



HALLOWEEN--ALL SAINTS DAY

Since as far back as 300 years before Messiah, we know through historical references, that a Celtic group known as Druids operated in most of Europe from the British Islands all the way through Scandinavia, and even through parts of Asia Minor. The Druids were a secret society of priests that held the Celtic people in bondage by terror and sorcery, because the whole Celtic nation itself was pagan, worshiping many gods, and ruled by kings. What often happened was when a king became too old to rule, he would be sacrificed by the Druid priests while still alive. They would use his internal organs for divination or fortune telling, and other forms of sorcery.

Out of all the hideous things the Druids did, the most dreadful deeds were reserved for their Celtic New Year which falls on October 31st. This day was known as the "Festival of Samhain" or "the Festival of Death", in honor of Samhain, the god of death and their most powerful god. This celebration was in conjunction with the Autumnal Equinox, which is the period when the days and nights are about equal in length. This was also a time of celebrating harvest and the dying of nature, therefore, putting the focus on death. The highest point of its holiday came at the stroke of midnight when the Druids would sacrifice humans alive, sacrifice animals, perform acts of sorcery, divination, and spiritism of all kinds. They would even eat animal and human internal organs or use them to perform acts of sorcery, like Satanists (witches) do today. They would also gather on far away hills and light bonfires, or "Bone Fires", to which they threw in the remains of the humans and animals they earlier sacrificed to their god Samhain. They would take large turnips, hollow them out, then carve the face of their god on the side of them. They would then take a small oil lamp and place it inside the turnip to light the carved face of the evil spirits they portrayed, believing that the evil spirits actually lived in these carved turnips. The people of the nearby towns would be in utter terror of the Druids because, on that night, the Druids would knock on the villagers doors demanding certain types of foods to conform to their strict dietary laws. Often the people would make their homes look unoccupied so that the Druids would possibly pass them by and escape their terror. You see, if the people did not give the priests what they demanded, then the Druids would place a curse of death on them to keep them in constant fear.

As the centuries passed and the Druids declined in number and power under Roman occupation, the common people began to pick up the pagan practices of the almost extinct Druid priests. They began to believe that celebrating the Festival of Death would appease the evil spirits from doing any harm to them. However, in the eighth century the Roman Catholic Church, in an attempt to get the people to modify the Festival of Death and all its occult, idolatrous practices, established "All Saints Day" on the

following day, November 1st. This day was made to offer the people a substitute for the Festival of Death, by honoring those who died for the cause of so-called Christianity, but it did not work. Actually, the exact opposite happened in that the people began to believe that October 31st was a Christian observance.

So let us see how this came about. In the British Islands, All Saints Day came to be called "All Hallowed Day" since it was a day to honor all the hallowed or holy ones of God. Since the actual festivities took place on the evening before, the October 31st became known in the English Church as "All Hallowed Evening" or just plain "Hallowed Fen". It later evolved as "Hallows E'en" and finally "Halloween" as we know it today. Because of the relationships in the original meanings of the word "hallow", which means holy, many people entertain the idea that Halloween is somehow a Biblical holiday. The root translation of Halloween is "holy evening", but not holy in the sense of godly holy as we have seen.

In modern Satanism, October 31st is the highest holy day of the satanic year, in which the satanists of today continue to kidnap children and adults alike in order to sacrifice them before Lucifer, as well as sacrificing domestic animals such as chickens, dogs, cats, and goats.

The practice of the children, as well as adults, wearing costumes, came about by believing that dressing up like the evil spirits would, once again, appease them from attacking you and your family. They also believed that mimicking the Druid priests would ward off their visits to their doorsteps so they wouldn't receive the curses of death that was placed on them by the Druids. The term, "Trick or Treat" came about through the practice of the Druids demanding certain kinds of foods from the people, and if the people couldn't produce these foods, then the priests would invoke on them a curse or a "trick". To not receive this trick, then the people had to give them a certain food, or "treat." As we can plainly see, all the observances that the Druids practiced, as well as those things which were later added as a result of ancient tradition, are repeatedly done and practiced year after year today. The sad thing is, that even Believers are directly involved in celebrating Halloween. Many try to replace the terminology, by calling it a fall harvest time having their children dress up as Biblical characters. The problem is, that Yahveh never told His people to Christianize ANY pagan holiday, or that by celebrating them would automatically nullify their pagan origins. What a lying deception this is!

The most important thing to do as a believer in Yeshua HaMashiach, is to consult Scripture concerning these practices. In Exod. 20:3-6, Yahveh commanded us not to worship or even give attention to any other god, for He is a Jealous God who will bring forth sickness and disease to those who practice such things. Lev. 20:5-6 says that Yahveh will cut off anyone who plays the harlot by honoring another god or consulting mediums and spiritualists, which is what Halloween is all about. Deut. 7-25-26 says that we are not even to bring anything that Yahveh considers an abomination into our house, but to utterly abhor and detest it, or we will become a cursed thing like it. Deut. 18:9-13 says that there shall not be among us those who make their sons or daughters pass through the fire, whether physically or spiritually by engaging in pagan practices. We shall not use divination, practice witchcraft, interpret omens, cast a spell, consult a medium, spiritist, or call up the dead (which is part of the Halloween ritual), for Yahveh calls these

things detestable in His sight. We are to drive them out of our sight and our lives. In this way we will be known as blameless before Yah of Hosts. According to Deut. 31:16, Yah warned His people, through Moses, that they would play the harlot, if they allow false gods into their homes and dwell in their midst, and forsake Yahveh and His covenant. In the Renewed Testament, according to John 3:19-21, it says, although the light of HaMashiach has come into the world, people love the darkness and their deeds are evil. Anyone who does evil, hates the light, and does not come to the light, but those who love and practice truth come into the light. Notice that on Halloween evil deeds are done in the dark. The Apostle Paul teaches in 1Cor. 10:20-22 to not be partakers in the things sacrificed to demons, for one cannot drink the cup of Yahveh and cup of demons, or eat the table of Yah and of demons, unless we choose to provoke Yah to jealousy. In 2Cor. 6:14-18, Paul says to not associate with unbelievers or have partnership with lawlessness, for we are the temples of the Living Yahveh. Therefore, we are not even to touch that which is unclean, like the pagan holidays, lest we choose to anger Yahveh and bring his wrath on us. Eph. 5:6-13 tells us to not be deceived or be partakers of disobedience, but to expose them by walking as children of the light, trying to learn what is pleasing to Yahveh. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but rather expose them, for all things are exposed by the light of the truth. In **1Ths. 5:21-22** Paul says, *"But examine everything carefully; hold fast or cling tightly to that which is good; abstain or keep away. From every form of evil."*

Finally, we must ask ourselves as Believers in Rabbi Yeshua HaMashiach, if partaking in the things which Yahveh called detestable in His sight are worth the fun and games they bring to the flesh. Or shall we follow the Word of Yah and abstain ourselves from all evil practices and traditions? Are we pleasing Yahveh, or man, when we continue to celebrate the things which the world has no trouble practicing? Are you practicing even in the slightest bit by handing out candy treats to the kids or by dressing up as Biblical characters, thinking that Yahveh has made an exception for you in His word? Do you know that Yahveh is not only a loving Yahveh, but a jealous Yahveh who loves us enough to protect us from evil things through the power of His Word? I tell you that the best thing a Believer can do on a day like this, or any other pagan holiday, is to proclaim the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of salvation by grace through faith in our Messiah and Yah, is by not participating in any way. Your personal testimony of what Yah has done in your life is the best witness a person could have to show others that Yah can remove all evil from their midst, forgive them of their sins, and have the promise of eternal life, through Yeshua HaMashiach. Remember, people get saved in spite of the pagan holidays and what they believe about them, not because of them. You can't proclaim the swastika to now represent love, we know what it stands for because of history. Halloween, Christmas, and Easter are not the best days to witness to unbelievers, for that thought is also a deception. In **2Cor. 6:2** Paul tells us that, *"At the acceptable time I listened to you, and on the Day of Salvation I helped you '- behold, now is the **ACCEPTABLE TIME**, behold, now is the **DAY OF SALVATION**."* Yah's good news is available every day of the year and has no less power on an ordinary day as it does on a pagan holiday. Yah has given us a free will to choose life or death, blessing or cursing. If you think that Yah will let you slide because you use His name in a pagan holiday, then celebrate it at your own risk. If not, then fear

Yah, for this is the beginning of wisdom.

Most of Halloween's customs are the remainders of the pagan superstitions related to the Druids' new year celebration called Soween, or Samhain. The Druids were the influential priests, magicians and sorcerers of the Nature religions that prevailed in early Northern Europe starting about 2,000 years before Christianity. They focus on nature and the worshipping of nature, hence the name Druids comes from the Greek word meaning oak, as in oak tree. Ancient Druids worshipped the Baal god as their king. They believed that on this date Baal died and went into the kingdom of the dead, (Anwynn). The Bible makes it clear that Believers are to have no recognition and certainly are not to participate in Halloween. **1Cor 10:21** *"You cannot drink the cup of Adonai and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of Adonai and the table of demons."* This verse refers to all heathen practices and holidays of our secular world and misguided pagan church world of today.

The verses in 2Ths. are great examples of acceptance of Biblical originating traditions as compared to pagan. **2Ths. 2:15** *"So then, brethren, **stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word {of mouth} or by letter from us.**"* Here Paul is speaking and telling the people to follow traditions if they are taught by Paul and others like him, according to the word of YHVH only. **2Ths. 3:6** *"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Master Yeshua Hamashiach, that you **keep aloof from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.**"*

BON-FIRE..BONE-FIRE

Druids practice the sacrifice of innocent blood on their altars to resurrect Baal from the dead. These blood sacrifices, at midnight on Halloween, were of infants, because of their innocence. Human blood supposedly opened the gates of Anwynn and released the spirits for the night. Years ago they would sacrifice live humans on huge fires that would burn all night till there was nothing left but ashes and bones. These fires were called bone fires and that is where we get the term "bon-fire" today.

BLACK CAT'S



The Druids believe that black cats are reincarnations of the evil dead, and were possessed with supernatural power and knowledge. Black cats were the witches' magic helpers called "familiar". These black cats are still the chief idol symbol of the "goddess of Wicca," Diana. According to legend Diana turned into a black cat, and then committed incest with her brother Lucifer. The Egyptian god "Bast" is also associated with black cat's.

BROOMSTICKS AND SKELETONS

The broomsticks and witches' hats were symbols used in rituals. It is believed that these objects transform the sexual energy released during orgasm into psychic energy. The broomstick represents the male organ.

Witches actually believed they could fly because they astro-traveled after smearing their bodies with “flying ointment,” which contained psychedelic drugs like bella-donna, aconite, and cinquefoil. Witches riding broomsticks also comes from witches astral projecting. The witch riding the broom is symbolic of what witches commonly do, astral project to various places.

The symbol of the skeleton represents the god of the dead, otherwise known as the witches “horned god”.

JACK-O-LANTERNS AND TRICKS OR TREATS

The custom of trick or treat is from the Celtic pagan practices where people gave food for blessings from spirits of the dead. Failure to supply treats would result in demonic retaliation. Carving faces on jack o lanterns came from the practice of carving demonic faces on turnips which then changed to pumpkins because they were larger. The face commonly carved on pumpkins is an ancient symbol of a damned soul. Candle lit pumpkins or skulls in a home meant that the residents were sympathetic to Satan and would therefore receive mercy from spirits and trick or treaters on their Halloween rounds. Some said the face on the pumpkin represented the god of Saman and he had the ability to ward off other less powerful evil spirits during the night. The candles burning in the pumpkin stood for the “faery fires,” or “will of the wisps,” which were the lost souls of the evil world.

Another meaning of the Jack O’Lantern went as follows: On Halloween the Druids and their followers went from castle, to castle or serf to serf (someone who looks after the land), playing trick or treat. In most cases the treat they requested from the castles would be a princess or some other woman for their human sacrifice. If the treat given pleased the Druids they would leave a Jack O’Lantern with a lighted candle made of human fat to protect those inside from being killed by demons. If the demands weren’t met then the trick would take place. The trick often was a Hexagram symbol drawn with blood on the front door, to attract demons who would kill someone in the castle. This blood covering hexagram was a counterfeit of the Pass-over of the Death angel that we are familiar with described in Exod. 12:3-13. The Druid religion was outlawed sometime around 98-180 AD. and went underground where it is still alive and active today, a form of Satanism.

The celebration of Halloween was forbidden in North America until about 1900 when the Irish immigrants brought it over with them along with many other heathen practices they were familiar with, and took part in.

Halloween is the holiest day of the year for witches, druids, sorcerers, and all other satanic worshippers. It is associated with a Pagan Christian holiday because of “All Saints day”, or “the eve of centallows”. The original all saints day was a celebration for all those who died for their faith. It was celebrated in May. In the ninth century the Roman Catholic church changed this holiday to November and the Protestants changed to November years later.

In the Middle Ages, there was a great revival of witchcraft and satanism which heightened the celebration of Halloween. Other traditions began incorporating into the festivities, such as witches flying on brooms, and evil spirits dwelling within black cats, another deified animal in the Druid culture. In Ireland, the pagans there had a god named

Jock, who was honored on the 31st of October by placing candles in hollowed out pumpkins to light the carved faces of Jock, as the Druids did with the turnips. They referred to this as "Jock of the Lantern", believing that their god Jock actually lived in the pumpkin during this evening festival. In England, this same god was known as Jack, which after the centuries, the tides modified themselves to what we know today as the Jack o'lantern. Although the Puritan ancestors who first came to America did not celebrate any of the pagan holidays, these observances became increasingly accepted as the Celtic immigrants from Britain began coming in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Surveys show that educational systems, schools colleges etc., put more money, time and effort into Halloween than any other school celebration.

The common link between Druids, witches, Satanists and the new age religions is there emphasis on mother earth, meditation, and contact with the spirits of the dead or disembodied souls.

Experts say there are probably now as many people in Britain practicing witchcraft as there are committed Believers.

Hollywood film producers today are hiring real witches and occult worshippers to help them develop true images of satanic rituals and scenes for our mega million dollar Halloween horror movies.

ST. JOHNS DAY

In the sixth century Catholic priests were sent to Europe to convert pagans there. All over Europe they found heathens celebrating June 24th. Many heathens claimed that this date was dedicated to the fish god Oannes (also known as Nimrod). Because John the Baptist was known to have been born about six months before Jesus, (Luke 1:26, 36) and the date of June the 24th. lined up quite close, the Roman Catholic church decided to create a new holy day after a pagan worship date. In order to be accepted by the heathens, the missionaries created St. Johns Day so the pagans could still celebrate their day. They took a pagan holiday, gave it a Christian name, everyone was happy, and no one knew the difference, except YHVH.

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