resemble the natural veil. It should make the inward condition obvious to all. This is why it is disgraceful for man to have a natural covering. Let the head of man (Messiah) shine out.

Every woman, taking her vows when she gets married, also takes a new name. Gen 2:21. The woman finds her fulfillment and place in man. Gen 1:26, 3:16. Man's headship goes all the way back to the beginning. The practice of headcovering was not just the custom of the day, but it was worn for the angels, who were not impressed by the custom of the day.

There must be headship in order for there to be peaceful co-operation in work. Without headship, there is war. Gen 2:15. The headship of man over woman issues from the relationship of man to God. Yahshua said, "The Father and I are one." He also said, "The Father is greater than myself." He is at the same time equal and submissive.

When a sister covers her head, she stands before God on the basis of Messiah's position before the Father and man's position before Messiah. Headcovering is a reminder of God's order

and God's government here on earth. She wears the sign and seal of it in headcovering. Just as the Great Seal of the United States identifies the American government, the headcovering identifies God's government. When a woman covers her head, it's as if Messiah is covered by God and man is covered by Messiah.

Now, God is receiving from the church what He wanted from old Israel. God's authority is made manifest through the church. Everywhere else, God is rejected and no one seeks His will. Obedience is the life of the church, and it exists for the purpose of upholding obedience.

At His resurrection, Yahshua appeared first to a woman, thus appointing womankind first in the restoration of His authority. Since woman destroyed God's order in the garden, only woman can bring about the restoration of that order, and subsequently, the restoration of God's purpose. In the same way, only man, Messiah Yahshua, the second Adam, could regain what Adam lost. God became a man in order to redeem us. This is God's righteousness. Sisters are saying that no one should expose her head. As Messiah is the second Adam, so the church is the second Eve. That is why they must all be covered.

Why was woman created? To be a helpmate to her husband. She was to have a part in the dominion of the earth. Gen 1:27, 2:18-20, 1 Cor 11:11-12. As woman is not independent of man, neither is man independent of woman. There is equality and headship, but not independence. This is because there is work to be done and a purpose for our living. This purpose and work can only be done if we are one. Man and woman became one flesh — united in purpose and work

Why has the Lord been unable to raise up many apostles and prophets in these last days? Because men have been "serving" God independently of women. Women have had no place in taking dominion over the earth, that is, in subduing Satan. They have lost their rightful place in the Kingdom. A deception caused by the evil one has made them apathetic about God's purpose for mankind. Somehow, women have gotten off the track and taken identity with something else besides man. Why did God create woman? To be a co-worker with man, just as the church is co-worker with Messiah. The Bride of Messiah — that's where woman should take her identity, regardless of her giftings. What does Pr 31 say at the chapter's end? The woman described didn't

take her identity in the things mentioned. Women take their identity in the Body of Messiah, as they learn who they are and how they relate to the Father in His creation.

As a people, we take the Kingdom by force — men and women alike. Women have an important part in creation; consequently, they have an equally important part in the Kingdom. They are the backbone of the church. What would the Body be like if the women were not fulfilling God's purpose? The Body would be like a worm, with no backbone. A contentious wife is a woman who defiles a man. The whole man is defiled (male and female). Pr 14:1. But man is able to judge for the whole — male and female. God made man. After the husband has made a decision, he is defiled when the wife ridicules his decision and makes him waver in what he has decided — bringing the whole man, male and female, into defilement — a good conscience is rather to be had than much gold. Ps 19:7-10. The whole goal of apostolic instruction is a good conscience. Our good conscience is based upon the law of the Lord in the inward parts — lest the men of Israel be truly a worm..

Isa 41:14. "Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you, says the Lord, your Redeemer, your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel." A worm can hardly stand up and take its discipline — it has no backbone. One with no backbone can hardly stand up against a contentious wife — and is, by his very nature, already thoroughly defiled, undone, and all hope is gone. This one cannot pray, for his good conscience has subtly and cleverly been taken away and emasculated. Now there is no head, no male, no testicles. The male voice has been silenced to a high-pitched tone, while the female voice has been strengthened to a low-pitched tone. But the woman who upholds God's order, supports man. She is the strength to his bones. Pr 12:4.

All of us have the Spirit, those who have been truly baptized into Messiah. Women are just as responsible to God as men are. They must be, and are quite able to seek the Lord just as men are. They are to be no less responsive and submissive and sensitive to the Holy Spirit than men are.

Men and women are equal in their spirituality so far as their wills are concerned. Women are submissive to men because of God's order — because of men's headship. God gives man

grace to be the head of woman. It is not that men are able to hear from the Lord more perfectly because of a greater capacity they might have, but men and women alike all have the Holy Spirit and are equally capable of serving and hearing from God. The difference comes through headship, through God's order and plan in creation. Apathy causes us to sit back and "let someone else carry the load" while we hide in the shadows. We will be judged. We must all stand before God and give an account of what we've done: every word, thought, and deed.

What is most noticeable when someone meets the Body for the first time? It is our Godly women and children. Since the incident with Eve, God has been looking for a woman who would cover her head.

Man is God's highest thought. His greatest creation, made in His image — His glory. In the same way, woman is man's glory. What more dignity is there than to do God's will — to fit into His intention? So this dignity is reflected on the head. The head is authority, and if woman will cover her own authority (her own strong opinions, ideas, feelings, intuitions, gifts, etc.) by the authority of man, then she can say with confidence, when she faces the Lord, that she was submissive and supportive of His will on earth.

Eve, in making the first choice, was not considered unimportant because she was a woman. In fact, her choice was so significant that it brought about titanic and historic results.

God treated woman with fairness and as important in the history of the universe.

God said to Satan, "I will put enmity between you and the woman." Where on earth is there evidence of this enmity? It even seems that women co-operate with Satan because they are more easily deceived than men. Pr 31:3. Woman is Satan's number-one tool to destroy God's order. That's why Jews pray that prayer. Look at the state of woman today. There is no enmity between Satan and woman, because headcovering is not received with respect, dignity, and honor, especially among so-called Christians. The only possible thing this could mean is that Messiah will restore His order on earth through woman, through her obedience. Only in His Body, where the government of God is expressed, can there be enmity between the serpent and woman. Only where woman is submissive to man, thereby instituting the order of God, which

was lost in the garden, can man actually crush the head (authority) of Satan. It is just like the Lord to use the weaker vessel to defeat the enemy. So the promise even in Genesis, will be fulfilled in Messiah, that what woman lost, she will regain, even now as she wears the headcovering with dignity and honor. As Messiah came from woman, so shall salvation come through women who return to God's purpose. Messiah came from woman, as did all the mighty men of God who stood against Satan and the world system throughout history. Remember! When Messiah was resurrected, He appeared first to a woman. *This is very significant!*