

Halloween

Innocent Fun and Games or Ancient Satan Worship

⇒ History

⇒ The Celts and Druids.

- o The Celts lived more than 2,000 years ago in the area from Great Britain to Germany.
 - The Celtic Vigil of Samhain, named after their God Samhain, the lord of the dead, is the source of the present day Halloween celebration.
 - Their new year began on November 1.
 - They believed that Samhain gathered all the souls of those who had died in the past year.
 - These souls had been confined to the bodies of animals to atone for their sins.
 - At the New Year, the sins of these departed souls were considered atoned, and they were freed to go to the Druid Heaven.
 - Human beings and animals were sacrificed as part of the rites.
 - The human sacrifices were usually criminals.
 - They were locked in wicker and thatch cages, which were set afire by priests to roast the victims alive.
 - This practice continued until 61 A.D. when the Roman government outlawed it;
 - the Romans had conquered the area in 43 A.D.
 - After the outlawing of human sacrifice the Druids, Celtic priests, would put black cats into wicker cages and burned them.
 - Cat sacrifices grew out of the conviction that these animals were the familiars of witches, perhaps even witches themselves.
 - As late as 400 A.D. in Britain, horses were still being sacrificed at the feast of Samhain.
 - Even after the Christians had taken over the pagan temples and consecrated them to the worship of the Christian God (in Britain), oxen continued to be sacrificed on Hallowmas, sometimes being led down the church aisle to the alter.

⇒ The Romans.

- o After Rome conquered Britain, two of their Roman festivals were combined with the Celtic Vigil of Samhain.
 - The first of these is called Feralia, which was held in October to honor the dead.
 - The other honored Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees.

- Apples probably became associated with Halloween because of this goddess.

⇒ **The Catholics.**

- o All Saints' or All Hallows' Day is November 1, which according to Jewish tradition starts at sundown on the evening before.
 - This is a festival for the dead, it was made into a celebration of all the known and unknown saints and martyrs of the Catholic Church by Pope Boniface IV in the seventh century.
 - It was originally celebrated on May 13, but was moved to November 1, by Gregory III in the eighth century.
 - It would seem consistent that the Catholic celebration for the dead would coincide with the Witch's or Occult celebration for the dead.
 - All Saints' Day was followed by All-Souls' Day, November 2, unless that was a Sunday then it was November 3, this was another Catholic adaptation of pagan festivals for the dead.
 - Prayers for the dead are an integral part of the traditional All Saint's Day services, which are scheduled in Catholic churches on November 1, and on the next Sunday.
 - Halloween gets its name from the Catholic holiday, it is a Hallowed evening, because it precedes All Hallows' Day. Thus: Hallow'en.

⇒ **The Irish in America.**

- o In Ireland people begged for food in a parade that honored Muck Olla, the sun god.
 - The leader of the parade wore a white robe and a mask made out of the head of an animal.
 - In the 1840's large numbers of immigrants arrived in the United States from Ireland and Scotland, the customs of Halloween were introduced to the general public at that time.
 - Until the 1840's Halloween was not much celebrated because of the strict biblical views of the fundamentalists in the United States.

⇒ **Modern Halloween.**

- o There has arisen a grave danger to the "trick-or-treater's."
 - There are many reports of candies, marshmallows, apples, etc., having razor blades embedded in them, dope, articles of filth, etc. why should we allow our children to be subjected to this type of horror?
 - Some children have been enticed into dens of dope pushers and sex maniacs on this dark night of mischief.

⇒ **The Witches.**

- o Modern witches celebrate eight main holidays, the most important of these is Samhain (Halloween).
 - These celebrations include:
 - 1. Oimelc- February 2.
 - 2. Ostara (spring equinox) - March 21.
 - 3. Beltane - April 30.
 - 4. Summer solstice (the longest day of the year) - June 22.

- 5. Lughnasadh - July 31.
 - 6. Autumn equinox - September 21
 - 7. Samhain (Halloween) - October 31 ~~21~~
 - ~~8~~ Winter solstice (the longest night of the year) - December 22.
- o Samhain is considered the most important because the veil between the world's of the living and the dead is at its thinnest point in the year, making communication easier.
- The souls of the dead are reported to come to the land of the living.
 - The Internal Revenue Service has given tax exempt status to the church of Wicca (the official church of Witchcraft).
 - Their financial gifts are tax deductible just as your tithes would be to this church!

⇒ **Anton LeVey, Satanist.**

- o Anton LeVey head of the worshippers of Satan, said that he was glad the Christian parents let their children worship the devil at least one night out of the year.
- o This is something to make us think; is it not?

⇒ **Customs**

⇒ **Costumes and masks.**

- o The Druids adorned themselves in frightening masks to scare the evil spirits away and protect them from being snatched into the world of the dead.
 - Archbishop of Canterbury, England set punishments for "those who goeth about in the masque of a stag of bull-calf ...
 - those who by their craft raise storms ...
 - sacrifice to demons ...
 - consulteth soothsayers who divine by birds."
- o The Roman Catholic Church staged many pageants, with their participants dressing up as patron saints and guardians.
- o Those who did not play a part of a 'holy one' played the parts of devils.
- o Their dressing in these costumes are considered an alternative history for the costuming of the trick-or-treater's.

⇒ **Jack-o'-lanterns.**

- o An Irish man named Jack who was notorious for drunkenness and for being stingy, one evening at the local pub, was faced with the Devil, come to claim his soul.
 - Jack convinced the devil to have a drink with him, and then when time came to pay he asked the devil to turn into a gold coin for the price, he could later turn back and the drinks would have cost nothing.
 - Jack took the coin and placed it in his pocket with a silver cross which kept the Devil from turning back into himself.
 - When the Devil promised to leave Jack for another year, Jack released him.

- At the end of the year, as the Devil returned, Jack tricked him into climbing an apple tree for an apple.
- He quickly carved a cross in the tree so the Devil could not climb down.
- Jack finally let the Devil down after promising never to return for Jack's soul.
- Jack's body finally wore out and he went to the gates of Heaven, where he was refused entrance because of his stingy and drunken life. Jack proceeds then to go to Hell where he was again refused entrance.
- Jack was then forced to walk the earth until judgment day with his only light a burning ember from Hell's fire caught in a turnip.
- In the United States the use of pumpkins replaced the Irish use of turnips and beets.

⇒ **Trick-or-Treating.**

- o Groups of pheasants, wearing masks, went from house to house, led by Lair Bhan (which means white mare) a leader wearing a white robe and a horse head (the horse was sacred, a symbol of fertility, to Muck Olla), went begging for money for which to buy luxuries for a feast.
- o Also demanding that fatted calves and black sheep be prepared for the feast.
- o These contributions were requested in the name of Muck Olla, the sun god of the Druids.
- o Prosperity was assured liberal givers, and threats were voiced against those who were stingy.

⇒ **Apple Bobbing.**

- o Apples have long been a token of love and fertility.
 - Early Hebrew women who wanted children washed themselves in water mixed with the sap of an apple tree.
 - "Eternal Youth" was said to come to the Norse gods by the eating of apples.

⇒ **What does the Bible say?**

1. God commanded those who practice witchcraft to die.

Exodus 22:18

2. You are defiled if you try to communicate with spirits.

Leviticus 19:31

3. God cuts you off from among the people if you turn to mediums for help.

Leviticus 20:27

4. God commanded capital punishment for any who called up spirits.

Leviticus 20:27

2 Kings 23:24

5. God condemns witchcraft, fortune-telling, crystal reading, necromancy, astrology, and palmistry as part of spiritism.

Deuteronomy 18:10-11

Joshua 13:22 Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

6. God destroyed the Canaanites for their ^{black} magic related practices.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

7. ^{Samuel} Saul likened rebellion to witchcraft, to show how serious it was.

1 Samuel ^{15:23} 15:23

8. King Saul when, faithful to God cleared all the land of spiritual mediums.

1 Samuel 28:3

9. King Saul later sought a medium because his sin kept God from answering him.

1 Samuel 28:6-7

10. God judged and killed Saul for his dealings of spiritism.

1 Chronicle 10:13

11. Wicked King Manasseh's sins included consulting with spirits, mediums, fortune tellers and sorcerers.

2 Chronicles 33:6

12. God rejected Israel because they practiced magic and communicated with evil spirits.

Isaiah 2:6

13. It is insulting to God to consult the dead when you could Inquire of Him.

Isaiah 8:19

14. A fortune teller may be possessed with devils.

Acts 16:18

15. True Christians have nothing to do with black magic and its related practices.

Acts 19:19

16. Sorcery is included in the works of the flesh listed in the Bible, and those who practice it cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21

17. There is no place in Heaven for the practice of sorcery.

Revelation 22:15

18. Teachings of spiritism are doctrines of devils.

1 Timothy 4:1

19. The devils are subject to God's greater power and tremble before Him.

James 2:19

20. The increased following of this spiritism is a sign of the end times and God's coming judgement.

1 Timothy 4:1

21. The Use of enchantments and witchcraft anger the LORD.

Leviticus 19:26

Numbers 24:1

2 Kings 17:17

2 Kings 21:6

2 Chronicles 33:6

22. God's people are always better than the devils.

Daniel 1:20

~~Isaiah 47:12-15~~

23. There can be no peace as long as there is witchcraft.

2 Kings 9:22

Nahum 3:4