

DIVORCE, WOMEN, AND THE CURSE OF 1920

When the last writing came out about the women keeping silent in the churches, one brother commented to me that as he read it, he felt that there was more that could be said about this matter regarding women. I had actually felt the same thing as I was writing it, but held back and stuck with the basics of the matter at hand. The purpose of this writing is to launch out and address some of those things that beg to be addressed, matters that, as you will see, are critical to this nation, to the church, and to the world.

This first part is once again a modification and expansion of a letter I sent to someone, this time to a man who was considering the divorce of his wife and marrying another. The error of this man's desires was glaring; but like so many Christians, which this man is, he had the attitude that Christ was His savior and He would forgive him. This attitude in this situation is VERY dangerous, as you will see here.

Several years ago, a woman likewise grew tired of the ways of her husband and determined that she would divorce him. She was a Christian as well and knew what Yahshua said concerning divorce; but even so, was going to divorce her husband anyway. Her words concerning this were – “He (Yahshua) will just have to forgive me.”

I never forgot that extraordinary statement. “He will just have to forgive me.” Does He have to forgive her, as she assumes; and will He indeed do so? Would He forgive this man when he knows quite well that Yahshua said that to divorce and remarry is adultery? Will He forgive anyone when they willfully disregard and disobey Him? Is it always true that “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”? Is forgiveness *carte blanche*, a virtual license to sin with no consequences?

Some people view themselves as sinners, and one more sin means nothing. Some people get so weary of a bad marriage, they conclude that the sin is worth escaping the situation and finding “fulfillment” in this life. And the majority of people choose to believe that divorce and remarrying is not sin at all. But let's see what the Scriptures say about this.

First of all, we know that Yahweh hates divorce! This is clearly and very strongly stated – “For I hate divorce,” says Yahweh” (Malachi 2:16)! We also know that Yahshua forbids divorce, which is equally clearly stated – “What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.” And He likewise clearly stated that anyone who divorces and marries another commits adultery, except in the case of infidelity (Matthew 19:3-9).

But despite these clear statements, many are willing to commit adultery and disregard the consequences. And again, many think that God is just going to forgive them, even though they know it is wrong; or they choose to believe it is not wrong. But I assure you, He will not forgive them! How can we know this?

If we willfully violate what Yahshua has said about divorce and remarriage (or any sin), knowing that it is wrong and adultery, Hebrews 10:26-27 very specifically warns us:

For if we sin willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.

This is a very sobering and clear warning! First, Yahshua Himself told us not to divorce. And since the marriage union is permanent (other than in the case of infidelity), if we do divorce and marry another, it is adultery. Or if we marry another who is divorced (except for the case of infidelity), we commit adultery (Matthew 5:31-32). And in this same passage it even goes on to say that when a man divorces his wife (except for the case of infidelity), he makes her commit adultery. In other words, the one who divorces their spouse is accountable for their spouses' adultery if they remarry. And for anyone who willfully chooses to do any of these, there no longer remains a sacrifice for their sin(s)! What could be clearer?

This same truth regarding accountability for willful sin is echoed in Numbers 15:29-31. Yahshua is the fulfillment of the Old Testament sacrifice for sins, and we find that that forgiveness was specifically for sins committed "**unintentionally.**"

"You shall have one law for him who does anything **unintentionally**, for him who is native among the sons of Israel and for the alien who sojourns among them. But the person who does anything **defiantly**, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming Yahweh; and that person shall be cut off from among his people. **Because he has despised the word of Yahweh and has broken His commandment**, that person shall be completely cut off; **his guilt will be on him.**"

And if you dare to think that this message has no resonance, then read Yahshua's like warning in Luke 12:47-48. The Greek word here for "slave," is the same word translated "bond-servant" in such passages as Luke 2:29 and where Paul, James, Peter, Jude, and John made claim to being slaves/bond-servants of Yahshua the Messiah.

"And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes, but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more."

The degree of recompense for your actions is determined by what you know; and you have the word of God and have no excuse for your errors, or any reason for not being held accountable. And if pastors and teachers have led you astray in the past, then they will receive a stricter

judgment, even as they are warned (James 3:1). You are both sharers in your wrong. But even as Yahshua told Pilate when He was brought before him – “he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin” (John 19:11), so pastors and teachers have the greater sin for teaching people lies such as divorce and remarriage, or for failing to teach people the truth. They will be held accountable, but so will you. The solution then is – fear God, and do what is right! He will not be slack concerning His word!

The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: **fear God and keep His commandments**, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, as well as Matthew 10:28, 1 Peter 2:17, Revelation 14:7, and many like invocations).

This is obviously a very weighty matter! Furthermore, in Hebrews 6:4-6 we similarly read:

For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

Those who divorce and remarry fall away from truth when they willfully sin, and will be held accountable for it, crucifying to themselves the Son of God and putting Him to open shame. Furthermore, not only do they defile the kingdom of God here on earth, but out of their own selfishness they defile another person to whom they join themselves, causing them to be a partner to adultery. It is incredible how people willfully ignore these things, and how churches do not have the moral compass or even strength to teach and uphold them. They would rather keep people happy and content so as not to disturb things. But in fact, they do grave harm to them and to the kingdom by both their error and their silence!

Also, 2 Peter 2:20-21 warns:

For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, **than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.**

Yahshua’s words concerning divorce and remarrying are most certainly a holy commandment handed to us, and one’s personal responsibility and accountability is amplified in knowing these things.

Many people say that they love Yahshua, but even so choose to do their own will in these emotional matters. But Yahshua said – “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15); and we know that one of His clear commandments is to not divorce, and if divorced to not remarry and commit adultery, or to cause another to commit adultery. But again, it is incredible how many people are willing to roll the dice with their souls and be willing to

lose them, all because they want to do their own will for their own temporary pleasure and comfort.

The man I was talking with proceeded to tell me that he knew God wanted him to be happy and fulfilled, so he was going to forsake his wife and marry that someone who would be God's gift of happiness to him. My reply was that he was creating a god in his own image, after his own pleasures. How was it that God would want him to do this when He specifically instructed him to not divorce or remarry? This was another god he was fashioning. The man finally conceded that this was indeed right; but it is symptomatic of the overriding pleasure-mentality of people today.

When we reject clearly stated truths such as this concerning marriage, divorce, and adultery, we become what the Scriptures call an "unreasoning animal." That is what this man was doing. Reason would tell you that God is not going to violate His own instruction. But like an animal, many will go by their fleshly desires and natural impulses, and not reason with truth concerning the full consequences of what they are doing.

If we reject Yahshua's word, then we deny Him, and He has warned us – "whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:33). Furthermore, there are even those who think they are doing His will (though violating His ways and the Scriptures, including letting women teach and govern), even performing miracles and prophesying and casting out demons in His name, but who will be told to depart from Him because they "practice lawlessness." Lawlessness is refusing to keep His instruction, therefore He adds – "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter**" (Matthew 7:21-23). Don't be too confident that He will receive you, if you are not willing to prove yourself by doing His will, which He clearly stated regarding marriage. We prove that we do not know Him when we do not walk in His ways and obey Him.

The things we have addressed here have all been negatives; but we must recognize what is at stake, and that negatives are a clear and looming reality for anyone who chooses to willfully sin. We dare not take the consequences of our actions lightly! Yahshua said that He will recompense every man according to his deeds (Matthew 16:27). This must be our attitude then concerning what we do. We must consider the long-term affects of what we do, and not go by immediate gratification. Will we prove ourselves to be faithful, effectual doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves (James 1:23, 25)?

You may think you are just living a life while you are on this earth. You're not! You're living a test as to how you will respond to the will and instruction of your Creator. Life is not what you get out of it; it is how you respond to it and how you conform to the ways of Yahweh. Again, we cannot be an "unreasoning animal" and just live for our pleasures and instant gratification. Live life for the future, not just for the present.

Let us follow the words of Peter who instructed us – entrust your soul to a faithful Creator **and do what is right** (1 Peter 4:19), not what your flesh wants. Peter also said – "if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God" (1 Peter 2:20).

Let us live for this purpose! If things are going difficult in your marriage, then entrust your soul to Yahweh and do what is right.

What is right? The specific answer to this question is relative to every situation; but there are some standards that are firmly set and clearly stated, and these are to be followed in every marriage.

- (1.) The husband is the head of the home, and his head is Yahshua – “Christ is the head of **every** man” (1 Corinthians 11:3).
- (2.) The husband is to love and honor his wife.
- (3.) The wife is to obey her husband.
- (4.) Divorce is not an option (except in the case of infidelity).

If you cannot hold to this governmental structure, then as the apostles told Yahshua when He laid down the government of marriage, “it is better not to marry” (Matthew 19:10). Don’t get married! If you are married, then there are no other options, except to willfully sin, and for this you will be held accountable.

So many problems and disagreements (even theologically) would be avoided if proper government was recognized and respected. Government is like unto the skeleton in the human body. The skeleton is rigid and constant, unbending; unlike muscles or organs that can move and flex. Its rigidity gives definition to the body; and because of its rigidity, the muscles and organs can function correctly and the body have mobility and productivity. Without the skeleton, muscles are useless. Muscles and certainly organs can even be removed from the body without ill or noticeable or even crippling affects. This is not true with the skeleton. (Even the hearing ear is by virtue of the body’s smallest bones.)

So it is with government. Like the skeleton, it too is rigid and predictable, giving much needed definition; and so it must be in order for life and productivity to exist. And government cannot be removed or altered without ill or noticeable or even crippling affects. Government is highly determining structure, and everything is built around it. The ultimate success and function of anything is determined first and foremost by government.

Today the home is in complete disarray. Why? Because there is no respected, God-established government. Women want to be the head of the home, or at least an equal partner (both of which are sin). Men and women base the union of marriage on happiness, “love,” and fulfillment, not on government. So when there is not the government of “no divorce,” there is no structure that holds the two together; thus we have a highly elevated divorce rate. And since these two came together on the inherently fragile basis of happiness, “love,” and fulfillment, then when any of these fleeting elements no longer exist, there is no longer a basis for the marriage.

This is why marriages in the Bible were arranged by the family, which is confirmed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:36-38. What then was the basis of that union? It was based on government –

respect for the governmental order of the home, respect for parents, and respect for the family. That was the sound basis of that marriage, and it stood. But today we have removed government from the home and replaced it with social dating and personal fulfillment. That basis is immensely flawed, weak, and fleeting! A marriage based on personal fulfillment is only as strong as the feelings of each party. Like the house built upon the sand, it has no foundation and will fall, and great will be its fall. Western dating is thus a travesty, a flawed and proven failed system.

What then is needed for the marriage? Godly government! Godly structure! The influence of parents, the husband is the head, the wife obeys her husband, and divorce is not an option!

Frankly, godly government is the answer to every social issue there is on the earth. Our problems today exist because we fail to respect government. How is it that teens today can respect their parents or civil authorities, when the wife does not obey her husband? By her own ill actions, her example, she sows rebellion into the children and reaps what she sowed. Even the world is in trouble today because there is no King in the land to govern – Yahshua. Until He comes to establish His world government, as it is stated in Judges 17:6 and 21:25, every man does what is right in his own eyes. This is a lack of government, and godly world government is the only solution to this problem, and every problem – for the home, for society, and for the world.

Let's look at the present-day reality regarding divorce. In September, 2004, the Christian-based company, The Barna Group, Ltd., published a report on the likelihood of divorce among “born again” Christians versus non-Christians. It found that the likelihood of married adults getting divorced is identical in both groups. One out of every three “born again” Christians, or 35%, have been divorced, a level that is identical with those who are not “born again” – 35%. This, of course, adds puzzlement as to what is meant by the term “believer” – “believer” in the Son of God (which the demons do as well – James 2:19), or believer in what He instructed? It also found that one out of every five Christians (23%) have been divorced multiple times!

One would question if these divorces occurred before or after their conversion, but Barna found that “relatively few divorced Christians experienced their divorce before accepting Christ as their savior,” lowering that figure by only one percentage point.

The divorce rate among Catholics was 25%, while Protestants were at 39%, even higher than non-Christians. And among Protestants, Pentecostals led the way at 44%! It is quite revealing that these Pentecostal and Charismatic churches are the ones that practice the very things which Yahshua said some would make claim to in the day of judgment – “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?” (Matthew 7:21-23). But to these He said He would declare – “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.” And what is their lawlessness? There are certainly two very clear items of guilt we address here – (1) their rejection of the Scripture's clear instructions regarding the role of women, and (2) their place in leading the way in divorce, strictly forbidden by Yahshua, even excelling the non-Christian by another quarter, or 9%! But the fact is, very few churches are not guilty of these two practices.

The study cited additional data showing that most Americans, even most Christians, reject that divorce is a sin. Barna reports that 24% of “born again” adults strongly agreed with the statement – “when a couple gets divorced without one of them committing adultery, they are committing a sin.” With the state of the church and the rate of divorce, this is a surprising figure. An equal 24% only moderately agreed. And a clear majority of “born again” adults, or 52%, disagreed that divorce without adultery was sin. Thus, 76% of “born again” Christians either doubt or flatly reject that which Yahshua clearly stated regarding divorce. Again, what then is a “believer”?

And by the way, the percentage of atheists and agnostics who had been divorced was relatively close to that of Christians – 37%, only 2% more! But the shame of it all is that the divorce rate of Muslims and Hindus in other countries is far less than that for American Christians, who claim to know the truth. This reminds me of what Yahshua said concerning Nineveh, the hated Assyrians who repeatedly oppressed the sons of Israel – they will “stand up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it.” They repented, Yahshua said, but the generation at His coming did not (Matthew 12:41).

In like manner, Muslims and Hindus will stand up with this generation of Christians at the judgment and will condemn them (if they are not doing so now) for not obeying Yahweh’s instructions regarding marriage, the role of women, head coverings, and worldliness. It is quite revealing that America is being judged by those who fervently hold to these very things wherein America is guilty of failure and neglect. And they have a fervor and avid devotion for their service to Allah that America has lost. Thus, they justly judge us without hypocrisy. In great part the reason Muslims hate Christian America is because of its immorality; and in this regard, they are entirely correct. They do not want American immorality in their country. I say – Amen! On these issues, I’d rather stand with the Hindu and the Muslim at the judgment.

Most Christians simply want to feel good and possess what they think is the way of escape – “salvation”; but they are not willing to pay the price of sacrifice and obedience and separation. That is why Yahshua equally said, just before His statement concerning the consequence to those who “practice lawlessness,” that “the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14). Vast Christianity is a **B-R-O-A-D** gate; proven to be, as we see here, as broad as the ways of the world, or even broader! Sadly, there is no distinct contrast between Christians and the world. Christians are not a set-apart people. And the only thing more detestable than sin is hypocrisy.

As additional information, following is a graph showing the ranking of divorce levels in the world. Shamefully, America tops the chart at nearly four times the world average. And we wonder why the Muslims despise us?

Rank	Countries	Amount (top to bottom)	
#1	United States	4.95 per 1,000 people	
#2	Puerto Rico	4.47 per 1,000 people	
#3	Russia	3.36 per 1,000 people	
#4	United Kingdom	3.08 per 1,000 people	
#5	Denmark	2.81 per 1,000 people	
#6	New Zealand	2.63 per 1,000 people	
#7	Australia	2.52 per 1,000 people	
#8	Canada	2.46 per 1,000 people	
#9	Finland	1.85 per 1,000 people	
#10	Barbados	1.21 per 1,000 people	
#11	Guadeloupe	1.18 per 1,000 people	
#12	Qatar	0.97 per 1,000 people	
#15	Portugal	0.88 per 1,000 people	
#16	Albania	0.83 per 1,000 people	
#17	Tunisia	0.82 per 1,000 people	
#18	Singapore	0.8 per 1,000 people	
#19	China	0.79 per 1,000 people	
#20	Greece	0.76 per 1,000 people	
#21	Brunei	0.72 per 1,000 people	
#22	Panama	0.68 per 1,000 people	
#23	Syria	0.65 per 1,000 people	
#24	Thailand	0.58 per 1,000 people	
#25	Mauritius	0.47 per 1,000 people	
#26	Ecuador	0.42 per 1,000 people	
#27	El Salvador	0.41 per 1,000 people	
#28	Cyprus	0.39 per 1,000 people	
#29	Jamaica	0.38 per 1,000 people	
#30	Chile	0.38 per 1,000 people	
#31	Mongolia	0.37 per 1,000 people	
#32	Turkey	0.37 per 1,000 people	
#33	Mexico	0.33 per 1,000 people	
#34	Italy	0.27 per 1,000 people	
#35	Brazil	0.26 per 1,000 people	
#36	Sri Lanka	0.15 per 1,000 people	
	Weighted average:	1.3 per 1,000 people	

On the subject of abortion, reliable unbiased statistics are hard to find. A study published by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, an affiliate of Planned Parenthood, says that almost 250,000 abortions are performed each year in the U.S. on women who identify themselves as “born-again” or evangelical Christians. Approximately 1.37 million abortions are performed in the United States each year. Thus, almost one in six abortions are performed on “born again” Christians. Their study shows that 43% of women obtaining abortions identify themselves as Protestant, and 27% as Catholic, for a total of 70% of all U.S. abortions.

Continuing with this matter of marriage and divorce, another passage that addresses this is in 1 Corinthians 7:10-15. Here the issue of divorce per se is not specifically mentioned, but rather that of separation. In fact, the two Greek words translated “divorce” in these accounts of Yahshua concerning marriage and divorce are not used by Paul. Instead, he uses three other Greek words that we will now note. However, as Paul states, the first two verses of what he said here are a repeat of the instructions of “the Lord.” Therefore, they do relate to that which He declared in Matthew 5:31-32 and 19:3-9. Here are the Greek words and their meanings.

- chorizo – to separate, divide
- agamos – unmarried
- aphiemi – send away, or leave

Now for what Paul wrote.

10 But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not separate (chorizo) from her husband

11 (but if she is separated [chorizo], she must remain unmarried [agamos], or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not send away or leave (aphiemi) his wife.

12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not send away or leave (aphiemi) her.

13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send away or leave (aphiemi) her husband.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him separate (chorizo); the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace.

The message here by Paul is clear and straightforward. However, there are some who want to falsely assume that the statement, “not under bondage,” is providing a right to divorce and remarry. But this is not the case whatsoever. The matter here is that of separation. First, verse 11 already states that if there is a separation then they must remain unmarried, unless reconciled to their spouse. Furthermore, we know that the instructions of “the Lord” are that if one divorces

and remarries (except for the cause of infidelity), then it is adultery. No, Paul is only saying that if the unbeliever leaves, let them leave; they are not responsible for the unbeliever's actions. And of course he concurs with that which Yahshua stated – “What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate,” even when their union is with an unbeliever.

It is very significant to note that Paul affirmed that the covenant of marriage that was made before a conversion was to remain. What Paul said here is actually quite incredible and lends great strength to the indelible nature of the marriage covenant. He stated that though light and darkness are now united, not even this nullifies the “from the beginning” union of two into one. The weight of this is made even more evident when we read that Paul equally demanded – “Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?” (2 Corinthians 6:14). But when that divine union preexisted, it prevails! Again, this is an incredible statement regarding the immutableness of marriage! Even in the union of righteousness and lawlessness, of light and darkness, the marriage remains. Just as Yahweh God is immutable, so marriage is immutable (except in the case of infidelity).

At this writing, I have now been separated from my wife for more than three years. As long as I hold to my beliefs regarding the state and order of the church, my wife has said she will not return. But that is the price I pay for my convictions. Honestly, there have been many times throughout this period, even recently, that I have wanted to divorce her. These are periods of weakness, and I would have only gone by my feelings had I done so. But I will not divorce her, for “what God has joined together, let no man separate.”

Some try to justify divorce by referring back to the Old Testament laws regarding it. But Yahshua already stated that “from the beginning it has not been this way,” and that the only reason Moses added divorce was because of the hardness of their hearts. Yahshua laid out the will of Yahweh God “from the beginning,” declaring that divorce violates His will and His ways, and that marriage after divorce is adultery. Before Yahshua they were ignorant of their violation of the ways of Yahweh, and committed adultery in ignorance. But since Yahshua, we are not ignorant, and are thus held more accountable for our surpassing knowledge, as we have already read. As He stated, “To whom much is given, much is required” (Luke 12:48). Thus, divorce and remarriage is now willful sin, and we read that those who practice such will accordingly be held accountable and will eradicate their “sacrifice for sins.” Therefore, going back and sighting the Old Testament is to totally ignore what Yahshua said, which is to one's own harm.

One man wrote and asked – If Moses allowed divorce because of hardness of hearts, would it not be “allowed” today for the same original reason? Frankly, this kind of justification is what gets people in so much trouble and causes Christianity to be just like the world. If you follow this mentality, then you have to conclude that it is OK to commit adultery. And if it is OK to commit adultery in regard to marriage and divorce, then it is equally OK to commit adultery while married, for adultery is adultery. This kind of weaseling to try to justify divorce is pathetic and leads to sin.

Many years ago I was surprised to find out that Yahweh Himself issued a writ of divorce. In Malachi 2:16 He forthrightly declared – “For I hate divorce” – and to hear that He Himself

practiced divorce was startling! Today, having now closely examined this matter, it is obvious that His doing so was very consistent with what Yahshua declared. Let us see.

Yahshua said that divorce is contrary to the order of Yahweh. In our minds we should hold the attitude that divorce is sin and that Yahweh hates it. But there is one exception to this, and that is when either partner is unfaithful in sexual relations. This is a highly determining issue to Yahweh! Not only is sexual unfaithfulness the sole grounds for divorce, in the Law it carried with it the penalty of death. "If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death" (Leviticus 20:10).

If someone ever says to you in defense of divorce that God Himself divorced, which was in regard to Israel, remind them of why He did so. In Jeremiah 3:6-9 Yahweh asks Jeremiah – "Have you seen what faithless Israel did? She went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and she was a harlot there." He then adds that "for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce. ... Because of the lightness of her harlotry, she polluted the land and committed adultery with stones and trees."

So why then did Yahweh give Israel a writ of divorce and send her out of the house, out of the land at the hands of the Assyrians? He did so for the sole reason Yahshua said divorce is fitting – because of infidelity. Israel had committed adultery, and in fact had become a harlot; and this is the only provision that Yahweh allows as justification for divorce. All other divorce is sin.

"DESPOTISM OF THE PETTICOAT"

Having thus far primarily addressed this matter of divorce, let us consider a related matter regarding the Curse of 1920 and the proper place of the woman. This matter of the proper place of the woman could be said to be exclusively relative to the church, that in the church she is to remain silent and not exercise authority over or of a man. But this order extends beyond the church. First, we read in 1 Corinthians 11 the order of headship that affects the entirety of mankind. "Christ is the head of **every** man," and "every" is "every." Then it states that "the man is the head of woman," not "a" woman, but woman in the broad sense. (More on this in the next section.) This stated order then is not just relative to the church, but applies to every man and every woman.

Furthermore, this order, like the order of marriage that Yahshua addressed, is based on that which is "from the beginning" – "he will rule over you." Since it is from Adam, once again, this order is clearly for all mankind. It is His government for man. Thus, the order we should expect in the church, is the same order we should expect for all mankind. As it has been from the beginning, and as it has been practiced from the beginning, the woman is to be the keeper of the home, is to remain silent in public affairs, and is not to exercise the authority of or over the man.

This is the way America was in its beginning; but starting in the early 1800's and particularly leading up to 1920, women began demanding equality with the man. This is addressed in the

writings on [the Curse of 1920](#). Since the Curse of 1920, there has been an outright attack on this established order of Yahweh. As a result, women have gained more and more authority; and with that place have brought more and more corruption and pain to the world, evidenced by such things as increased divorce rates, the destruction of the family, millions upon millions of babies being murdered, immodesty, immorality, and even homosexuality. Yahweh's governmental order for man has been defiled, and society, as well as the church, have been blindly going along with it and suffering for it. As one man aptly told me – we adopted women's suffrage in 1920, and we've been suffering ever since!

In past writings I have referred to the statement in Genesis 3:16 regarding the woman in a positive way. It reads – “Yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” Personally, I prefer the positive. The positive is a good goal, and here is a good goal and example for women – that her desire is to be for her husband; and since she is the weaker vessel, his ruling over her is her protection. This is what I have addressed from this passage in the past. But, there is actually another message here as well.

The Hebrew word used here for “desire” is “teshuqah,” and is used only three times in the entire Bible. Of course it is used here in Genesis 3:16, as well as in Genesis 4:7, and later in Song of Solomon 7:10.

The question we have here in Genesis 3:16 is this: **Is the desire that the woman has for her husband a positive desire, or is her desire one of wanting to usurp her husband, to overturn his authority?** One could read this passage to mean that her desire is indeed for her husband in a positive way that leads to submission. Or, it could also read that her desire is for the place of her husband, the place of authority that has been given to the man.

It is interesting that the two other places where the Hebrew word “teshuqah” is used reveals both possibilities. On the positive side, Song of Solomon reads – “I am my beloved's, and his desire (teshuqah) is for me.” This is the song of the bride, and her husband's desire is for her. This is of course the desire that Yahshua has for His bride, and obviously it is quite positive and would support that the desire the woman will have for her husband is good and affords her protection as she submits to him.

But Genesis 4:7 supports, quite frankly even more compellingly, that the desire the woman will have is to usurp her husband, who is Yahweh's ordained head over her. In Genesis 4:7 we read – “If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire (teshuqah) is for you, but you must master it.”

After Yahweh declares this to the woman in Genesis 3, in the very next chapter we find this statement that is remarkably parallel, even using the identical Hebrew word. Note the parallel nature of these two.

“Yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

and

“(sin's) desire is for you, but you must master it.”

And in closer examination, we find that not only is the identical Hebrew word for “desire” used (teshuqah), but the identical Hebrew word for “rule over” and “master” is used (mashal). So we have even more stunning parallel:

“Yet your desire (teshuqah) will be for your husband, and he will rule over (mashal) you.”

and

“(sin’s) desire (teshuqah) is for you, but you must rule over (mashal) it.”

The parallel here is unmistakable. The choice for the woman is: be led by your sinful desires and seek to usurp your husband, and he will rule and dominate over you; or, rule over your desires and conquer sin by submitting to your husband, and let him occupy the place of authority wherein Yahweh God has placed him, as it is written – “Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of woman.”

The women’s rights movement and the resulting feminization of society has been a direct product of this curse that the desire of the woman will be for the place of the man, and has thereby been the same great travesty and destruction as it was in the garden! Leading up to 1920, women claimed that if they were given the right to vote, their motherly influence would clean up the problems in politics and there would be no wars. They said that women, if placed in authority, would not sacrifice their children. But what works in the home for the woman, does not transfer to society – she is out of her grace-realm!

Have there indeed been any less wars since women entered into politics? No! And have they indeed refused to sacrifice their children? Quite the contrary, more of their children have been sacrificed since 1920. Not only did war not cease, but the battle grounds of war dramatically increased! And it was not the battle ground of foreign soil that brought their children’s sacrifice, but the battle ground of their own womb! Exceedingly far more children have been sacrificed on the battle grounds of the womb, than on the battle grounds of a foreign enemy. No, the enemy is clearly defined here. It is not a foreigner per se, but the women’s rights movement itself.

We have now had over eighty years of downward transgression since 1920 to prove that those feminist women were more than just wrong, but devastatingly wrong! Hindsight is 20/20! Women did not help society, any more than the Prohibition amendment helped society. Prohibition – passed in the same year as women’s suffrage, and both of which were the results of the concerted efforts of women – was a revealing example of the travesty that would follow in the women’s rights movement. Even as Prohibition increased lawlessness and transgression instead of decreasing it, so women’s rights increased lawlessness and transgression instead of decreasing it. Why is this the case? **Because women’s rights is nothing less than the curse from the beginning – the woman’s desire to occupy the place of the man.**

The women’s rights movement is appropriately defined by the Susan B. Anthony dollar, issued in commemoration of this movement. This unpopular eleven-sided coin, the number of disorder and disharmony, often called the “Carter quarter,” was a disaster from the beginning, is out of

mint, and will soon be taken out of circulation. This is a fitting testimony to precisely what needs to happen to all of Anthony's ill and troublesome and destructive teachings and works. It is as fitting a testimony as the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Seneca Falls where the first women's rights convention was held, which is now nothing more than the very sparse and partial remains of a shell. This shell is an equally fitting and even hopeful testimony of Yahweh's judgment on the movement that began there. Like this building, the results of the women's rights movement needs to be disassembled.

In the beginning, the woman sought to rule over her husband by eating of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and giving that fruit to him. It has been no different since the early 1800's when women gradually began to abandon their place in the home and demand equality with the man, culminating in the Curse of 1920. Once again "Eve" ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; and sadly and destructively, the man once again took that forbidden fruit eaten by the woman and ate of it himself. He swallowed this entire lie that the woman should have equality with the man; and ever since, America and the world have been corrupted in the order of the original garden of Eden.

But there is yet hope found in Genesis 3:16, despite the ominous warning regarding the "desire" of the woman, which men wholly ignored and thereby got us into this tragic mess. (They alone had the right to vote.) The hope and the promise we see here is that despite the usurping efforts of the woman, the outcome will be that the man will indeed rule over her – "Yet your desire will be for your husband, **and he will rule over you.**" Thus, as testified by the Susan B. Anthony dollar and the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the women's rights movement will fail, and its corrupting fruit will wither and die, and the woman will find her place under the rule of the man.

Even today the women's rights movement is becoming less and less attractive to women. And, there are men who are speaking out against the feminization of society. In 1979 the Equal Rights Amendment was given a three year extension for ratification, having failed to receive such in the required seven. Between 1979 and 1982 (when the ERA failed), the women's rights movement began to wane and face greater opposition, while the Republican party grew in strength and opposed it.

The women's rights movement has utterly failed to produce good results, even as did Prohibition, both of which brought greater excesses of evil; and it is time to annul those ill results, even as Prohibition was annulled. Why? Because the order of Yahweh God is that the man will rule over the woman when she desires his place. This is the hope in Genesis 3:16 – "**and he will rule over you**"!

Women need to get out of the place of the man – in the leadership of the home, in places of employment, in government, in voting, in defense, and yes, in the church. We need to put the "man" back in policeman, back in fireman, in postman, businessman, clergyman, spokesman, serviceman, chairman, congressman, and even manly! Manhole covers even need to be manhole covers.

We must quit placating this erroneous idea that women began feeding us, particularly after the Civil War. Despite what has been fed to us for the last hundred-plus years, women are not equal to men in the realm of government or employment.

When America's Declaration of Independence was written, the Preamble's opening statement that "all men are created equal" was penned with the clear understanding that men are to govern and not women. Our forefathers intentionally delayed the irreconcilable issue of the black man, knowing that it would have to be resolved in time. And following America's bloodiest war, it was justly reconciled when the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery and the Fifteenth Amendment gave "all men" the right to govern, even as promised, bringing the black man under the invocation of equality.

But never did our forefathers intend that our founding document say "all people," as feminists wish, but "all men." And in such regard, never did our forefathers consider as an option the violation of the laws of Almighty God concerning women. Yes, the black man is equal; but no, Almighty God had clearly stated that men are to "rule over" the woman and govern, and not women; and our founding fathers recognized this. These men clearly sought to establish this nation on the divine principles of the Scriptures, and the fallacious Nineteenth Amendment giving women the right to vote clearly violates both the Scriptures and our founding fathers' wisdom and insight and intentions. John Adams, one of the five members of the committee that drafted the Declaration of Independence, specifically rejected the notion of equal rights for women. (More on this next.)

Our forefathers knew then, and it is true today, that government rests with the man. Women's rights is a lie fed to us by the women who have been deceived by the serpent, and we've eaten it! And we've suffered for it! It is a lie that is completely contrary to the government of Yahweh God, and is destroying the family, society, and the church. And frankly, Yahweh has even raised up the "more righteous" Muslims to judge us for it. We need to repent and repeal these errors, even as the sister Eighteenth Amendment, Prohibition, was repealed shortly thereafter.

People can get all emotional about this in a feminine way and object concerning women's "rights" and the need for employment and personal fulfillment; but the fact is, they continue to resist the government God established "from the beginning," and the consequences have been destructive. As with Paul, how long will we kick against the goad before Yahweh has to intervene and knock us off our horse? How many more 9-11's do we need?

And you can object that Yahweh would use the Muslims to judge the western world for its immorality, but this is the same objection the people made when Jeremiah spoke of the enemy of Judah being raised up to judge them. Yahweh has always raised up a nation's enemy to judge that nation; and considering America's and Europe's immorality and rejection of the God whom they once served, they are overdue a judgment. It is a wakeup call to the Curse of 1920.

If you want to know the spirit behind the women's rights movement, then look at the seductive way in which women dress. Look at their casual dress, at its sensuality, immodesty, and even its masculinity (pants and even clothing that mimic a man's business wear). Look at their "swim wear," or what there remains of it. It is complete seductiveness; and both apparel seek to reveal

more and more of their naked bodies. This is the spirit of the women's rights movement – to control the man and cause him to fall in sin. Is it not obvious that the purpose of women's dress is to cause men to stumble and fall? This is what took place in the original garden in the beginning, and this is what women have been doing since the Curse of 1920. If you give Satan time, he will reveal himself; and clearly he has revealed his motives through the woman, evidenced by her dress, or the lack thereof.

If you want to know the spirit behind the women's rights movement, then read the letters of John Adams' "Eve," Abigail, sent to her husband just weeks before the committee he occupied presented the Declaration of Independence. It is quite fitting and prophetic for Adams' wife to write these things. As you will see, she is a clear testimony of Adam's wife, Eve, affording us a déjà vu of the garden of Eden, and a glimpse forward to what would take place in this nation – the woman would offer the forbidden fruit to the man.

Women like to refer to Adams' Abigail as the forerunner of the women's rights movement. And so she was. And when you read her disdain for men, for husbands, and her intent to foment "rebellion," you can plainly see the true spirit of error in this movement. In her letter of March 31, 1776, to John Adams, she extended her forbidden fruit:

I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors.

Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands.

Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.

That your sex are naturally tyrannical is a truth so thoroughly established as to admit of no dispute; but such of you as wish to be happy willingly give up -- the harsh tide of master for the more tender and endearing one of friend.

Why, then, not put it out of the power of the vicious and the lawless to use us with cruelty and indignity with impunity?

Men of sense in all ages abhor those customs which treat us only as the (servants) of your sex; regard us then as being placed by Providence under your protection, and in imitation of the Supreme Being make use of that power only for our happiness.

The meat of her sentiments are cleverly placed between the refined pastry of her opening and closing paragraphs. And gratefully, men and women of sense in her day would not listen to such rebellious ideas. It would be another generation or two before her ideas would slowly begin to find place in the hearts of rebellious women.

In her follow-up letter of May 17, 1776, in which she replied to John's pandering of her rebellious ideas, she stood her ground and wrote in words that are equally eerily prophetic:

I cannot say that I think you are very generous to the ladies; for, whilst you are proclaiming peace and good-will to men, emancipating all nations, you insist upon retaining an absolute power over wives.

But you must remember that arbitrary power is like most other things which are very hard, very liable to be broken; and, notwithstanding all your wise laws and maxims, we have it in our power, not only to free ourselves, but to subdue our masters, and without violence, throw both your natural and legal authority at our feet.

This is the voice of a true feminist, who actually replaced John Adams' Cabinet; and these are the words you will find oft quoted on feminist websites and in their literature which they applaud and take up as a rebel cause. This is the voice of Adams' "Eve." Abigail Adams may have failed to overcome the wisdom of the forefathers to keep governing in the hands of men. And the rebellion of the southern states may have failed in the Civil War. But after that war, rebellion surely found a home in women, and the quest of Adams' "Eve" was fulfilled. What the forefathers rejected in the beginning, men leading up to 1920 woefully accepted.

Do women consciously know their deeds are destructive? Of course not, any more than Eve knew. Just like Eve, they blindly give themselves over to the serpent, to Satan. And just as Eve would have refused the serpent if she could have foreseen the destructive consequences of her ill actions, no doubt Abigail Adams and the feminists in the 1800's and early 1900's would have shrunk back in horror if they could have seen the consequences of their ill actions in women today. The bloody images of millions of aborted babies alone would have caused them to turn pale. If they could have seen the way women dress today, they would have turned away and gone home shamefaced. If they could have seen the spiraling divorce rate and the fractured family of today, they would have run home with tears of thankfulness to embrace their husbands and children. If they could have caught a glimpse of the gays' and lesbians' week-long celebrations of Southern Decadence in New Orleans, they would have shrunk back in horror with visions of Sodom and Gomorrah!

The voices of those women would have fallen in shocked silence if they could have seen today. It would have been horror instead of misdirected resolve, and their reply would have been only a startled and shame-faced "O"! Their voices would have been silenced. But their "voice" less the "O" has revealed their own "vice."

No, Eve did not will to destroy mankind, but she did; and this is what women have done since the early 1800's to this day. As the weaker vessel, Eve was deceived by Satan; and in like regard, this weaker vessel has continued to this day to be equally deceived by Satan. But it says that the man was not deceived (1 Timothy 2:14). Men, it is time to open your eyes to what is taking place; and in the wisdom of Almighty God followed by our founding fathers, to take your stand against this.

While I do not agree with Adams' placating response to his "Eve," his closing reply to her

showed the true resolve these men had per the necessity of the man governing the affairs of the home and the nation, and not the woman. In the opening of his concluding sentence, he continued that placating unfortunately characteristic of men, but his true and essential sentiments came out in the end. "We have only the name of masters, and rather than give up this, which would completely subject us to the despotism of the petticoat, I hope General Washington and all our brave heroes would fight."

For the sake of the woman, for the sake of the family, for the sake of mankind, for the sake of Yahweh God's foreordained order that reverses rebellion, men today must take up this fight and retake their God-given place and rule over the woman. It is the man's God-given responsibility! Our forefathers did not bend on this matter, nor did they have it in mind to give it up when they wrote the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution; but two generations ago men relinquished that responsibility, and men today must regain it!

The hope for mankind is that men will get wise to this error and rule over this destructiveness of women, and women will see their proper place. Yahshua is the head of "every man," and the man needs to get wise to how the woman is once again destroying the "good" that Yahweh created, and for many good and valued reasons rule over her. And not only did He give this warning concerning the woman, but He also rebuked the man – "**Because you have listened to the voice of (lit.) woman**" (Genesis 3:17). This is what brought the curse in 1920 – men listened to the voice of women, and they equally should not have done so!

Because they listened to the voice of women, we have anarchy today whereby Yahshua is displaced as the head of every man. Because they listened to the voice of women, multiplied millions of babies have been and continue to be murdered. Because they listened to the voice of women, the family is being destroyed. Because they listened to the voice of women, immodesty and sensuality and promiscuity is pervasive. Because they listened to the voice of women, genders are confused and homosexuality is pervasive. Because they listened to the voice of women, this nation and the world and the church are in moral decay. Because they listened to the voice of women, our nation's founding government has been compromised and changed to no longer represent and reflect the government of God.

And because men listened to the voice of women, today we have a political party that embodies in its fullest form all the beliefs and ways of a rebellious woman – the Democrats. They are the house of feminism – complaining, given to excessive self-serving criticism, wanting power for power's sake, yet refusing to take responsibility and quickly blaming others. They are vicious, poor leaders, and their policies are commitments to failure. They have misplaced compassion, naivety, and concentrate on personal rights. In their own feminism they are shortsighted and act out of emotions, rather than masculine logic. If it was not for the liberal press, they would be ignored and powerless. But like a woman who will not stop talking, the press is their complaining voice.

The Republicans on the other hand are more so masculine; and just like the battle that raged for feminism in 1920 wherein women became the "constant dripping" of the "contentions woman" of Proverbs 19:13 and 27:15, so today the Democrats have become the epitome of the

“contentious woman” and are rebellious against the more masculine Republicans. The Democrats repeat the ways of women in the 1920’s, and must equally be stopped.

Women said that if they were allowed to vote and get into politics, they would solve the moral issues that man faced. So where is their promised solution today? Where is their promised remedy? No, they were woefully and destructively wrong! Instead, as with their Prohibition, they brought even more moral decay and vice! It is past time to reverse this, and calls for men to join Adams and “General Washington and all our brave heroes (and) fight!”

Of course those who reject Yahweh’s government and want women to continue to play the usurping “Eve,” will point to excesses or failures of men in filling their rightful governmental place. But just because some men fail to justly implement the government of Yahweh God, does not make the government itself wrong. There can and always will be some men who completely fail, anywhere from excessive abuses to pathetic complacency; but that does not make the government wrong or give reason to alter it. Government has authority to check deficiencies.

Because man is fleshly, everything about him has the potential for abuse and error. Our governments make mistakes. The military makes mistakes, as well as even our court system. Companies make mistakes. Doctors make mistakes, sometimes fatal. Pastors make mistakes. Principles, teachers, scout masters, policemen, all make mistakes. Everything is going to evidence some errors; but these errors do not mean we should get rid of the institutions. Parents make mistakes; so does that mean we should do away with parents? In fact, people make mistakes; so does that mean we get rid of people? No! In every case, errors mean correcting the problems, not abandoning the institution.

So it is with the government of the home, as well as civil. Yes, men will make mistakes; but that does not change the fact that Yahshua “is the head of every man, and the man is the head of woman.” The problem comes when from rebellion and corruption (even when it is popular), we seek to alter that government. And today we indeed see the evidence of that grave error. By altering Yahweh’s government, we have made ourselves out to be wiser than God and become lawless, and have suffered for it and will all the more suffer for it. Women need to return to the home. Their great experiment with solving the world’s ills miserably failed, and only created more problems. It is time for the man to take his God-given place and rule over the woman – **“and he will rule over you.”**

It is without question that in this earth the natural reflects the spiritual. The list of these would be endless. Yahshua’s parables, our bodies, all creation, the Old Testament laws, and on and on, all contain within them natural evidences that reveal spiritual truths. Man commits adultery in the natural, but as attested in Jeremiah 3:6-9, it is fulfilled in the spiritual when we are not faithful to Yahweh and have relations with the world.

Likewise, when man is committing spiritual sin, it is often revealed and evidenced in natural ways. The two travel the same course, with the spiritual preceding and destining the natural. Rampant homosexuality is undoubtedly a natural symptom of spiritual homosexuality that has taken and is taking place among man, especially per His church.

In this regard, given that men have failed to be the men they are designed to be, but instead have given themselves to the women's rights movement and even become like them in beliefs and practices, it is in fact inevitable that there would be a natural sin taking place today evidencing our own sin as men.

A transvestite is defined as a person, especially a male, who adopts the dress and behavior of the opposite sex. In the natural we know all too well what they look like, for it is unfortunately too common today, and becoming even more common. I say "unfortunate," for on the other hand they exist to show us our own sin as men. If our affections for the world instead of for Yahshua is adultery, how have we as men, who are otherwise seen as "straight," become transvestites?

The answer is obvious when you look at the history of America since the early 1800's, and especially since the Curse of 1920. **Men have become both spiritual and governmental transvestites because we "listened to the voice of woman."** We started thinking like women, behaving like women, governing like women, instead of retaining our God-ordained role as head of the woman under the headship of Yahshua. Today, when you see a transvestite, they are only there because men already became spiritual and governmental transvestites. These natural transvestites are no more guilty of perversion than we who have accepted the feminine ideas that are so widely embraced and practiced today.

People like Rush Limbaugh and other political conservatives aptly speak out against the feminization of America. What he and they are in fact saying is that we are spiritual and governmental transvestites. So next time you see or hear of a transvestite, don't condemn them, lest you condemn yourself. As Yahshua said:

Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

What is more destructive to this nation – the speck of men dressing and behaving in the ways of women, or the log of men thinking and governing in the ways of women? We cannot and need not do anything about natural transvestites (the speck), until we deal with the infinitesimally more destructive problem of spiritual and governmental transvestites (the log).

Christians and others can complain and condemn all they want and try to deal with things that are only symptoms; but until we take a hard look at ourselves and our feminized government and ideas and deal with these, the symptoms will never go away. We must take the log out of our own eye that has completely blinded us to the cause of many of the ills that beset our nation. It is time for men to repent of their own spiritual and governmental transvestite ways and actions, and return to the position and beliefs of the men who built this nation in its beginning.

Men, you were the ones who gave the women the right to vote, and all the rights gained by women up to 1920. You listened to the voice of the woman and gave her all the legal rights for which she asked. Women couldn't vote, and it was you who became a governmental transvestite and voted like a woman, giving her the rights that belonged solely to you by the will of your

Creator. You gave up those sovereign rights, and you need to restore them. But like any problem that is allowed to begin and grow, it is far harder to correct the problem now. But this you must do if you are to save this nation and the garden of mankind!

And let's be honest here men. Any man who divorces his wife is party to the women's rights movement. You say – How can this be? Well, what is the foundation to the error of that movement? It is that they violate the divine governmental order that in marriage two become one flesh under the headship of the man. So, when they seek to be equal to the man, they violate the government of headship. But why does that headship even exist? Because of the union of two into one flesh. In that union, the government of headship then comes into order.

Thus, there are two critical parts to that divine order, and if you attack one or the other, you are equally guilty. Those two parts are (1) irrevocable union, and (2) headship. When a woman rebels, as in the case of the women's rights movement, she is guilty of violating this divine order. But when a man divorces his wife, he is equally guilty of violating this divine order, and thus bears the same offense. Therefore, any man who divorces his wife is a party to the women's rights movement, because they both attack the same governmental truth; and participation in divorce in effect condones the other. In one's mind you can separate the two aberrations; but in governmental truth, the two are the same – they both attack the bedrock of two into one flesh under the headship of the man.

If any man is opposed to the women's rights movement and has divorced his wife, he needs to confess his sin and repent of it, for he is guilty of the same error. Many men and women have committed these sins in total ignorance and did not know what they were doing. Even the women's rights movement is committed in ignorance. But when the light of truth shines on our actions, we are then responsible to confess our error and change our ways. This, both men and women need to do in regard to transgressing Yahweh's government of two becoming one flesh under the headship of the man.

One man wrote in a conservative Brussels journal – “I heard one woman who was an ardent feminist in the 1970's later lament how many families they broke up and destroyed. She was surprised at the reactions, or lack of reactions, from men. ‘We were horrible. Why didn't you stop us?’”

Why didn't we stop them in 1970? Why didn't we stop them in 1920? Why didn't we stop them in 1848? Because we lacked knowledge and understanding. But today, we do not have that excuse; and today we must stop them. As we read in James 4:17 – “Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.” By Yahweh's grace and in accordance with Genesis 3:16, we will stop them! We are men, and we must do so! “Yet your desire will be for (the place of) the man, and he will rule over you.” We need to justly rule, men!

DIVINE GOVERNMENTAL ORDER

In this closing section, we want to further address this matter concerning Yahweh's governmental order. We have noted that 1 Corinthians 11:3 sets forth the government of

headship – that Yahweh is the head of Yahshua, that Yahshua is “the head of every man,” and that “the man is the head of woman.” But before we continue, we need to briefly examine the scope of this last statement – “the man is the head of woman.”

The question arises here – Is the headship of the man over woman speaking specifically of the husband over his wife, or does this apply in the broad sense of the man over woman? The Greek word, “gunaikos,” which is used here per “woman,” is actually translated in other places both ways. In Ephesians 5:23 we read – “For the husband is head of the wife.” The word “wife” is “gunaikos.” Thus, in this regard 1 Corinthians 11:3 could be referring to the man’s wife. The only difference in these two verses is that Ephesians 5:23 adds the definite article “the.”

But on the other hand, only five and eight verses after the statement in 1 Corinthians 11:3, the identical Greek word is used to represent woman in general. Verse 8 reads – “For man does not originate from woman (gunaikos).” And in verse 11 we likewise read – “nor is man independent of woman (gunaikos).” Obviously, in these two statements he is not talking about a man and a wife, but man and woman in the broad sense.

Since Paul had just used this Greek word to explain that “the man is head of woman,” verses 8 and 11 are compelling testimony that the use of this identical word in verse 3 likewise addresses the governmental headship relative to man and woman in the broad sense. This is also confirmed inasmuch that Paul had just stated that Yahshua was the head of “every man.” Obviously, this too is very broad. And sealing this obvious application, immediately following in verses 4 and 5 Paul continues with the scope of “every man” and “every woman.” So without a doubt, the scope of headship addressed here is every man and every woman. And as we noted earlier, this is indeed the government of Yahweh for man from the beginning – “and he will rule over you.”

We have already seen how critical governmental order is; and when we reject Yahweh’s government, we in truth reject the Governor. This was essentially Yahshua’s message when He said He would reject those who perform works in His name, and yet “practice lawlessness.” Because they reject Him by rejecting His government, He will reject them before the Father.

This governmental order of Yahweh has ramifications that are highly determining. In Luke 9:48 Yahshua stated:

“whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

This means that if you receive Yahshua as your head so as to do His will only, then you receive Yahweh Father, His head. In similar manner, in Luke 10:16 He expanded:

“The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.”

As you can see, this is a very complete and highly determining sequence that follows Yahweh’s governmental pattern of headship as clearly stated in 1 Corinthians 11:3, only stated here in reverse order.

1 Cor. 11:3**Yahweh****Yahshua****“every man”****Luke 10:16****“the one who sent Me”****“Me”****“you”**

Unquestionably then, how we respond to those in authority over us, determines our relationship with both the Father and the Son. My wife, who is now separated from me, told me that Christ was the head of her (now separate) home. But governmentally, how can this be true when she rejects her head? If Yahshua is my head, and she rejects me; then as we read here, she rejects Yahshua and the Father. She cannot have it both ways, rejecting me as head and saying that Christ is her head. It is just that simple.

John likewise wrote – “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20). So then how can a wife say that she submits to the headship of God whom she has not seen, when she will not submit to her God-established head, her husband, whom she has seen? The duplicity of this is glaring! Again, the government of headship is one intact order, and one cannot reject or alter a part of that government without impacting the whole.

And even if I rejected Yahshua, 1 Corinthians 11:3 says that, governmentally, He is still my head, and that governmental order remains. Yes, I would indeed be held accountable, for I would reject the Father as well; but the government does not change. So even if I rejected Yahshua, my wife is not justified in rejecting me, or any wife likewise rejecting her husband.

This is the identical message Paul delivered when he said that the believer is to remain with the unbelieving spouse. Once again, established family government prevails! Even when there is a change wherein light and darkness, righteousness and lawlessness, are united, the union and government of marriage remains. It is immutable! Why? Because family government is established in concert with the headship of the Father and the Son, who is the head of the man, who is the head of his wife. One cannot either alter or reject the part, without altering or rejecting the whole.

When a woman chooses to take the headship and rule her husband or the home, she is in practice altering Yahweh’s governmental order – usurping Yahshua, who is the husband’s rightful head, and not the woman. Any woman who seeks the authority over the man, either civilly or in the home, violates the governmental order of Yahweh God and usurps Yahshua!

Divine Governmental Order**Yahweh****Yahshua**

Man

Woman

But when the woman seeks to exercise the authority of or over the man, she usurps Yahshua.

Usurped Governmental Order

Yahweh

Woman

Man

No wonder that from the beginning Yahweh set in order – “and he will rule over you.” When women usurp their husbands or usurp the authority of men, they displace His Son and defile His intact headship order! Yahshua is the head of “every man,” and when a woman steps into the role over a man, she interrupts and displaces His headship, as well as the Father’s. Again, you cannot distort one level, without impacting the whole.

Yahweh once taught me the truth that “familiarity leads to error.” There was once a day in this nation before women caused men to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that a woman was innately respectful of the place of men. (Of course likewise, this caused men to be very respectful of the woman.) But because of the familiarity that has come about by women entering into the place of men by virtue of the women’s rights movement, it has led to error, and that innate respect has disappeared. There no longer exists the clear line between men and women that is critical for a healthy society.

Women thought they could solve the problems of the world by becoming like men. How could they when they abandoned one of the greatest world-impacting contributions they could ever make – giving and teaching their children the living example of the due respect of God-established authority? The world and the family would not be where it is today, in its state of rebellion, if the woman had stayed at home to train and give godly example to our children. When women left the home, it was only a matter of time that rebellion would follow. Just look at the rebellion of the 60’s, the generation produced when women more widely began to abandon their place in the home – cause and effect.

Women, you raise our young children by example. When they see you going after the things of this world by leaving the home, you inherently train them to set worldly gain as their goal. And no matter what you may say, your actions will speak louder than words – to your family, and to society. They see your message, and all of society sees your message, and the anchor of the home is cast loose.

And when our children see you occupying a place equal to the man, you train them to disregard and rebel against God-established authority. When they see you becoming like a man, in the home, in business, in government, and in dress, you confuse the sexes and our children become

homosexuals. When you are not in the home, it sends the message of lawlessness and distorted values, and leaves our children floundering without divine structure and engrained order and purpose. No, ladies, you did not help the world when you forsook the home. You destined us to destruction!

Women are the divine anchor of society, because they are to keep the home, the bedrock of society. They are the keepers of everything that means security in the lives of their children, and for their husbands as well who go out of the home and labor in the world. Life may bring many tests, but the home is to be there as a sanctuary of safety and security and order. But when the woman, the divine keeper of the home, departs from the home and enters into the world; the child, the husband, and society all immeasurably suffer. The anchor is removed, and the family and society go adrift!

This is indeed what has happened since the Curse of 1920. The woman abandoned the divine order of Yahweh, forsaking her God-given responsibility in the home, and the ill consequences have been obvious – again, cause and effect!

When any young woman gets married, her place is of necessity the home. Young women may work in places of service as teachers or nurses or in places where they serve a need; but when they marry, their place in the home is priority one! It is not wrong for a young woman to work in places of service wherein she does not take the place of the man. It is not even wrong for a woman to dedicate her life to service, such as helping others as a nurse or teacher, even in the order of mother Teresa; but she is to remain unmarried.

But any girl or woman who marries commits her life to one consuming purpose – to be a wife and a mother, to be the anchor of peace and safety and security and example for the home and for society. Here is what the Scriptures specifically say concerning the role of women.

But women will be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint (1 Timothy 2:15).

Therefore, I want younger widows to get married, bear children, keep house, and give the enemy no occasion for reproach; for some have already turned aside to follow Satan (1 Timothy 5:14-15).

Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, **so that the word of God will not be dishonored** (Titus 2:3-5).

Both in society and in the church, it is erroneously espoused that the man and the wife are to be co-partners in the marriage. Pastors even teach this. There are even churches in which the husband and the wife are touted as co-pastors. Christians, including my wife, have even pointed me to Ephesians 5:21 as evidence that the husband and the wife are to “be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.” The error of this is glaring! If they really feared Christ, they would not

even suggest this. What does this passage have to do with marriage? Nothing whatsoever, but is a statement concerning the relationship between other believers, which is a governmental level wherein we are indeed equal. But in marriage, there is a clearly established headship.

So where does this false idea come from which is pervasive in the church? It is nothing less than the women's rights movement in the church. And why shouldn't it be there, for it was from the church that the women's rights movement began? The first official women's rights meeting on July 20, 1848, whereupon the Declaration of Sentiments was signed by 62 women and 32 men, was held at the Seneca Falls Wesleyan Methodist Church. That pivotal document was signed in the church! And most meetings following this were at churches, and the leaders were active Christians, and some of the women were "ordained ministers." The women's rights movement was soundly rooted in the church.

So when women want equality in the church, why not? It has been a part of it from the beginning. But what does this "equality" really speak, for what we do has to be looked at governmentally?

We know that the Father is the head of Yahshua, that Yahshua is the head of every man, and that the man is the head of woman. If it is held that the husband and the wife are to "be subject to one another," or that the same standard applies in God's government for men and women, then in this consistent governmental thread we must also conclude that Yahshua and the man are to "be subject to one another." And, it would also mean that the Father and the Son are to "be subject to one another."

But on this last point, we know for certainty that this is not the case. Yahshua repeatedly said that He did nothing of Himself, but only the will of the Father. So, that is not being subject to one another, but complete submission. Next, we also know that we are instructed to obey Yahshua; so, that too is not being subject to one another, but is once again complete submission and accountability (as He will judge us). Now, then how is it that these "unreasoning animals" want us to accept this fallacious notion that a husband and wife or the man and woman are to be subject to one another? Clearly, the spirit of the women's rights movement still lurks in the church.

I had a woman to write me with a similar claim; and of course it was using scriptures. It is quite relevant and telling that the founder of the women's rights movement, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, published *The Women's Bible*, basically rewriting the Bible with feminism in mind. And in that same spirit, this is still done today, unfortunately by both men and women.

The point being made was basically the argument that there is neither male nor female, and that Yahweh is not a respecter of people; therefore, men and women are equal. I point this out here because it is only one example that if someone wants to take a contrary position on this, there are always some scriptures that can be pulled out to justify or seek to validate their position. And for those who want to believe that position, whether it be the right to divorce or for women to teach or exercise the authority of a man, or any other like issues, they of course will embrace the error. But what I wrote back to this lady was that we should heed that which is clearly and specifically

stated, which these two matters afford. To ignore the clear statements in preference to vague references is to skirt the issue (“skirt,” in more ways than one).

If there is a oneness we should seek, it should be the oneness Yahshua spoke of in John 17:19-22 wherein there is oneness of purpose under divine headship. Yahshua and the Father were one, but that was one in purpose, not one in governmental headship. Yahshua always submitted to the Father, and that is what made them one. Being one is not equality, but complete submission and harmony of will and purpose with one’s head.

Unquestionably, from the beginning Yahweh God set forth a governmental order, an order that has been followed throughout history (with exception to the Curse of 1920) – Yahweh is the head of Yahshua, Yahshua is the head of every man, and the man is the head of woman. And “from the beginning,” when a man and a woman are united together, the two become one flesh, “and therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate.” These are clearly stated and thoroughly supported governmental truths handed down to us by God, and they are good.

Man today fails to recognize a vital principle and truth that our founding fathers knew and practiced, literally, religiously. When they established our form of government, they diligently sought the Scriptures to see what was Yahweh’s government. They sought to emulate His government, knowing that harmony with it strengthened the chances that this fledgling experiment of a nation would succeed. But evidenced by Adams’ Abigail, a storm of immense destructive proportions was looming, and would rip at its foundations.

The process our forefathers pursued in searching the Scriptures is the key to successful government – **of necessity, man’s government must emulate Yahweh God’s government!** This is why He set in order that He was the head of Yahshua, that Yahshua was the head of every man, and that the man was the head of woman. Each level of government emulated the government that was established over it.

The problem that we have today, that will lead to our total destruction if we do not repent, is that more and more this nation’s government is becoming counter to Yahweh God’s government. Abortion, provided via the women’s rights movement, is murder, and is counter to Yahweh’s governmental laws. Homosexuality is sin, and is completely contrary to Yahweh’s governmental laws. And yes, “women’s rights” and all of its ill byproducts are entirely counter to Yahweh’s governmental laws.

From the beginning of time, up until the women’s rights movement, man’s government emulated Yahweh’s government that (1) when a man and a woman were married, the two became one flesh, and (2) that the man would rule over the woman (Genesis 3:16). In like regard, from the beginning of this nation, we had a patriarchal form of government. Therefore, property was held primarily by men, and governing was exclusively by men.

The thirteen colonies established their governments and the government of this nation under the significant influence of *Blackstone’s Commentaries* of 1765 to 1769. Blackstone stated:

By marriage, the husband and wife are **one person** in law; that is, the very being or legal existence of the woman is suspended during the marriage, **or at least is incorporated and consolidated into that of the husband, under whose wing, protection, and cover she performs every thing**; and is, therefore, called in our law – French a **feme-covert**, faemina viro co-operta; is said to be covert-baron, or **under the protection and influence of her husband**, her baron, her lord; and her condition, during her marriage, is called her **coverture**.

From where did Blackstone derive this legal position? Quite clearly, it was directly from the Scriptures. Once again it was from 1 Corinthians 11 where we find Yahweh's clear replicable governmental order regarding headship – Yahweh, Yahshua, the man, and the woman. In this governmental passage it is further laid out that the man is the “covering,” or as Blackstone stated, the “coverture,” of his wife. Again, his term – “coverture” – and his logic came directly from the Scriptures. This was the wise basis upon which our government was founded and formed, and this must be the wise basis to which we return today.

The legal principle of “feme-covert” is just what the word means – the “covered woman.” But even as women have abandoned the headcoverings that women wore from the beginning of the church until the Curse of 1920, and are clearly set forth in 1 Corinthians 11:3-16, so they have abandoned the feme-covert, the covering of the woman by her husband, her “coverture.” **Women do not wear headcoverings today as a clear evidence that they have rejected the covering of the man, of their husbands. They have thrown off their headcoverings (as well as their coverings in general – clothing), even as they have thrown off their husbands. Women are UNCOVERED – on their heads, on their bodies, and in their governmental relationship with their divine coverture.** (For more on the subject of headcoverings, read [Coverings](#).)

So who is wiser today, we minuscule easily deceived “liberated” and “advanced” people who have created multiple ills by altering the government given to us and departing from His ways, ... or Almighty God? Under the founding law of feme-covert, man was in harmony with His Creator. Our nation in the beginning sought to walk in His ways, and greatly benefited from doing so. Our problem today is that Yahweh blessed America for its obedience, and now we have forsaken Him and His ways by listening to the voice of the woman, and are reaping the burgeoning ill consequences! We as a nation are equally uncovered, which is very likely why 9-11 took place.

Yahweh said that when the man and the woman marry, the two become one flesh under the husband's headship, “coverture.” What then makes more confirming and attesting sense than when the man votes, he votes in representation of his governmental union of oneness with his wife? By one vote, it is representative of one governmental unit. What happens when man and wife both vote, and can even counter each other's votes? They attest to a house divided, which our families and our nation have become. What we do, how we set up our government, speaks louder and has overwhelmingly greater impact than all the words in the world. Actions speak louder than words, and actions must match Yahweh God's government.

Our wisely established founding government slowly began to change in the early 1800's because of the women's rights movement. Women's rights was not a sudden change, but Satan began gradual changes – the frog in the beaker scenario! Still holding onto some forms of godliness, changes began to erode away at the home and the divine place of the woman, and it took place subtly. As it is written, “Now the serpent was more crafty/shrewd/subtle than any beast of the field which Yahweh God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Indeed, has God said, “You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?”’” (Genesis 3:1). If you want to see the garden again and the serpent and the woman, just look at America.

First, women wanted equal treatment under the law so they could own property like their husbands. They wanted equal education and equal access to many jobs. They wanted to be able to address mixed groups of men and women, something socially forbidden up to that point, and even to serve in places of leadership – starting with the anti-slavery movement. They said little about women's suffrage, and in fact most women soundly opposed it. Today, we are inclined to agree with them on these changes; but the fact is, they were beginning the subtle course of rebellion!

Subtle as it was, this nation began to reject the government of Yahweh God, and thus rejected God Himself, and has reaped the consequences. As we have seen, when we reject His law, we reject Him. Women listened to the crafty serpent and we convinced ourselves that these things were right; when in fact, like the man who falsely concluded that God wanted him to be happy and would provide him another wife, we too created a god in our own image, out of our own pleasures. We too became “unreasoning animals,” for how can we create a government that is contradictory to His government? What our forefathers established in godly pursuit and reason, we have torn down in foolish licentiousness and the pursuit of pleasure, selfishness, and rebellion. We have violated His principles, including the union of two into one under the husband's headship.

Like the man who wanted to divorce his wife and marry another, thereby rejecting Yahshua's clear instruction and committing adultery, we too have justified our feelings about “women's rights” out of self-pleasure and lack of principle, and thereby have rejected His ways and have sinned against Him. And like that Christian man, we deny Yahweh God by our actions, yet keep a form of godliness so we can continue our religious experience and, to our own harm, falsely feel good and secure and confident about ourselves. But we wholly deceive ourselves and prepare ourselves for judgment! That man was keeping all the outward appearances of being a Christian – going to church, talking about witnessing, about being a Christian – but at the same time was establishing pursuits that actually rejected Yahshua. And this is precisely what this nation has done.

This nation tries to keep all the outward appearances of being Christian and moral, equally convincing ourselves that we are OK; but governmentally we deny Him by changing the laws whereupon this nation was founded, vis-à-vis – promoting the separation of the union of a man and a woman as one under the man's headship. And this is not just about divorce, but all that has led to our present divorce problem – giving the woman equal rights to property, equal rights to employment, equal rights to voting and government, equal rights to the pulpit and to the podium. We have slowly torn apart this union, piece by piece, principle by principle, standard by

standard, law by law, and as a result have gained for ourselves not only rampant divorce, but all the resulting evils of the women's rights movement.

Is it not obvious that when we changed all these laws relative to the legal union of man and woman as one under the man's headship, upon which our nation was originally founded, that it has led to the hemorrhage of divorce and other like ills, including opening wide the doors of common-law marriages, or just living together, and even homosexuality? When the bedrock and sustaining government of "two into one" was changed, it was inevitable that rampant divorce and other like deviations from His standard would follow – cause and effect! We abandoned Yahweh's government, and have woefully reaped the consequences!

Today, three-fourths of all divorces are filed by women. Our legal system that once was the guardian of Yahweh's divine union of a man and a woman under the husband's headship, has been altered and perverted to the extent that it has become the foe of this divine union, and has not only made divorce easy, but even attractive.

Men's wives rebel against them and file for divorce; and the husbands then have to pay them for their rebellion, and even stand by helplessly as their own children are taken from them – all of this against their wills! This is a national tragedy and deleteriously affects the desire of many men to even get married. Women wanted the right to own property; but they didn't stop there. Today they rebel against the husband and take his property. One man exclaimed in obvious frustration – "I don't think I'll get married again. I'll just find a woman I don't like and give her a house." If a woman wants to rebel against her husband, he should not be required to support and pay for her rebellion. If we returned to Yahweh's laws that are based on the two becoming one flesh, this entire problem would not even exist.

As we have addressed, our nation without godly government is like the human body without our designed bones. Our nation has become a twisted and distorted and crippled freak, lacking the image that it was born to uphold! We have listened to the one that lost its limbs and had to crawl on its belly and eat dust. And because we have allowed our godly government to be changed, we too have lost our original form. And if we do nothing to correct this, we will be further judged, and even greater so because we now know the truth of our egregious errors.

Our nation holds to the adage of "**one person, one vote.**" Let us return this to its rightful truth by restoring our forefather's belief that when a man and a woman are united in marriage, they become one flesh. Thus, let us uphold the truth – **one person, insomuch that two become one flesh, evidenced by one vote!** The man is the head of the woman, so why not one vote? The man is to rule over the woman, so why not one vote? The woman is not to exercise the authority of a man, so why not one vote? What would be a greater and more fitting and exemplary and much needed testimony to these truths?

When governing is placed in the hands of man, it must be wholly consistent with the government of God his Creator. Yahshua is the head of every man, and our government must reflect His will. We must return to the righteous standards set forth in the government of the thirteen colonies that formed this nation.

When we look to the past and to the future, we see that it will not be a foreign enemy that destroys America, it will not be economic failure, it will not be a natural disaster; but the enemy will be government. Government made this nation, and government will destroy it – corrupted government, compromised government, altered government, government that has departed from its original foundational principles and values, government that does not represent the government of Yahweh God. This is what will destroy this nation. Any of the first things mentioned could be the fulfillment, but it will not be the cause. The cause of this nation’s destruction will be government that fails to uphold the government of our Creator.

The United States and other countries of the world have forsaken this divine governmental order, and are wallowing in the muck of their error. And unfortunately, nations have always been blind to their state of depravity, until it is too late. Nineveh was a rare exception to this. Israel and the Jews played the harlot, rejecting the prophets, and were ultimately judged (by their enemies). People both then and today do not want their comfortable lives disrupted. They seek to hold onto status quo, even when it is wrong. I fear that our nation will do nothing concerning its depravation, that is unless Yahweh sends another Jonah. The only thing I see that will wholly turn this nation, is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on a remnant in the latter rain.

A literal translation of Daniel 9:27 states (contrary to what the “broad” majority think):

... and for the overspreading of abominations, He will make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that which is determined will be poured out upon the desolate.

The identity of “that which is determined” is stated in the preceding verse:

... and the end will come with a flood.

This is what this world needs – the flood of His Spirit that covers the earth, foreshadowed in Noah’s flood. But it is not a flood that destroys the natural, but in like regard puts an end to the desolation that has been on the earth, even from the beginning, but more specifically since Yahshua left this earth and went to heaven. Since then His church has been desolated, and has failed to yet deliver the earth, including America from its Curse of 1920. The only thing that will truly end this desolation is the flood of His Spirit.

It is this outpouring upon which we wait. But until then, we expose darkness, and in this writing seek to reverse the Curse of 1920. Will we prevail? Time will tell. But meanwhile, we will do all we can to turn back the darkness of ignorance and rebellion, and seek to restore and establish the government of Yahweh on this earth:

- (1.) The man is the head of the home and head of society. The woman cannot exercise the authority of man in either.
- (2.) The husband is to love and honor his wife.
- (3.) The wife is to obey her husband.

- (4.) Divorce is not an option (except in the case of infidelity).
- (5.) The married woman is to be the keeper of the home and not work outside of it.
- (6.) Children are to obey their parents in all things.