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A Covenant with DEATH and HELL



Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement... Isaiah 28:15

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HALLOWEEN: SHOULD YOU KEEP IT?

Halloween has been called the devils holiday. Is it? One writer referred to this holiday as "a mystery hidden behind a mask." Where did Halloween and the idea of ghosts and goblins or evil spirits originate? What about Jack-o-lanterns, costumes, and trick or treating -- and what is the meaning behind them? Over years Halloween has become a highly commercialized event involving most communities, schools, business, government offices, and even churches throughout the U.S. Many schools and businesses go all out in taking part with its celebration. Today, children and adults alike wear the costumes and play out the rituals of this seemingly harmless event without ever considering their origins and true meaning or possible consequences. Most reason, "How could having fun "pretending" possibly have any harmful effects? After all, who believes in the devil and evil spirits today?" Are Halloween traditions really just harmless "fun" as most suppose? How did they come to America and why do so many people think that it is a "Christian" holiday even though it represents all that is not "Christian"? Does it have a connection with satan worship and the occult? What do those in occult have to say about this holiday? What about those that have come out of the occult...what is their view? It is our prayer that you will find the answers to these questions and more in the pages of this newsletter. Please feel free to copy and share this information with your church, friends and family. As always may the LORD bless & keep you is our prayer.



THE HAUNTED HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

Our Pilgrim forefathers knew well of Halloween's occult roots. In fact they banned celebrating Halloween in America. Halloween was not celebrated in this country until 1845. At that time multiplied thousands of Irish emigrants flooded into New York because of the Irish Potato Famine of 1845-46. They brought with them an old Druid Holiday they called Halloween. Gradually celebrating this day spread throughout the rest of the country. To understand Halloween's roots better we need to go back further into history and take a look at the Druids and the Celtic people. The Druids were the pagan priests of the Celts. They were idolaters, occult practitioners and witches of sorts. The information found in the 11th edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica says "Halloween and its former attendant ceremonies long antedate Christianity. The two chief characteristics of ancient Halloween were the lighting of bonfires and the belief that of all nights in the year this is the one during which ghosts and witches are most likely to wander abroad." The Druidic belief was that on this night Sah-ween, lord of death, must be worshipped and sacrificed to or death would come to ones home or village. History makes it clear that the main celebration of Halloween was purely Druidical, and this is further proved by the fact that in parts of Ireland the 31st of October was, and even still is, known as **Oidhche Shamhna**, "Vigil of Saman." Needless to say the pagan worship day for Sah-ween evolved into Halloween. Ralph Linton wrote:"The American celebration (of Halloween) rests upon Scottish and Irish folk customs which can be traced in a direct line from pre-Christian times. The earliest celebrations were held by the DRUIDS in honor of Sah-ween, Lord of Death. To appease the Lord of Death and keep the spirits from harming the people, Druid priests led the people in diabolical worship ceremonies in which horses, cats, black sheep, oxen, human beings and other offerings were rounded up, stuffed into wicker cages and burned to death." There are many stone circles in the British Isles and in western Europe. The most famous surviving stone circle is Stonehenge, located on the Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire England. It is evident that human sacrifice was common at this ancient Druid Sacrificial Circle because within three miles of this site there are over 350 funeral mounds that contain the remnants of countless human sacrifices. There is much literature that links this night of satanic rituals directly to the worship of the false god that we read of in the Bible...called Baal! There is absolutely no doubt that Sah-ween - Halloween, or any other name that it has been called through the years was and is a wicked pagan worship day. Occultists worldwide still lay claim to the day and worship their pagan gods and goddesses on that day with demonic rituals. And all of the modern day customs that are practiced today during this celebration are ALL simply reenactments of the satanic ritual to the lord of the dead!

But Isn't Halloween A Christian Holiday?

Halloween is not nor has it ever been a "Christian" celebration. As the Catholic missionaries swarmed Britain and Ireland seeking the mass conversion to Catholicism their orders from Pope Gregory in 601 A.D. was to cunningly convert the Druid rituals into Catholic rituals. The Catholics converted the ritual of Samhain (sah-ween) into the festival of All Saint's Day, a day of celebration and prayer to dead "Saints." How Biblical is that? In 835, Pope Gregory IV "blessed" All Saint's Day as a sacred "day of obligation," consequently on that day, the Catholic Church officially "ordained" Halloween. Halloween owes its very life and breath to the "blessing" of the Catholic Church. This celebration may have very well breathed its last breath many years ago if not for the "ordination" of the Catholic Church. Rather than extinguish old customs, the Catholic leaders tried to make that which was profane into what they considered holy. We can see plainly today from all that this celebration glorifies that it is not far removed from its original roots of evil. We are told in *Ezekiel 44:23* *And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.* The Bible has much to say about partaking in that which is evil...we have included more of these scriptures on page 7 of this newsletter.



CUSTOMS - TRADITIONS - SYMBOLS & NAME

A Mockery Of The Passover & The Blood Of Jesus

"Jack-o-Lantern" Although there are many myths and stories concerning this symbol of evil, the most startling truth is that the Celts believed that this could ward off evil and protect them. If the Druid Priests were satisfied with the Celts offering or sacrifice they would leave one of these in front of their home. They believed that when the lord of death passed by, if he saw the jack-o-lantern that he would *pass over* their house. **Sound familiar?** This was, and IS no more than a mockery of the Lords Passover and the blood of Jesus! The jack-o-lantern is as much a satanic symbol as a pentagram or image of baal

"Trick or Treat" This is yet another tradition conceived in the womb of this satanic celebration. The Celts were so horrified on this night, that they would leave trays of nuts, fruit, and whatever else they thought would appease the demons and spirits, in front of their homes as another attempt at protection. They were afraid that if they didn't offer something to satisfy them, then a curse would be put on them and their house!

"Costumes" Like the other traditions, the roots of this one are found embedded deep in this satanic ritual. As I have already stated, the Celts believed that on this night demons and spirits roamed the hillside. In an attempt to protect themselves from the spirits, they would try and fool them by dressing in disguises. The Druids also participated in this as well. It gave them the opportunity to impute more fear into the Celts, and help themselves to the "treats" left outside their homes.

Just Symbols?

Perhaps you have read information about Halloween and said to yourself, "Well, maybe it started out that way, but I'm not really celebrating that when I do my Halloween stuff. After all, it's just a bunch of symbols...the pumpkin and costumes and all." Just symbols? Are they just symbols without meaning? Does the cross not mean more than two perpendicular lines? If these are just symbols without meaning, why not take the cross down from church steeples and replace it with a swastika or skull and crossbones? Obviously this would be blasphemous, and obviously symbols are not without meaning. If this is the case, why do Christians display symbols of Satan, witchcraft and the occult in the name of "fun" during this "holiday"?

Bob Larson

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

A perverse and blasphemous twist to Halloween concerns the name "Halloween." The word "hallow" means "holy, sanctify or consecrate." The popular Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9 begins with, "...Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. . ." The label "hallow" belongs to the one true God! Hallowed be thy name. Halloween was a night sacrificing young children to the worship of Baal and the lord of death Sah-ween. It is no accident that the name of history's most hellish night, glorifying "death and hell," wears God the Father's holy name of "hallow." The blasphemous name of "Halloween" combines the "call to worship" and part of the name of the satanic god "sah-ween" this clearly bears the fingerprints of Lucifer as found in Isaiah 14:12, "...I will be like the most High." No wonder the author of the satanic bible and satanists worldwide say that Halloween is their most sacred Sabbath!



HALLOWEEN AND THE OCCULT

Witchcraft is very real but greatly misunderstood. I know because witchcraft goes back on the paternal side of my family for over five generations to Chesterfield, Massachusetts in 1770. My great grandmother became a well-known witch in Wisconsin in the early days of this century. Caroline was a blind witch and used her fingers to read palms and also became adept at putting “the hex” on people. Many spooky things would happen in our family. Dishes would slide off from shelves, light bulbs would unscrew and fall to the floor, filmy apparitions would appear and vanish, and this sort of thing became a way of life. In one instance, my father was riding with my grandfather in a horse-drawn wagon, when a filmy white apparition appeared in front of the horse, causing the horse to rear up on its hind legs. Surrounded by electrifying fear, my grandfather cracked the whip and the wagon lurched forward and on its way. My father also watched in stunned amazement when, on another occasion, an unhitched wagon loaded with hay went up a steep hill by itself. Halloween was a special time for me, as I was growing up in Clintonville, Wisconsin. I had given my heart and soul to that day called “Samhain” (pronounced Sah-ween). I had learned that the pagan Sabot of Samhain was a time when the barrier between the mundane and astral planes was very thin and departed spirits easily crossed over. Halloween was my special time, when I felt drawn to become like my great grandmother. I wasn’t interested in the silliness of the Catholic Halloween. I wanted real magic. The so-called “Christians” were cursing themselves and their children by copying the craft that their tenets forbade. I knew full well that so-called Christians were copying what my spiritual ancestors had done for many centuries. The powerful witches, known as Grand Druids or men of the oaks, that lived in the ancient British Isles gathered at Stonehedge on October 31st. These ancient witches practiced human sacrifice, hollowed out pumpkins and turnips, carving faces in them, and then used candles made from human tallow to illuminate them. The druids played games such as bobbing for apples, as they floated in a tub of October ale. The druids also practiced ritual sex known as the “Great Rite”, as the fires blazed forth in the darkness of the giant stone monoliths of Stonehenge near Salisbury, England. The apple was thought to be sacred, because when cut in half cross-wise, the core would reveal the Pentacle or five pointed star. The five points of this star represented Earth, Wind, Fire, Water and Spirit. When I was 13 years old, I began to invite the spirits of my deceased great grandmother into myself. Soon I began to acquire powers and became an adept astrologer and palm reader. I also practiced numerology and was becoming a very powerful witch. Many people followed me — and the advice that I gave them. I had achieved a great measure of success. By the time I was 19, I had reached my first goal. I was a powerful witch. Then, very suddenly, the realization hit me that I was making predictions without looking at my charts. I would blurt out predictions in minute detail, and they would come to pass. I became frightfully aware that I had become a sending station and was dispatching spirits to make my predictions come true. I predicted accidents and tragedies, and suddenly I became filled with overwhelming fear. I did not know it at the time, but a dear old woman had been praying for me every day for a long time. She had known my grandparents, and God used her to pray me out of darkness. I was completely disabled by fear, which God, in His mercy, allowed to come upon me. A friend that I knew in high school persuaded me to come to church with him. It was a small apostolic church. I soon found myself on my knees repenting, as I had now found a power far greater than all witchcraft. One week later I was baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ. The next week I was baptized in the Holy Ghost. I felt fifty pounds lighter, as many evil spirits fled from me as I yielded myself completely to my newfound friend, the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Now I have no fear and am a true minister of the Gospel.

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**WHEN A MAN WHO IS HONESTLY MISTAKEN HEARS THE TRUTH...
HE WILL EITHER QUIT BEING MISTAKEN OR CEASE TO BE HONEST**



THE BEWITCHED CHURCH

Pastor Billy R. Douglas

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth.. Galatians 3:1

Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain. Galatians 4:8-11

As the end of another year draws near and we begin to see the leaves on the trees turn and feel a chill in the air we also begin to see the signs of the approaching celebration of halloween. The stores will be full of costumes and decorations...99 % of which portrays the devil, witches and more as harmless and glorifies death. As a child like most children I loved this time of year...it was a time of fun...a time to dress up in fun costumes and get lots and lots of candy. I was raised in a old time Pentecostal church but to this day I cannot remember one sermon being preached against this celebration. After I was called to preach and began to have a deeper walk with the LORD I felt something different when it came to this celebration...an uneasy, spiritual conviction about any participation in this so called holiday. Then the Holy Spirit began to lead me to study on this celebration, it's history AND what the WORD has to say on the subject. I soon realized that this celebration was no more than a reenactment of a satanic ritual and festival of death celebrated by the ancient Celts and Druids some 200 to 400 years before Christ. Looking at it now I wonder how "we" could have been so deceived? Many things that the enemy uses are hidden and often times clothed in sheep's clothing BUT this, THIS he flaunts right out in the open and for the most part the Church is ignorant to it. All you have to do is really take a look at the costumes, decorations, entertainment, ANYTHING that has to do with this celebration and then compare it to the Word of God and you can see that it promotes everything that God condemns! If you will read the quotes provided in this newsletter you will see that this is a time that those in the occult honour above any other time of the year...this is their time of atonement, their time of greatest power. I know this not from just testimonies and articles that I have read but from speaking with an ex-witch personally. This person who is now a born again child of God delivered by the blood of Jesus told me that at the age of 3 she was dedicated to satan by her mother who was a witch and that halloween was their highest day of the year other than their own birthday. She also said that demons and devils were called upon during this time like no other time of the year and that if Christians only knew what this was really all about they would not have anything to do with it! In a poll taken by Focus on the Family only 29% of Christians polled believed that halloween was evil. Another poll taken by Christianity Today showed that only 4% of Christians polled said that their church took a stand against it. The word "*bewitched*" means to enchant; to operate on by some powerful or irresistible influence...is it any wonder that satan uses tactics such as candy, costumes, and parties and fun to lure us as children into this time of satan worship and then as we get older as the Bible teaches...what we learn as children stays with us as adults (*Prov 22:6*)! Most were "*bewitched*" as children into believing that halloween is innocent fun when in reality it is nothing short of satan worship. Most of America today have become so calloused to satanism and the occult through television, films and yes halloween that they cannot see the forest for the trees! It might also be worth mentioning that Paul wrote this to the Galatians, who were Celts that settled in a small region of what is now modern day Turkey. He was so shocked that the Celtic Christians were going back and observing their old pagan holidays (perhaps even specifically the celebration of halloween or festival of death as it was known then) that he didn't know if they were truly Christian. I pray that you will take the time to read all of the information provided to you in this publication, pray and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you this TRUTH. God bless you....Bro. Billy Douglas



The Truth From Within

" On Halloween night my fellow Wiccans and I would call up dead spirits such as George Washington, King Arthur, Aleister Crowley (A satanist that called himself "The Great Beast"). They would appear and talk in conversations during the ceremonies. And we would also cast spells on the countryside giving spirits the access to possess whoever they pleased. We would especially cast spells on the children going about Trick or Treating"

Rev. Bill Schnoebelen, former high priest in the church of satan

"Halloween is purely and absolutely evil, and there is nothing we ever have or will do that would make it acceptable to the LORD Jesus". Tom Sanguinet, former witch and high priest in Wicca

"The feast of Samhain (sah-ween) is an unholy Sabbath observed by occultists world-wide. The old Celtic "Sabbat" is their main feast " Valerie Duffy, former witch

"I am now a born again child of God delivered by the blood of Jesus BUT at the age of 3 I was dedicated to satan by my mother who was a witch and halloween was our highest day of the year other than our own birthday. During this time demons and devils were called upon like no other time of the year and if Christians only knew what this was really all about they would not have anything to do with it!" former witch interviewed by Rev. Billy R. Douglas

"If Christian parents had ANY idea of what Halloween really is, they wouldn't even mention the word around their children." Doreen Irving, former ruling witch of Western Europe

"Halloween, is our most important day - October 31, The New Year's Eve of Witchcraft, when Satan's powers are at their strongest. I am glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil one night out of the year." Anton Lavey, author of "The Satanic Bible" and founder of The Church of Satan

"It makes me sick that the Church of Jesus Christ would take part in this horrible, demonic event that is happening all over the world. Christians should stand against Halloween! Christian churches shouldn't be having Halloween parties (fall festivals), they should ban together as brothers and sisters and bind the evil forces and pray." Glenn Hobbs, ex-satanist

"Do not participate in Halloween in any way! Not even with so-called "nice costumes". Do not allow it in your church. You will open doors for demons to operate in your life or bring judgment on your church. Confess any past involvement and renounce it and turn from it today!" Bill Niland, exoccultist

"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..." Sharon Graham, witch

"As I got to the higher degrees I learned that the name of the horned god (sah-ween) was Lucifer. I learned that the sign of the second degree was an inverted pentagram symbolizing the horns of Satan." former Alexandrian Wiccan witch

"It [Halloween] gives even the most mundane people the opportunity to taste wickedness for one night. They have a chance to dance with the Devil . . . I see Satanists all over the world meeting in small groups this night and Halloween's 500 years hence, to raise a glass to the Infernal Hosts. . . " Satanic High Priestess Blanche Barton

"Attempts are made to break the bond which is keeping the doors to the underworld closed. Blood and sexual rituals. Sexual association with demons. Animal and human sacrifice - male or female." Description of Halloween on the Satanic Calendar



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY??

“Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
1Thessalonians 5:22

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” Eph 5:11

“When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.” Deuteronomy 18:9

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” 2 Corinthians 6:17

“Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.” Deuteronomy 7:26

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” Isaiah 5:20

“Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.” 1 Corinthians 10:18-21

“And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.” Leviticus 20:6-7

“Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves.” Isaiah 28:15

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;” 1 Timothy 4:1

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.
Deuteronomy 18:10-12

Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen... Jeremiah 10:2

They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. Psalms 106:28

IN CLOSING...

If after reading the information in this newsletter you are still not convinced of this truth...we want to challenge you. You don't have to just take our word for it...spend time in prayer...seek the LORD concerning this matter...search the scriptures...go to the local library and read the history of this celebration for yourself. We are confident in doing so you will see the startling truth about this celebration. In closing we want to leave you with some more quotes to consider from others that have studied the history of this celebration...

All histories of Halloween inevitably wind back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain...(Skal, David J. *Death Makes a Holiday: The Cultural History of Halloween*, p. 20)

Halloween had its origins in the festival of Samhain among the Celts of ancient Britain and Ireland. (Encyclopedia Britannica 2005 "Halloween")

Halloween can be traced directly back to Samhain, the ancient Celtic harvest festival honoring the Lord of the Dead. (Thompson, Sue Ellen. *Holiday Symbols and Customs*, p. 251)

First-born sacrifices are mentioned in a poem in the Dindshenchas, which records that children were sacrificed each Samhain...(Rogers, Nicholas. *Halloween: From Pagan Ritual to Party Night*, p. 17)

Halloween. That was the eve of Samhain...firstborn children were sacrificed...Samhain eve was a night of dread and danger. (National Geographic. May 1977, pp. 625-626)

They [Druids] sacrificed victims by shooting them with arrows, impaling them on stakes, stabbing them, slitting their throats over cauldrons (and then drinking the blood)...(Guiley, Rosemary Ellen. *Harper's Encyclopedia of Mystical & Paranormal Experience*, p. 167)

This is what occurred on the original Halloween night! Today, Halloween lives and breathes with the foul stench of the diabolical Druids. (Dr. Terry Watkins...Dial the Truth Ministries)

The mystic rites and ceremonies with which Hallow'en was originally observed had their origin among the Druids...ancient Baal festivals from which many of the Hallow'en customs are derived. (Douglas, George William. *The American Book of Days*, p. 569)

In many instances, according to the confessions of the witches, besides their direct worship of the devil, they were obliged to show their abhorrence of the faith they had deserted by trampling on the cross, and blaspheming the saints, and by other profanations. (Spence, Lewis. *An Encyclopedia of Occultism*)

The witches held a party at Hallowe'en and the women...sold their soul to the devil, would put a stick in their beds anointed with the fat of murdered babies...(Douglas, George William. *The American Book of Days*, p. 569)

Halloween practices open the door to the occult and can introduce forces into people's lives that they do not understand and often cannot combat. (Dr. David Enoch, former senior consultant psychiatrist at the Royal Liverpool Hospital and the University of Liverpool.)

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