

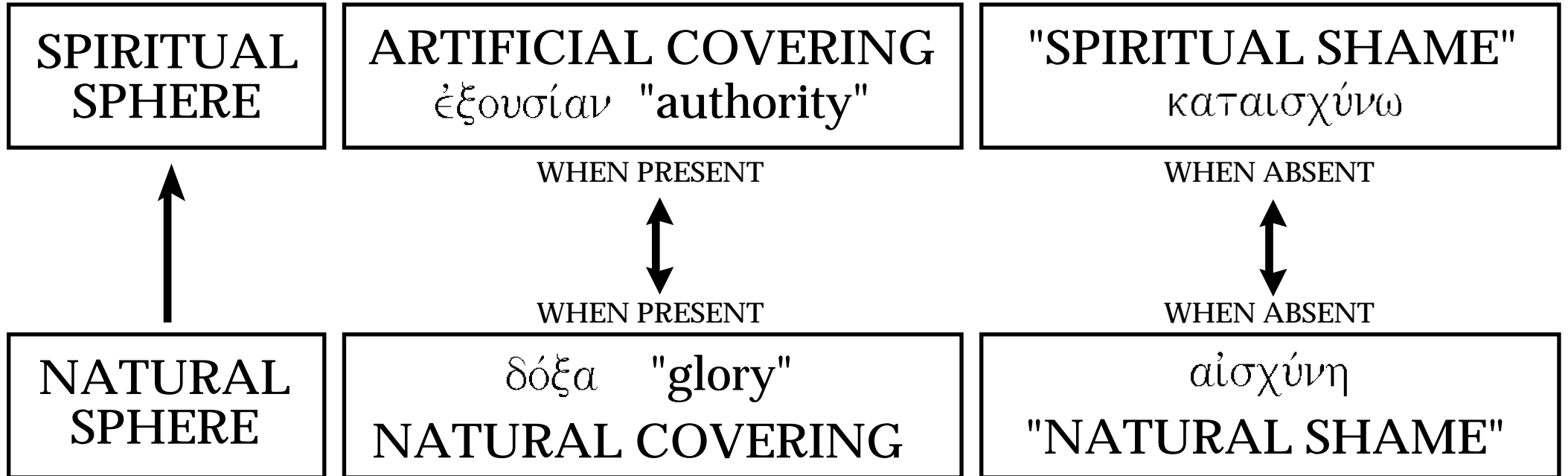
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE UNCOVERED HEAD IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

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WOMAN IS THE GLORY OF MAN . . .
 CREATED FROM MAN . . .
 CREATED FOR MAN . . .
 FOR THIS REASON SHE OUGHT TO
 HAVE A SIGN OF AUTHORITY ON
 HER HEAD (1 COR 11:7-10)

"IF A WOMAN DOES NOT COVER HER HEAD,
 SHE SHOULD HAVE HER HAIR CUT OFF; AND
 IF IT IS A SHAME FOR A WOMAN TO HAVE
 HER HAIR CUT OFF OR SHAVED OFF, SHE
 SHOULD COVER HER HEAD"—1 COR 11:7

"AND EVERY WOMAN WHO PRAYS OR
 PROPHESES WITH HER HEAD UNCOVERED
 DEEPLY SHAMES HER HEAD—IT IS JUST AS
 THOUGH HER HEAD WERE SHAVED"
 —1 COR 11:5



"IS IT PROPER FOR A WOMAN TO PRAY TO GOD WITH HER HEAD UNCOVERED? DOES NOT NATURE ITSELF TEACH YOU, ON THE ONE HAND, THAT IF A MAN DECORATES (κομᾶ pres act subj) *HIS* HAIR IT IS A DISHONOUR (ἀτιμία) TO HIM, BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, IF A WOMAN DECORATES (κομᾶ pres act subj) *HER* HAIR A GLORY (δόξα) IT IS TO HER, BECAUSE THE DECORATED HAIR (ἡ κόμη) IS GIVEN TO HER INSTEAD OF (ἀντὶ) A COVERING (περιβολαίου = something wrapped about the head)" —1 COR 11:14-15

NOWHERE IS THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN EVER TOLD TO WEAR A VEIL (κάλυμμα) IN CHURCH OR OUTSIDE IT IN PUBLIC. THEREFORE VEILS ARE CULTURAL ITEMS OF DRESS, ABOUT WHICH SCRIPTURE IS SILENT AS TO THEIR USE BY CHRISTIANS. THEY BELONG TO THE CLASS OF INDIFFERENT THINGS AND THEIR USE OR DISUSE IN ANY GIVEN SITUATION WILL DEPEND ON 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-32.