

VANITY..PRIDE PART 1 OF 2

JEWELRY..EARRINGS..LONG HAIRD MEN..SCULPTURED BEARDS/HAIR-CUTS..TATTOOS..HOMOSEXUALS (Lev. 19:27)

In the following teaching I will explain how vanity, pride, arrogance, and idolatry, and the many things directly associated with them, are portrayed in humanity. These things are displayed and revealed by vain people by means of jewelry, tattoos, sculptured hairstyles, beards, moustaches, clothing, words, colors, etc. People who are proud and desire to be noticed use these means to get the attention they require to feel good about themselves. This not the way it was meant to be originally. Yahveh tells us that fear of Him leads to spiritual wisdom. Wisdom opens the door to revelation and the discloser of His written word. These things are not concrete things, they are symbolic things that we can achieve if we love Him and keep His commandments. This is what we should be aspiring to receive, things representing His Kingdom, not recognition in this world. Our ultimate goal should be doing the things (deeds), He commanded us to do. In doing so, He will give us His power and authority to represent His Kingdom on earth. When we do this it will result in the culmination of all that we should be striving for, which results in "shalom", peace.

As children of the Most High, we should be noticed for our actions of obedience to His Living Word. That action and obedience gives us the key to wisdom, which is what we should be recognized for. People who see and hear us, should recognize the light of Him in us through spiritual perception, not by doing things that force people to pay attention to us. We should not have to do outrageous, un-natural things to be noticed. People who have to do these outlandish things are people who have a problem of rejection. These people feel rejected and un-noticed in society, causing them to do what-ever it takes to get attention. It is like a junky requiring a fix to calm down and act reasonably normal. Our action and ways of doing things should cause people to pay attention to what we have to say, rather than desperate attempts to be noticed by any means available.

Pride is what brought Satan down from his platform. The last thing any true follower of the Holy One of Israel should do, is portray pride, vanity, and arrogance. For this reason we should all look, and act appropriately, with proper moral values and intent. "You shall be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 19:2, 20:7, & 1Pet. 1:15-16).

The following verses give us a pretty good idea of what Yahveh thinks about pride and vanity:

Ps. 36:11 *"Let not the foot of pride come upon me, And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away."*

Ps. 59:12 *"On account of the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, Let them even be caught in their pride, And on account of curses and lies which they utter."*

Isa. 2:17 *"The pride of man will be humbled And the loftiness of men will be abased; And Adonai alone will be exalted in that day,"*

Ezek. 7:20 *'They transformed the beauty of His ornaments into pride, and they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things with it; therefore I will make it an abhorrent thing to them'.*

Donald Trump, Muhammad Ali, Alexander the Great, Napoleon Bonaparte, Adolph Hitler, Madonna, Miley Cyrus, Kanye West, Kim Kardashian, and Mariah Carey are but a few examples of narcissists from the past or present. Their arrogance, vanity, and idolatry stand out every time you hear their name even mentioned. Mankind has not learned from the past, and pride will always be a serious problem for those who are vain, those who love looking in the mirror.

VANITY DISPLAYED ON WOMEN

Whether women like it or not, everyone knows, generally speaking, they have always been the most vain of all human beings. What they do to themselves to reveal their pride and vanity appears in so many ways physically, it simply cannot be denied.

Gen. 35:4 *So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which they had, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was near Shechem."*

Exod. 33:4-6 *When the people heard this sad word, they went into mourning, and none of them put on his ornaments. 5 For Adonai had said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel, 'You are an obstinate people; should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore, put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what I will do with you.'" 6 So the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments from Mount Horeb onward."*

What we see in these verses are biblical examples of how people were forced to humble themselves by the Patriarch's. In the first example we see Jacob did this to humble the people. He wanted them to seriously think about their vanity and pride and get pure and right with Adonai. In the second example we see Moses being told to do the exact same thing.

Spiritual vanity is directly connected to idolatry. The pocket idols, or idols (objects) that are called gods, or associated directly with gods, or lifted up as a form of deity, are in fact the person's expressions of what they believe. It would be similar to a person winning a first prize ribbon in a race, parading the ribbon around tied to their neck. They are proud of what they have achieved and the objects involved are proof of their

vanity. Removing all jewelry was the sign in those days of a person going through a humbling process. It showed their humility.

Jewelry is a form of vanity, that's reality. Few will ever admit it, but it is the truth. People wear jewelry to promote themselves as special, that is vanity (excessive pride in or admiration of one's own appearance or achievements). This pride, vanity, if gone unchecked, can quickly turn to narcissism.



If a woman wants to put on tasteful jewelry for her husband in private or for a family occasion, it can be seen as something tasteful that accents the beauty of a woman, but when overdone it can become vanity.

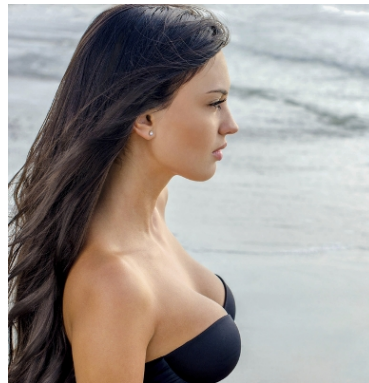
Ps. 73:6 "Therefore pride is their necklace; The garment of violence covers them."

Isa. 23:9 "Yahveh of hosts has planned it, to defile the pride of all beauty, To despise all the honored of the earth".

The vanity of many women today includes:

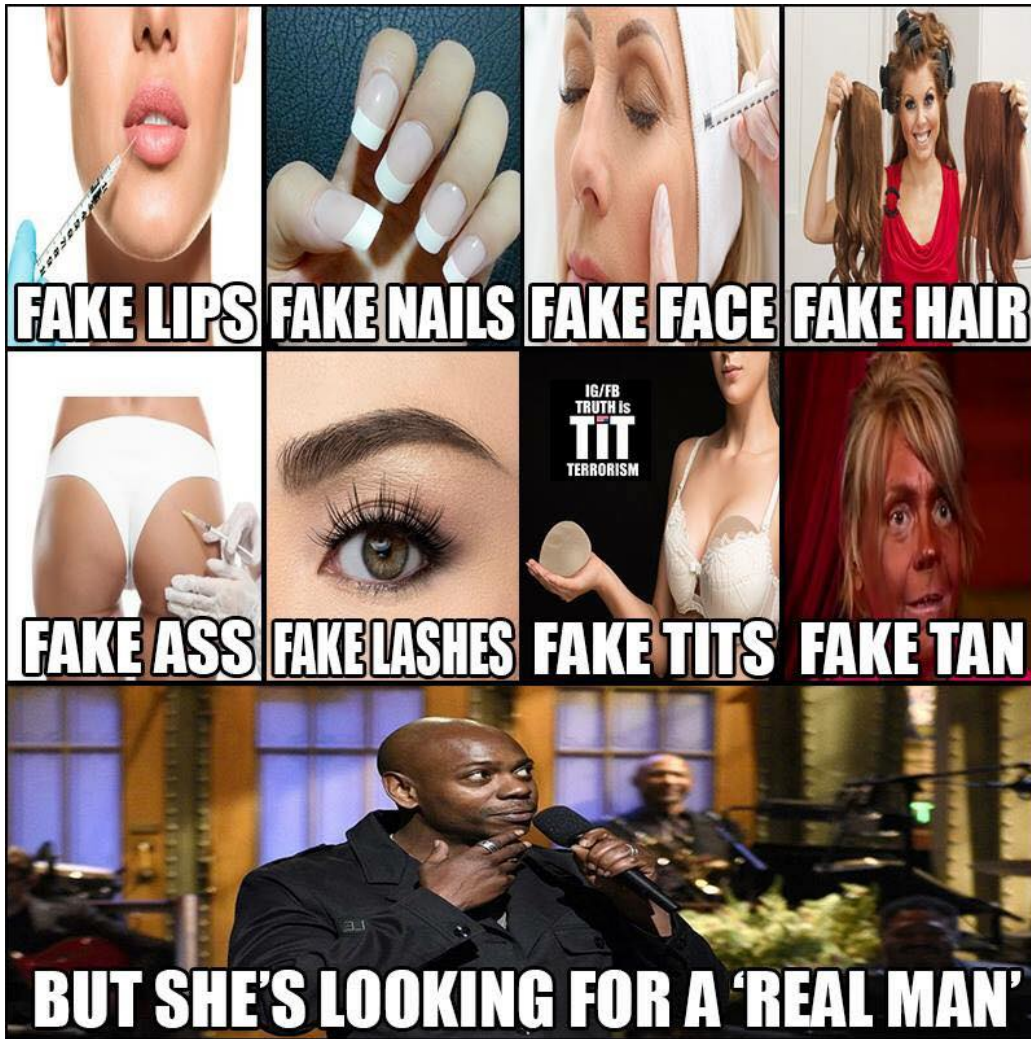
- 1) Bright colored lipstick
- 2) Multiple layers of make-up
- 3) False eye-lashes
- 4) Painted, even tattooed, eye brows
- 5) Un-natural hair color, hair extensions
- 6) Multiple or large earrings
- 7) Botox filled cheeks, lips, chin or crotch
- 8) Breast implants
- 9) Fake nails, painted finger and toe nails
- 10) Chrome and brass rings in face, lips, tongue, cheeks, belly-buttons, crotch, etc.
- 11) Necklaces
- 12) Hip and but-tux implants
- 13) Spray on tans
- 14) Tattoos

Then many will add to the mix low cut blouses, spandex or other tight fitting blouses, skirts and dresses open up to the crotch, or pants showing (exaggerating) every curve of their body. These are women who can't attract a soul mate with their natural talents because they probably don't have any. These are the women who are teasing men, looking for trouble, and trouble is the shortest walk you will ever take.



We have many women complaining about them not having equal rights. They claim they are treated as if they were in a lower class than men, yet they make themselves out to look like whores, the lowest form of woman on earth. They do their best to attract men by going totally overboard on their appearances, then complain when the men treat them like the whore they are trying to look like. They often wear tight clothing to exaggerate and show off their breasts, stomach, thighs, etc. then pretend they are not looking for attention. They sexually entice men to come after them, teasing them for entertainment, yet claim they are not looking for attention or sex. Any woman who is going out of her way to attract men sexually had better be careful, many men have fallen for that trap of Jezebel.

Isa. 4:1 On that day, seven women will grab hold of one man and say, "We will supply our own food and wear our own clothes. Just let us bear your name; take away our disgrace." Confusing verse about women who want to do things their way, yet admit they are disgraced.



Extreme perfume

We have all been around women who put on perfume so over-whelming it almost knocks you out. This is another example of someone so desperate they will make all those around them suffer the consequences of their terrible use of perfume, just to get noticed in a crowd.

Earrings on men



The wedding ring and the earring given to slaves (servants) who had served their master for seven years, would probably be the only exceptions to jewelry that would not be considered vain when used appropriately. We know in biblical times that a slave that had been with his master for seven years was given an earring so that he would be recognized in public as someone who has proven his commitment to his master. This was not based on vanity, but simply for identification purposes.

We have had vain men wearing earrings in their lower lobe for many years now. Many associate a man with an earring as a sexual perverted person. The fact that they have ornamental earrings is simple proof of their vanity, regardless what sill reason they may come up with for this abomination.

In the following verses we see Sha'ul commenting on the attire of women when they pray in public and in the synagogue.

1Tim. 2:9-10 *Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments; 10 but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness". (NAS)*

1Tim. 2:9-10 *Likewise, the women, when they pray, should be dressed modestly and sensibly in respectable attire, not with elaborate hairstyles and*

gold jewelry, or pearls, or expensive clothes. 10 Rather, they should adorn themselves with what is appropriate for women who claim to be worshipping Adonai, namely, good deeds.(CJB)

Notice the verse from the CJB says specifically "when they pray", whereas the NAS version does not include those words.

1Cor. 11:4-10 *Every man who has something on his head while praying or prophesying, disgraces his head. 5 But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying, disgraces her head; for she is one and the same with her whose head is shaved. 6 For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head. 7 For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of Adonai; but the woman is the glory of man. 8 For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; 9 for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake. 10 Therefore **the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.**"*

Sha'ul is talking about obvious male or female identity during fellowship and festivals. Men and women should be distinct from each other so that from a distance all others in the synagogue or whatever area they are in, can easily identify exactly who is speaking or prophesying, whether it be a woman or a man. Women were to have a veil over their head during synagogue and their long hair would make them quickly identifiable. In that manner it would be very obvious to all assembled as to whether a man or woman was praying out loud or prophesying. Long hair was the normal for women, so any man with long hair would be insulting all men.

Paul is teaching that men should not have long hair, and should not wear masculine type head coverings during the assembly of the people. The simple idea was that there should never be any confusion about whether or not a person, a shadow, an image under poor lighting conditions, or otherwise, was a male or a female. He was saying let men look like men and let women look like women. There should never be any doubt about whether a person is a man or a woman, it's that simple.

Priests sometimes had head coverings, mantles, but they were very distinct and obvious apparel of the Priesthood that everyone was familiar with. Paul was not focussing on head coverings, he was focusing on just men and women looking distinctly different with their apparel.

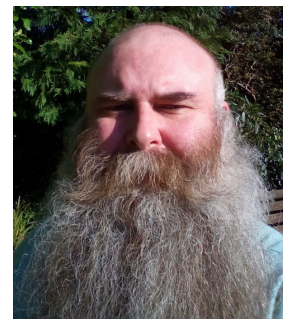
BEARDS..HAIRCUTS

Things to ponder in regards to beards:

In biblical times having a beard was an instant way of identifying the sex of the person you were looking at or in many cases, even fighting against. It quickly separated men from women for identification purposes. For example, it was important to distinguish the person walking towards you as being a man or a woman a long distance away in case of warfare or controversy.

Back then it was very difficult to shave, it was quite an ordeal for a man to be clean shaven. For that reason many men had beards. With today's razors and electric shavers there is no reason for this anymore.

Many people think beards simply look dirty and unclean. In fact, they have been proven to be truly unclean from a point of sanitation. We have all witnessed men with beards with things lodged in them. This looks dirty and is unnecessary. There is no reason for a man to look unclean in public on purpose. In a recent documentary it revealed that when men with beards had them tested for cleanliness (bacteria, germs, etc), it was found that over 90% of the men had traces of feces found in their beards, never-mind the bacteria and germs. This is the result of men always running their fingers through and playing with their beards. When you



watch a man with an unkempt beard or mustache eat, you will often see left-over parts of their lunch stuck in or hanging from their face because of the hair. The results of doing so makes them unclean. Is this really necessary?

If you have ever watched men with beards, they are constantly playing with their beards, and running their fingers through them. The fact is, they like playing with themselves, whether they will admit it or not.

Another obvious reason men wear beards is to be noticed. These individuals want to stand out in a crowd. This may be the result of them perhaps being rejected in their earlier years. Either way, it can and often

does become prideful, vain.

Many men believe it makes them look more manly. Some of those men may be morally weak and afraid, perhaps they are not the spiritual leaders of their family or community that they should be. Maybe a beard makes them appear as more of a man than they really are. In far too many cases, a man simply looks much better without the filth on his face.



Trappers and other men living out in the wild have a reason for having a beard, it acts as insulation, but other men who try to look like trappers are usually just want to be noticed, a vain attempt to be noticed and thought of as "He" man.

A strong point that can be made about beards and hair cutting on the side of the head can be "sculpturing". If one is growing or sculpturing hair on his face to be noticed it becomes vanity, which is certainly against torah. Ask yourself why these men must have this filthy hair on their face? Are they trying to hide their weakness by appearing tough and strong like a macho man?

For some men with perhaps a bad scar on their face or chin, a severe double chin or what have you, excuses can be made, but otherwise one has to wonder.

Beards make a man look older, and older men are wiser. Some men like looking wise so they have beards to make them look older. Few people want to look older, but this is the case for many that wear them.

Some hen-pecked type men who have a very dominant wife controlling them, grow beards to make them feel more manly. It's hard for a wife to control a man's beard, so they feel empowered to do so in order to have some sort of control in their lives. The beard may be over-compensating for the fact that they are not the leaders in their homes that men are supposed to be.

Sculpturing the sides of the head



In ancient days, in Greece and Rome, it was the pagan priests of Bacchus that shaved the sides of their heads and sculpted designs and stripes into their hair on the sides of their heads; a mark of reverence to a particular demon god they served. They used to let their hair grow long on the top, and cut it on the sides very short with stripes on the sides of their heads. This was a sign of Priesthood and a symbol of allegiance to the demon god Bacchus. This type of sculpturing is common today with our rebellious youth, and some parents even approve of their children having these demonic hair cuts. This is in direct opposition to what the Bible says in Lev. 19:27.

Goatee's are quite common among ill-informed teen-agers and men today.

Another fairly common hairstyle on men and boys these days is to have all their hair fairly short, leaving a ponytail in the back of, middle, or on the top of the head. The idea is for it to look like a tail.

This tail is also sometimes appropriately called "a fools tail". This heathen tradition was developed not many years ago through rock musicians who were into Wicca and Satanism. This tail is called the "goat's tail," and is common among Satanic worshippers, representing the tail of the goat, "Baphomet".

In years gone by people lived in houses made of mud, thatches, logs, stones, bricks, mud huts, etc. These house were not sealed from insects and small rodents, so having a beard was a kind of censor on the face to alert people when insects were around. Now we live in sealed homes with proper ventilation, heating

and air exchange, so we have few insects entering our homes to cause problems.

Shaving ones beard was used as a sign or mourning.

2Sam. 10:4 So Hanun took David's servants, **shaved off half their beards**, cut off their clothes halfway up, at their buttocks, and then sent them away".

Jer. 41:5 eighty men from Sh'khem, Shiloh and Shomron **came with beards shaved off**, clothes torn and gashes on their bodies; they had grain offerings and frankincense with them to present in the house of ADONAI."

GOATEE

This idea also manifests commonly with many so-called men, with their hair-styles and colors, absurd clothing, sculptured beards and moustaches, exotic cars,



homes, boats, etc. A man with a beard is one thing, but a man with a sculptured type goatee, fu Manchu, or other prideful facial hair sculpture, is usually vain. These people just want to be noticed, and are so desperate they will do almost anything to be noticed, even if it makes them look like fools. Look at the movie-stars, musicians, politicians, and various others out there that look gross just to get attention. These are vain people, and in many cases narcissists. The world is full of them.



Men with goatee's don't seem to realize that the goatee is named after Baphomet, the ultimate occult symbol. Goatee's make a man look like he has a huge (exaggerated) open mouth. It looks terrible. Godly men should be looking holy and presentable, not absurd and ugly. Gross would be a great way to describe it. That is not what is meant by being set-apart. If secular people want to look unclean and absurd, let them do so, those who are righteous are supposed to look modest and holy as best they can.

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