LAST SUMMER, WHILE ON MY VACATION, I PROMISED SISTER ROSE ALGOOD I WOULD SEND HER A COPY OF AN ARTICLE IN MY POSSESSION, WRITTEN BY THE LATE BROTHER H.C. HARPER; ON THE SUBJECT OF WOMEN'S HAIR. I DECIDED TO SHARE IT WITH ALL OF YOU. I THINK YOU WILL FIND IT INTERESTING. BROTHER HARPER WAS A SCHOOL-TEACHER, AND A GREEK SCHOLAR. OF COURSE THAT DOSEN'T MAKE HIM RIGHT ANY MORE THAN ANY OTHER MAN, IF HE DOES NOT STAY WITH THE BIBLE. I MERELY STATE THIS, IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY JUDGE FOR YOURSELF HIS EXPLANATIONS OF GREEK WORDS.

EXACT COPY

1 CORINTHIANS 11:3-16

H.C. HARPER

3.BUT I WOULD HAVE YOU KNOW, THAT THE HEAD OF EVERY MAN IS CHRIST AND THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN, AND THE HEAD OF CHRIST IS GOD.

4. EVERY MAN PRAYING OR PROPHESYING, HAVING HIS HEAD COVERED, DISHONORETH HIS HEAD.

5. BUT EVERY WOMAN THAT PRAYETH OR PROPHESIETH WITH HER HEAD UNCOVERED, DISHONORETH HER HEAD, FOR THAT IS EVEN ALL ONE AS IF SHE WERE SHAVEN.

6. FOR IF THE WOMAN BE NOT COVERED, LET HER ALSO BE SHORN: BUT IF IT BE A SHAME FOR A WOMAN TO BE SHORN OR SHAVEN, LET HER BE COVERED.

7.FOR A MAN INDEED OUGHT NOT TO COVER HIS HEAD, FORASMUCH AS HE IS THE GLORY AND IMAGE OF GOD: BUT THE WOMAN IS THE GLORY OF THE MAN.

8. FOR THE MAN IS NOT OF THE WOMAN, BUT THE WOMAN OF THE MAN.

9. NEITHER WAS THE MAN CREATED FOR THE WOMAN, BUT THE WOMAN FOR THE MAN.

10. FOR THIS CAUSE OUGHT THE WOMAN TO HAVE POWER ON HER HEAD, BECAUSE OF THE ANGELS.

11. NEVERTHELESS, NEITHER IS THE MAN WITHOUT THE WOMAN, NEITHER THE WOMAN WITHOUT THE MAN, IN THE LORD.

12. FOR AS THE WOMAN IS OF THE MAN, EVEN SO IS THE MAN ALSO BY THE WOMAN, BUT ALL THINGS OF GOD.

13. JUDGE IN YOURSELVES, IS IT COMELY FOR A WOMAN TO PRAY UNTO GOD UNCOVERED?

14. DOTH NOT EVEN NATURE ITSELF TEACH YOU, THAT IF A MAN HAVE LONG LONG HAIR, IT IS A SHAME UNTO HIM?

15. BUT IF A WOMAN HAVE LONG HAIR, IT IS A GLORY TO HER: FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN HER FOR A COVERING.

16. BUT IF ANY MAN SEEM TO BE CONTENTIOUS, WE HAVE NO SUCH CUSTOM, NEITHER THE CHURCHES OF GOD.

COMMENTS (BY H.C.H.)

IF THE READER WILL TURN TO AND READ THE CONTEXT WITH GEN.3:16, "AND HE SHALL RULE OVER THEE"; 1 TIM.2:12,"NOT TO USURP AUTHORITY OVER THE MAN;" 1 COR.14:34,"BUT THEY ARE COMMANDED TO BE UNDER OBEDIENCE"; 1 PET.3:6,"EVEN AS SARAH OBEYED ABRAHAM, CALLING HIM LORD;" TITUS 2:5, "OBEDIENT TO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS:" EPH.5:23,"FOR THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE, EVEN AS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH," I SAY IF THE READER WILL TURN TO AND READ THE CONTEXT WITH THESE TEXTS, A BETTER START WILL BE MADE IN GETTING AN UNDERSTANDING OF 1 COR.11:3-16.

"HEAD" IS USED IN VERSE 3 AS USED THE SECOND TIME IN VERSES 4 AND 5, DENOTES THE ONE WITH AUTHORITY OR POWER TO GOVERN; AND AS USED THE FIRST TIME IN VERSES 4 AND 5,"HEAD" DENOTES THE HEAD OF THE PHYSICAL BODY.

INSTEAD OF "LONG HAIR," AS IN VERSES 14 AND 15, THE GREEK HAS HAIR,THAT IS (KOMEE), UNCUT HAIR, HAIR TO THE LENGTH THAT A MAN'S NATURE OR A WOMAN'S NATURE MAKES IT TO GROW. AND IF A WOMAN HAS SUCH HAIR, IT IS GLORY (DOXA,"CALLS FORTH PRAISE") FOR HER. WHY? "FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN HER FOR A COVERING." V.15. THE SECOND "FOR" IS ANTI, AND DENOTES: "FOR, IN PLACE OF, INSTEAD OF." AND "COVERING" IS (PERIBOLAION, A COVERING, A VEIL.) THEN WE HAVE IT:"FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN HER "FOR, IN THE PLACE OF, INSTEAD OF" "A COVERING VEIL." WHO GAVE HER THIS DISTINCT EQUIPMENT? HER CREATOR.

NOW WE CAN UNDERSTAND VERSE 10:"FOR THIS CAUSE OUGHT THE WOMAN TO HAVE POWER ON HER HEAD, BECAUSE OF THE ANGELS." THE HOLY ANGELS ARE IMPLICITELY OBEDIENT TO GOD. CAN WOMAN AFFORD TO BE LESS? NO; THEN LET HER SHOW IT BY HER EXAMPLE TO THE ANGELS HERE. IN SAYING "POWER" , OR AUTHORITY, THE APOSTLE NAMES THE THING SIGNIFIED INSTEAD OF THE THING THAT SIGNIFIES IT. AND "THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN," V.3. NOW, WHAT IS THE TOKEN THAT WOMAN OUGHT TO HAVE ON HER HEAD TO SHOW THAT MAN IS THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN? "HAIR", UNCUT HAIR,NATURAL HAIR, HAIR TO THE LENGTH HER NATURE MAKES IT TO GROW, HAIR THAT HER CREATOR GIVES HER

"INSTEAD OF A VEIL"; HAIR, THE TOKEN ON HER HEAD, WHICH SHOWS THAT "THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN,"V.3. HENCE IT IS "GLORY" TO HER TO HAVE SUCH HAIR; AND SHE SHOWS HER OBEDIENCE TO GOD IN KEEPING IT.

NOW WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHY "IF A MAN HAVE LONG HAIR, IT IS A SHAME UNTO HIM,"V.14. THAT IS HAIR (KOMEE), UNCUT HAIR, NATURAL HAIR, HAIR GROWN AS LONG AS NATURE WILL GROW IT. AND BEING THUS GARBED, HE DISHONORS CHRIST; FOR "EVERY MAN PRAYING OR PROPHESYING, HAVING HIS HEAD COVERED, DISHONORETH HIS HEAD."V.4. IT IS "HAIR" (UNCUT HAIR) THAT IS A SHAME TO HIM. HENCE IT IS THIS "COVERED" HEAD BY WHICH HE DISHONORS CHRIST.

NOW LET US EXAMINE THE ORIGINAL OF VERSE 4. THERE IS AN OMITTED WORD. IT READS THUS: "EVERY MAN PRAYING OR PROPHESYING, HAVING- ON HEAD, DISHONORETH HIS HEAD." CHRIST IS HIS HEAD,V.3. WHAT IS "ON HEAD" THAT DISHONORETH CHRIST? EVIDENTLY, THAT WHICH "IS A SHAME UNTO HIM," V.4. AND WHAT IS THAT? HAIR, HAIR AS LONG AS HIS NATURE WILL GROW IT - UNCUT HAIR.

THEN HAIR, CUT IN ANY WAY, IS "HEAD UNCOVERED;" AND HAIR UNCUT IN ANY WAY, IS "HEAD COVERED." AND SINCE HAIR, LONG HAIR, UNCUT," IS GIVEN FOR A VEIL," SUCH HAIR IS A TOKEN, SYMBOL, MARK, OR BRAND, ON HER HEAD, THAT "THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN." VS.3,10,15. THIS IS HER GOD-ORDAINED MARK.

CUTTING HER HAIR IN ANY WAY, REMOVES THE GOD-ORDAINED MARK FROM HER, THAT "THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN." AND LETTING HIS HAIR GROW UNCUT, MAN DISHONORS HIS HEAD, CHRIST. HE PRESUMPTUOUSLY TAKES THE MARK GOD GAVE WOMAN.

SO THE APOSTLE ARGUES IN V.5, THAT IF THE WOMAN CUTS HER HAIR, THUS HAVING "HER HEAD UNCOVERED," SINCE GOD GAVE HER HAIR, UNCUT HAIR, "FOR A COVERING," SHE WOULD AS WELL CUT IT OFF AT THE SCALP: FOR "THAT IS EVEN ALL ONE AS IF SHE WERE SHAVEN." THIS CLINCHES IT, THAT HER GOD-ORDAINED, GOD-GIVEN HAIR, HAIR UNCUT, IS A DIVINE REQUIREMENT FOR "EVERY WOMAN," EVERY PLACE, AS CUT HAIR IS FOR MAN. AND THE APOSTLE ALSO SHOWS THIS TO BE TRUE ON THEIR OWN ADMISSION, SAYING: "FOR IF THE WOMAN BE NOT COVERED, LET HER ALSO BE SHORN: BUT IF IT BE A SHAME FOR A WOMAN TO BE SHORN OR SHAVEN, LET HER BE COVERED."V.6.

SHORN AND SHAVEN MEAN TO CUT THE HAIR OFF AT THE SCALP. BUT SINCE THEY CONCEDE THIS TO BE WRONG IN A WOMAN, AS HE HAS SHOWN IN V.5 THAT THIS REMOVES HER GOD-ORDAINED MARK (HAIR, UNCUT HAIR), MAKING HER "HEAD UNCOVERED," NO MORE THAN CUTTING IT IN ANY OTHER WAY DOES, HE ARGUES: "LET HER BE COVERED." THAT IS, KEEP HER HAIR UNCUT, AS HER GOD-ORDAINED TOKEN THAT "THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN."

NOTICE, TOO, IT IS NOT SIMPLY HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS SOME CONSTRUE IT; BUT "EVERY MAN" AND ALSO "EVERY WOMAN." AND SINCE GOD HAS GIVEN WOMAN, ACCORDING TO HER WOMANLY NATURE, HAIR, NATURAL HAIR, WHICH IS UNCUT HAIR, FOR OR IN PLACE OF A VEIL, SHE NO MORE HAS AN ARTIFICIAL COVERING OR VEIL BY DIVINE AUTHORITY ON HER HEAD THAT THE MAN TO WHOM THE BOSS GAVE A SPADE INSTEAD OF OR FOR A SHOVEL HAS BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOSS, AS SHOWN IN VERSES 15 AND 16.

THE WOMAN WHO CUTS HER HAIR, STANDS UNDER GOD'S CONDEMNATION; AND THE MAN WHO GOES WITH UNCUT HAIR IS UNDER GOD'S CONDEMNATION. IT IS NOT OF LOCAL APPLICATION, FOR THE "CHURCHES OF GOD" TO FOLLOW. NEITHER WAS IT A TRANSITORY PERIOD, BUT THIS DISPENSATION OF GOD. AND TO TAKE THIS FROM THE REALM WHERE GOD SPEAKS, AND PUT IT WHERE MAN SPEAKS, IS NOTHING LESS THAN TO DICTATE TO GOD. AND I SAY WITH THE APOSTLE:"LET GOD BE TRUE, BUT EVERY MAN A LIAR." ROM.3:4. AND INSTEAD OF THE WHOLE TEACHING HERE RELATING TO "AN ARTIFICIAL COVERING," IT RELATES TO THE GOD-ORDAINED COVERING, HAIR, "FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN HER FOR A COVERING, OR INSTEAD OF A VEIL.

AND THE WOMAN WHO WOULD BE BOLD ENOUGH TO REMOVE THIS THAT SHOWS AS GOD ORDAINED IT,"THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN," WOULD BE BOLD ENOUGH TO TAKE MAN'S PLACE IN THE CHURCHES, AND GET ANOTHER REPROOF FROM GOD'S APOSTLE, AS WE SEE IN THE 14TH CHAPTER OF THIS LETTER.

OBJECTIONS: "PAUL SAYS IF A WOMAN WILL NOT WEAR A VEIL (ARTIFICIAL COVERING)- LET HER ALSO HAVE HER HAIR (NATURAL COVERING) CUT OFF."

PAUL SAYS NO SUCH THING. HE SAYS:"FOR IF A WOMAN BE NOT COVERED, LET HER ALSO BE SHORN,"V.6. NOW WHAT IS IT THAT CONSTITUTES HER "COVERED?" ANS. "HAIR, LONG HAIR,"V.15. "BUT IF A WOMAN HAVE LONG HAIR, IT IS A GLORY TO HER: FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN HER FOR A COVERING," OR INSTEAD OF (ANTI) A VEIL. HENCE THIS KNOCKS OUT THE "ARTIFICIAL COVERING" BY DIVINE AUTHORITY, AND BINDS "LONG HAIR," (UNCUT HAIR) AS THE GOD-ORDAINED MARK OF VERSE 10 TO SHOW THAT "THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN,"V.3. AND WHEN SHE CUTS OFF ANY OF HER HAIR, SHE HAS REMOVED THIS MARK;

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HENCE THE APOSTLE SAYS, "LET HER ALSO BE SHORN," THAT IS, HAVE IT CUT OFF RIGHT AT THE SCALP. BUT TO THIS "SHAME" THEY OBJECT; HENCE, HE GOES RIGHT ON TO SAY: "BUT IF IT BE A SHAME FOR A WOMAN TO BE SHORN OR SHAVEN, LET HER BE COVERED,"V.6. AND HOW CAN SHE DO THIS? ANS. BY KEEPING "LONG HAIR," (UNCUT HAIR), AND THIS IS THE ONLY WAY SHE CAN DO IT BY DIVINE AUTHORITY. END QUOTE.

SINCE THERE IS SO MUCH OF THIS PAGE LEFT, I THINK I WILL INCLUDE A SHORT ARTICLE ENTITLED, "THE WOMAN'S GLORY". WRITTEN BY SISTER A.R. MICKEY, CANYON TEXAS.

QUOTE: GOD BLESSED THE WOMAN WITH LONG BEAUTIFUL HAIR.
BUT FOR THIS WONDERFUL BLESSING SHE SEEMED NOT TO CARE.
SHE CUT IT OFF TO IMITATE MAN, NOT REALIZING PERHAPS SHE DIS-OBEYED GOD'S COMMAND.
GOD GAVE HER HAIR FOR A "COVERING" AS HE STATES IN HIS BLESSED WORD.
AND SHE CANNOT PRAY TO GOD "UNCOVERED" AND HOPE TO BE RESPECTED AND HEARD.
THEREFORE DEAR SISTERS AWAKE TO YOUR DUTY, AND REALIZE WHAT A SAD STATE YOU ARE IN.
REPENT OF THIS EVIL AND LET YOUR HAIR "GROW OUT" AGAIN.
THEN YOUR PRAYERS WILL BE ANSWERED, AND YOU CAN BE FREE FROM SIN.
THUS SETTING A SHINNING EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW YOU, AND IN THIS WAY GIVE PRAISE AND HONOR TO YOUR BLESSED SAVIOUR WHO SUFFERED AND DIED FOR YOU. UNQUOTE.

GOING BACK TO THAT 16TH VERSE OF 1 COR.11."BUT IF ANY MAN SEEM TO BE CONTENTIOUS, WE HAVE NO SUCH CUSTOM, NEITHER THE CHURCHES OF GOD" AS BROTHER HARPER HAS MADE PLAIN, THE CHURCH HAS NO SUCH GOD-GIVEN CUSTOM AS CUT HAIR FOR WOMEN.

BUT I HAVE ACTUALLY HEARD "CHRISTIAN" WOMEN SAY,"BUT I AM CONTENTIOUS ABOUT THIS; THEREFORE I CAN CUT MY HAIR."

HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE CONTENTIOUS, IN THE FACE OF THE WORD OF GOD?

ROM.2:8-9,"BUT UNTO THEM THAT ARE CONTENTIOUS,AND DO NOT OBEY THE TRUTH, BUT OBEY UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, INDIGNATION AND WRATH, TRIBULATION AND ANGUISH, UPON THE SOUL OF EVERY MAN THAT DOETH EVIL, OF THE JEW FIRST AND ALSO OF THE GENTILE." SURELY NO ONE WILL SAY THE CHURCH HAS A CUSTOM OF ALLOWING THE MEMBERS TO BE CONTENTIOUS, WHEN GOD HAS SPOKEN. PAUL SAID LONG HAIR WAS A GLORY TO WOMAN, IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. IF LONG HAIR IS A GLORY; SHORT HAIR BEING THE OPPOSITE, WOULD BE A SHAME. IN FACT SUCH A SHAME THAT IT IS EVEN A SHAME FOR HER TO PRAY TO GOD. SURELY THIS SHAMEFUL THING IS AN EVIL. AND GOD WILL POUR OUT "INDIGNATION AND WRATH, TRIBULATION AND ANGUISH, UPON EVERY SOUL THAT DOETH EVIL." AND UNLESS YOU CHANGE YOUR WAYS, YOU ARE NOT EVEN IN A POSITION TO PRAY TO GOD FOR MERCY; IF IT IS A SHAME FOR YOU TO PRAY TO GOD WITH YOUR HEAD UNCOVERED. GOD SAID,"HER HAIR IS GIVEN HER FOR A COVERING."

WE KNOW THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT GOD WROUGHT BY PAUL TO MAKE THE GENTILES OBEDIENT. OR ELSE HE WOULD NOT HAVE EVEN HAVE SPOKEN OF IT. ROM. 15:18,"FOR I WILL NOT DARE TO SPEAK OF ANY OF THOSE THINGS WHICH CHRIST HATH NOT WROUGHT BY ME, TO MAKE THE GENTILES OBEDIENT, BY WORD AND DEED."

I WOULD BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM ANY OF THE SISTERS, WHO MIGHT CARE TO WRITE TO ME.

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