

MEN AND WOMEN'S CLOTHING

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 Yahveh; 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.**"*

In some religious groups we have men looking like fools by wearing attire that is absurd, ugly, and even



comical. They are proudly displaying their particular sect without realizing what pride is.

Deut. 22:5 ***"A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to Yahveh your Elohim.*** Paul is talking about a torah command about men attiring themselves so they appear to be men. Same for women.

One of the traditional ways of determining whether it was still daylight or evening was if one could distinguish between two people whether they were male or female at 100 yards. In those days if you walked up from behind a person and then spoke to them as you would a man, and it was a woman, it was very offensive. It was always supposed to be blatantly obvious who was a man and who was a woman because of their outward appearance, whether you were seeing them from the front or behind. The dominant thing that determined whether a person was a male or a female was the head covering, other than perhaps the pattern or color of ones outside apparel. Men never covered their heads in public, only women did that. Only women draped themselves in a scarf for example. When you saw someone draped with a scarf you treated them or approached them as a women. Paul is teaching that women should not wear effeminate head coverings and likewise men should not wear masculine head coverings. 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. Priests often 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 men and women looking distinctly different with their apparel. Cross-dressing as we see so much of today, is an abomination to Yah, the kind of thing Sha'ul was talking about, even though it didn't exist at that time.
For a detailed explanation see Vanity/Pride Teaching Pt. 1 & 2.

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