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I. The Holy Scriptures and Cross Dressing & Gender Confusion

A. Masculinity and men in the church - men are to act, look and rule in the church as men

1. Masculinity is a command: "Act like men"

1 Corinthians 16:13

13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

ANDRAZOMAI - manly + courageous or a strong man

a. Note: for some of you, editors have arbitrarily changed the masculine to neuter.

- 1) An indication of the feminization of the church is seen in the fact that the feminine is never changed to neuter.
- 2) This could easily be done in passages like Proverbs 31 but it is not. Only the masculine is changed.

b. Example:

Proverbs 31:10

An excellent wife, who can find?

For her worth is far above jewels.

Is not changed to

An excellent spouse, who can find?

The spouses worth is far above jewels

Proverbs 31:18

18 She senses that her gain is good;

Her lamp does not go out at night.

Is not changed to

The spouse senses that its gain is good

The spouses lamp does not go out at night

Proverbs 31:28-29

28 Her children rise up and bless her;

Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:

29 "Many daughters have done nobly,

But you excel them all."

Is not changed to

The parents children rise up and bless the parent

The spouse also and the spouse praises the spouse saying

Many children have done nobly

But you excel them all

c. Changes such as this, changing the feminine to neuter, are not made.

The only changes made by the liberal American and European women and the men they dominate in the editorial boards, are changes from the masculine to the neuter.

- d. **I Corinthians 16:13** is correctly translated in Bibles that are committed to inerrancy
KJV¹³ *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.*
Holman¹³ *Be alert, stand firm in the faith, act like a man, be strong.*
ESV³ *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.*
NASB¹³ *Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.*
- e. **Contrast this with agenda driven Bibles**
The Message¹³⁻¹⁴ *Keep your eyes open, hold tight to your convictions, give it all you've got, be resolute, and love without stopping.*
NIV¹³ *Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.*
New English (Anglican)¹³ *Stay alert, stand firm in the faith, show courage, be strong.*
RSV¹³ *Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.*
- f. **Liberal women will protest, "I cannot relate to 'act like men'". To which we reply, "You are not meant to. This is a passage for men".**
- 1) There are passages in Holy Scripture like this, meant only for men.
Genesis 1:26
26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.
 - 2) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for women.
Genesis 2:18
18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."
Genesis 2:23
*23 The man said,
 " This is now bone of my bones,
 And flesh of my flesh;
 She shall be called Woman,
 Because she was taken out of Man ."*
 - 3) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for children.
Ephesians 6:1-3
Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.
 - 4) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for single men.
1 Corinthians 7:32
32 But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;
 - 5) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for single women.

1 Corinthians 7:34

The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit;

- 6) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for married men.

1 Corinthians 7:33-34

33 but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, 34 and his interests are divided.

Ephesians 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her

- 7) There are passages in Holy Scripture meant only for married women.

1 Corinthians 7:34

but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

Ephesians 5:22

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

- 8) One of the origins of this problem is the tendency of the church and parachurch organizations to treat single men and women, in the area of discipleship as neuter.
- 9) It is true that the disciplines of discipleship and the call to the ministry of discipling are the same for both single men and single women. It is not true that their roles in the church and their future roles in the family are the same.
- 10) The failure to address gender roles in the area of discipleship and discipling has resulted in an expectation of gender neutral Christianity.

2. Masculinity as a command of God is a theme throughout Holy Scripture

a. Job 38:1-3

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,

2 "Who is this that darkens counsel

By words without knowledge?

3 "Now gird up your loins like a man,

And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!

Job 40:6-7

Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm and said,

7 "Now gird up your loins like a man;

I will ask you, and you instruct Me.

- 1) Remember, in both of these passages it is God speaking, this is a command of God
- 2) If this were one of Job's friends speaking, then you could argue that they were victims of a crude and sexist culture.
- 3) But this is not the case, God the Father is speaking and God the Holy Spirit has recorded and watched over God the Father's exact words.

b. Isaiah 42:13

13 The LORD will go forth like a warrior,

He will arouse His zeal like a man of war.

He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry.

He will prevail against His enemies.

- 1) Again God the Father is speaking.
- 2) Here manliness is an attribute of God
- 3) Again, liberal women may say, "How can I aspire to be like God if manliness is one of His divine attributes?"
- 4) The response is, "You are not to aspire to be like God in this area".
- 5) There are attributes of God to which we may not aspire, whether men or women.
 - a) God is a jealous God, yet for Christians, jealousy is a sin.

Deuteronomy 4:24

24 "For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, jealous God.

1 Corinthians 13:4

4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous ;

b) God is an avenging God, yet for Christians vengeance is a sin.

Romans 12:19

19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

- 6) In the same way, men are to be manly and may aspire to the manly attributes of God while these are forbidden to women.

c. 1 Kings 2:1 & 2

As David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, 2 " I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man.

- 1) David did not always give good advice.
 - a) ***II Samuel 11:14-16*** His command to Joab to have Uriah the Hittite killed in battle.
 - b) ***I Chronicles 21:2*** His command to Joab to number the people.
- 2) As with all Historical Revelation in Holy Scripture we test the words of men against Doctrinal Revelation of God the Holy Spirit.
- 3) We can cross reference this event with doctrinal passages that establish this advice to his son Solomon is from God.

d. Judges 8:20-21

20 So he said to Jether his firstborn, "Rise, kill them." But the youth did not draw his sword, for he was afraid, because he was still a youth. 21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise up yourself, and fall on us; for as the man, so is his strength." So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent ornaments which were on their camels' necks.

- 1) There is here a devotional application for men: There are difficult and hard decisions that only a man can handle.
- 2) If you are not prepared to take on manly responsibilities then you should not take a position in which these qualities are needed.
 - a) If you are not prepared to act as a man then you should not get married, have children and assume a ministry.
 - b) These tasks are not for boys, they are for men, and strong men at that.
 - c) I have known men who married their "mommy" and it never ended well. By this I do not mean their literal mother, but a woman who would take over the role of mother so that they could continue to function as single men. Men who marry an older woman who will provide them with a lifestyle of play;
 - d) Men who marry a strong women so they will not have to deal with the difficult decisions concerning work, marriage, children and more..
 - e) Men who take on the role of so called "stay at home dads" while the wife is the provider.
 - f) Or worse men who put their wives to work so they can continue to minister as single men.
- 3) ***"for as the man, so is his strength"*** Masculinity is a command of God and a theme throughout Holy Scripture. The role of the man in his relationship with God, marriage, family, church and society is one created by God and not for the faint of heart. Both in the family and in the church we are to raise up strong men.

3. Masculinity and Gender Specific Hair: 1 Corinthians 11:14

14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him

- a. God is the creator of nature

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- b. The lessons of nature are neither accidental nor without purpose

Romans 1:20

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Acts 14:16-17

16 " In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; 17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

- c. In the animal kingdom, God created a clear distinction between male and female - both in roles and appearance as object lessons for us. God the Holy

Spirit teaches us that gender specific hair is one of the lessons to be learned and applied.

d. Did Jesus have long hair? - No

- 1) Jesus took an active part in creation including "*nature*"
- 2) Jesus takes an active role in the maintenance of "*nature*"

Colossians 1:16, 17

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

- 3) The conduct and teaching of one member of the Holy Trinity will never contradict the conduct or teaching of the other members.
- 4) The conduct and teachings of the members of the Holy Trinity will always act in concert and uniformity, one with the others.
- 5) Jesus would not act or appear in such a way as to contradict the lessons He purposefully created and has maintained in nature.
- 6) Jesus would never act or appear in such a way as to contradict the teachings of God the Holy Spirit in Holy Scripture.
- 7) What is long hair? (Something to consider for yourself, for your children and for your church)
 - a) In this passage, no measurement is given, therefore it becomes culturally gender specific.
 - b) There are measurements in the Bible and God could have supplied them in this case as well. Measurements are given in the construction of the Ark, in the construction of the Tabernacle and in the construction of the Temple.
 - c) There is ample room in both Scripture, language and culture for God the Holy Spirit to have provide a specific measurement for what is "long" hair.
 - d) For men, one simple rule is - "If a woman wore her hair like this would she look feminine?" If the answer is yes, then the hair is too long.
 - e) Another simple rule - "If you were seen from the back in church, would it be clear from your hair that we are a man?" If the answer is no, then the hair is too long.
 - f) Another simple rule - "Is your hair long enough that you devote time in taking care of it as part of your '*glory*'? Is it something you are proud to display for others?" If the answer is yes, then the hair is too long.
 - g) Another simple rule - "Is the length of your hair associated with a decadent or rebellious segment of society?" (Such as pagan musicians, motorcycle gang members, etc.) If the answer is yes then your hair is too long.

- h) Another simple rule - "As you look at the masculine men in your church is your hair longer than their hair?" If the answer is yes, then the hair is too long.
- 8) What if the wife wants her husband to have long hair? In contrast to the wife the wife's submission to her husband (*I Peter 3:1 & 2*), the husband does not submit to his wife in the area of length of hair but instead leads her (*Ephesians 5:25-33*).
- 9) What about beards?
 Isaiah 50:6 (A Messianic Prophecy)
*6 I gave My back to those who strike Me,
 And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard ;
 I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.*
 Beards are mentioned many times in Holy Scripture and never condemned
- e. My research in the major historical museums of the US and Europe
1. In Israel and throughout the Roman Empire, during the time of Christ, men were uniformly depicted with closely cropped hair.
 2. Depictions of Jesus and the Apostles with long hair did not come into vogue until the Dark Ages or Middle Ages, where decadent European nobility with long hair wanted the saints to be depicted in the same manner.
4. **Masculine Clothing: Deuteronomy 22:5**
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 the LORD your God.
- a) We know that in the Law God gave specific instructions on the attire of the priests, the Levites and high priest.
- b) God could have given specific instructions here in the case of what constitutes "*woman's clothing*" but He doesn't. That means we are to look around and not dress like women.
- An example** of this is when I was speaking at a conference in Kenya.
- An example** of this is my response to an American woman who was on a short week long mission trip. We were in the country on a separate longer term mission trip. She made a comment on my coat and tie.
- An example** of this is my embarrassment at a church I spoke at in Nairobi, Kenya when after the service American missionaries and short term college missionaries were invited back to the pastors office for tea.
- An example** of this is a American college missionary in Japan. We were in Japan for a month long mission trip. He was expressing his surprise that I had been invited every Sunday to speak at a different Japanese church when missionaries from his organization had been there for years and never invited to speak.

In all of these examples all you have to do is look around to make your decision of what is cultural clothing, it is the same with masculine clothing. Look around and make a decision.

5. Masculinity at creation and birth – the use of masculine pro-nouns.
 - a. God the Holy Spirit has watched over and preserved masculinity in Holy Scripture.
 - b. Masculine references to God the Father and God the Son are not cultural.
 - c. Masculine pronouns are not cultural.
 - d. Masculine names are not cultural.
 - e. Man is not free to choose either his gender nor his role.
 - f. Gender has been chosen by God both at creation and then in the womb.
Genesis 1:26-27
26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
Psalms 139:13
13 For You formed my inward parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.
 - g. Roles are chosen by God and as revealed to us by God the Holy Spirit in Holy Scripture.
Ephesians 5:23
23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

6. In contrast there are many passages of Holy Scripture which condemn the loss of masculinity in a church or culture.
Isaiah 3:12
12 O My people! Their oppressors are children,
And women rule over them.
O My people! Those who guide you lead you astray
And confuse the direction of your paths.

Isaiah 19:16
16 In that day the Egyptians will become like women, and they will tremble and be in dread because of the waving of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which He is going to wave over them.

Jeremiah 51:30
30 The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting,
They stay in the strongholds;
Their strength is exhausted,
They are becoming like women;

*Their dwelling places are set on fire,
The bars of her gates are broken.*

7. These are not culturally sexist passages
 - a. If they were Historical Revelation of the statements of crass or immoral men you could make this argument, but they are not.
 - b. These are prophetic condemnations which carry the same weight as any other doctrinal teaching in Holy Scripture.
8. **Masculinity of men is a Christian virtue and is to be aspired to by all Christian men.**