

Dan's Questions from 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

#	Verse	Question
1.	2	The word translated ordinances/traditions/teachings - what is the best word?
2.	2	Are ordinances/traditions/teachings optional or necessary to be obeyed?
3.	2	If the Corinthians are already doing what Paul taught them, then why does he need to persuade them to use head coverings?
4.	3	What does "head" mean?
5.	3	Why does the sequence seem out of order? Why not "the head of woman is man, the head of man is Christ, the head of Christ is God"?
6.	3	Is the head of every woman man? Which man? All of them?
7.	3	Is the proper translation "woman" or "wife"? (Same question throughout the text everywhere the word is used.)
8.	4	Is this private prayer or public prayer?
9.	4	Is this private prophecy or public prophecy?
10.	4	What is prophecy?
11.	4	Is prophecy still happening today?
12.	4	Are the instructions about head coverings limited only to the occasions when praying and prophesying is happening?
13.	4	Why does Paul focus on only these two activities? Why not others like teaching or speaking in tongues?
14.	4	What does it mean to have his head covered?
15.	4	Is the head that is dishonored his literal head or is it Christ?

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16.	5	If this is talking about women and not just wives, does this apply to all females? Is there an age limit?
17.	5	Same questions about prayer and prophecy as v.4
18.	5	What is an uncovered head?
19.	5	How is an uncovered head like a shaved head?
20.	5	Is the head that is dishonored her literal head or is it her husband / men?
21.	6	Why is cutting her hair the obvious alternative to covering her hair? What is the connection?
22.	6	How short is short hair cut? (KJV "shorn", NIV "cut off", ESV "cut short")
23.	6	Why is it disgraceful for a woman/wife to have short hair?
24.	6	Why is it disgraceful for a woman/wife to shave her head?
25.	6	Are these universal truths or culturally conditioned customs?
26.	6	Is the proper translation "if" or "since" (KJV/NIV "if it is a disgrace/shame"; ESV "since it is disgraceful")?
27.	6	If the "if" translation is better, does this make head coverings optional as long as short hair isn't considered disgraceful?
28.	7	Why does he say that man is the image and glory of God instead of saying "of Christ?" Earlier Christ was said to be the head of the man, not God.
29.	7	Isn't the woman also the image and glory of God? Gen 1:27
30.	7	How is woman the glory of man?
31.	7	Are all women the glory of all men or is this just talking about husbands and wives?

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32.	8	Why does the KJV use present tense and the ESV/NIV use past tense?
33.	9	Are all women created for all men or is this just talking about the first man and woman or it is talking about marriage?
34.	10	What is the proper translation of "power" / symbol of authority / sign of authority?
35.	10	Does "for" / "that is why" refer back to reasons given in the previous verses or forward to the reason given about the angels?
36.	10	What do angels have to do with anything being talked about here?
37.	11	What is the significance of the phrase "in the Lord?" Isn't the interdependence between men and woman true of non-Christians too?
38.	11	What is the proper translation of "without" / "not independent"?
39.	12	What does "all things of /from God" mean? What is its role in the argument?
40.	13	Is "Judge for yourself" a rhetorical question, or is Paul really leaving it open for us to decide this issue ourselves?
41.	13	Is this prayer public or private?
42.	14	What is "nature?"
43.	14	How does nature teach us things?
44.	14	Does nature still teach that long hair on a man is a disgrace?
45.	14	How long does a man's hair have to be to become disgraceful?
46.	15	Does this mean that long hair on a woman is her covering? Not a hat or cloth, but just her long hair?
47.	15	Does a woman with short hair or no hair have no glory?

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48.	16	The word "custom" or "practice" makes it sound like this is something cultural. Is it?
49.	16	What is the custom /practice rejected in v.16?
50.	General	Throughout history and today, how has this passage been interpreted and applied?
51.	General	When and why did many churches stop the practice of head covering?
52.	General	What did a first-century church service look like? How was it different from what we do?
53.	General	Is head covering something we should be doing today or are there simply principles we need to apply to a new cultural situation?