

## Halloween and Its Roots

in witchcraft and Druidic paganism are undeniable. When we examine the history of Halloween, one thing we find out very quickly is that it is based on the ancient pagan religion of the Celts in Northern Ireland and their celebration of the festival of the dead, known as *Sambain*. In Northern Ireland, a class of ruthless priests known as the Druids ruled Northern Ireland throughout the occult terror and human sacrifice for centuries.

According to Ronald Hutton in *The Stations of the Sun: A History of the Ritual Year in Britain*, 'Samhain' referred to Celtic Halloween customs all the way up until the 19th century (Hutton, Ronald, *The Stations of the Sun: A History of the Ritual Year in Britain*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1996, p. 369)

Today, Ireland celebrates Halloween with fireworks displays and is the only nation on earth that recognizes Halloween as a national holiday. Children in Ireland are given a week off from school for its observance.

### Druid Festival of the Dead

Halloween, as we know it today, is a modernized version of the Druidic festival of the dead. The powerful Druid priests were deemed kings of the occult practitioners, and were known for worshipping evil spirits and sacrificing humans to their demon gods!

The Celts celebrated the day of death in anticipation of the dark, cold winter months. The eve of Samhain marked the special time of the year when the Druids taught that demons, souls and gods were unleashed on the world to bring blessing or wreak havoc and destruction on unsuspecting souls.

The Encyclopedia Britannica states:

***“In ancient Britain and Ireland, the Celtic festival of Samhain was observed on October 31 at the end of the summer ... The souls of the dead were supposed to revisit their homes on this day and the autumnal festival acquired sinister significance, with ghosts, witches, goblins, black cats, fairies and demons of all kinds said to be roaming about. It was the time to placate the supernatural powers controlling the processes of nature. In addition, Halloween was thought to be the most favorable time for divinations concerning marriage, luck, health, and death. It was the only day on which the help of the devil was invoked for such purposes.”*** (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2005, "Halloween")

Today, Halloween is a truly occult holiday for many Celtic Neo-Pagans, Wiccan witches and Satanists alike. Many who are involved in the dark arts and traffic in spiritism, view Halloween as a religious holiday and are acutely aware that it is rooted in the occult. (Hutton, Ronald, *The Pagan Religions of the Ancient British Isles: Their Nature and Legacy*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1991, pp. 327-341)

### Doreen Valiente

Witch and Wiccan high priestess, Doreen Valiente, who authored "The Witches' Rune" and helped pen a significant amount of the occult content that is foundational to modern day Wicca, stated that Halloween is a special holiday for witches.

Valiente helped formulate modern Wicca (known as Gardnerian Wicca) after it was first created by Satanist Gerald Gardner, who was also a disciple of Satanist **Aleister Crowley** and a member of Crowley's satanic organization known as the O.T.O. Unknown to most Wiccan's, Gardner subsumed many of Crowley's satanic teachings on ceremonial "magick" into Wicca and used a variation of Crowley's satanic maxim "Do What

Thou Wilt" for the wiccan Rede (e.g., *That it harm none, do as thou wilt*)

Wiccan high priestess, Valiente, said of Halloween: ***“Halloween is one of the four Great Sabbats of the witches that everyone has heard about. To witches, Halloween is a serious occasion, however merrily celebrated. It is the old Celtic Eve of Samhain.”***

Sharon Graham, who fancies herself as a high priestess of Salem witches, said of Halloween:

***"Salem (Massachusetts) is a mecca, especially around Samhain. It is our holiday, our new year, and a lot of witches come here from all over the world."*** (Source)

Halloween is considered a satanic holiday for many confessing Satanists, and for obvious reasons, as it is a day where demons, witches and devils are glorified. The first *Greater Church of Lucifer* in Houston, Texas chose Halloween as the perfect day to officially open its doors to the public.

### Anton LaVey

According to Anton LaVey, who founded the Church of Satan in 1966 and authored *The Satanic Bible* in 1969, Halloween is the third highest day on the satanic calendar for Satanists. LaVey wrote in *The Satanic Bible*:

***“After one's own birthday, the two major Satanic holidays are Walpurgisnacht (May 1st) and Halloween.”*** (LaVey, Anton Szandor, *The Satanic Bible*, 1969, p. 96)

The official website for the Church of Satan states on their FAQ page that Halloween is a time when the masses ***“reach down inside and touch the ‘darkness’ which for [us] Satanists is a daily***

*mode of existence,” as they may freely “indulge their fantasies by donning costumes that allow for intense role-playing and the release of their demonic core.”*

As the scriptures warn that many would turn from Christ in the last days and that an occult revival would ensue as a harbinger for the coming Antichrist and new world order (**Matthew 24:9-10, 24-25; 2 Timothy 3:1-8; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12; Revelation 13:1-18**).

The Scriptures tell us:

*“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil”* (1 John 3:8b).

*“He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins”* (Colossians 1:13-14).

When we came to Christ we were delivered *“from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God”* (Acts 26:18), should we then return to Satan’s kingdom and celebrate after having been set free?

As Christians we are warned not to participate in the celebration of evil but the rather expose them:

*“Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them”* (Ephesians 5:11).

Rather than dressing up like demons, witches and devils, we are to *“abstain from all appearance of evil”* (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

We are told in **3 John 1:11** *“Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but what is good.”*

*“Thus says the Lord, “Do not learn the way of the nations...”*

As Christians we ought to be repulsed by a holiday that celebrates the very things that our God and Maker calls abominations. **Deuteronomy 18:9-14** is the biblical passage that most directly addresses the customs of Halloween. Note how the Lord warns that He expelled those who had inhabited the Promised Land for engaging in such practices and He warned His people that he would do the same to them should they imitate their practices:

*“When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do so”* (Deuteronomy 18:9-14).

We see here one of the most inclusive lists of activities upon which Halloween was established that can be found anywhere in the bible, and the practitioners thereof are labeled “detestable.” Those habits are, in fact, the very reason the Pagan nations were driven out of the Promised Land.

We would encourage you to prayerfully consider celebrating Jesus and His glorious kingdom of light on Halloween, rather than the kingdom of darkness.

## Additional Bible Verses

### **3 John 1:11**

"Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God."

### **1 John 2:15 ESV**

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

### **Isaiah 5:20**

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"

### **1 Thessalonians 5:22**

"Abstain from every form of evil."

### **Ephesians 4:27**

"And give no opportunity to the devil."

### **1 Corinthians 10:21**

"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons."

### **Deuteronomy 18:10-12**

"For example, never sacrifice your son or daughter as a burnt offering. And do not let your people practice fortune-telling or sorcery, or allow them to interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft, or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead. Anyone who does these things is an object of horror and disgust to the Lord. (NLT)"

### **Ephesians 5:7-15**

"Don't participate in the things these people do. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what

is good and right and true. Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light." So be careful how you live. (NLT)."