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

#### WARNING!

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, renounce it and turn from it today! Bill Niland exoccultist 5

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#### The Roots of Halloween

Many Christians think that Halloween is just an innocent holiday. We must assume that they are not educated in the history of Halloween, do not know that its practices conflicts with the Bible, do not know the wickedness that surrounds this holiday, and/or they are living a carnal life that accepts the things of this world. There are Christians who not only send their kids out for trick or treating, but actually let them dress as ghosts, witches, or other evil characters. And some send their children off to evil, horrifying haunted houses which plant fear into their children and can even open them up to the demonic. It is our prayer that this information will open your eves to the wickedness of Halloween. God calls us to a life of holiness and we should not willingly participate in activities that are evil in nature. If we are walking in the Spirit, we will choose to not do certain things not because they are wrong, but because the spirit man within us has no desire to do them. And this is a work of the Holy Spirit. However, until He does that work in our lives, there are certain things that we should abstain from. We believe Halloween is one of them. History of Halloween: The ancient Druids in Britain, the pagan Romans, Greeks, the Babylonians and others kept the Halloween Festival. The earliest Halloween celebrations were held by the Druids in honor of Samhain (sah-ween), the so called lord of the dead, whose festival fell on November 1. It was a Druidical belief that on the eve of this festival the lord of death, called together the wicked spirits that within the past 12 months had been condemned to inhabit the bodies of animals. "In ancient Britain and Ireland, the Celtic festival of Samhain was observed on October 31, at the end of summer. This date was also the eve of the new year in both Celtic and Anglo-Saxon times and was the occasion of one of the ancient fire festivals when huge bon fires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits.... The souls of the dead were supposed to revisit their homes on this day, and the autumnal festival acquired sinister significance, with ghosts, witches, hobgoblins, 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 marraige, luck, health and death. It was the only day on which the help of the devil was invoked for such purposes. The pagan observances influenced the christian festival of All Hallows Eve." Ency. Brittanica Vol. IV p862. It was a pagan belief that on one night of the year the souls of the dead return to their original homes, there to be entertained with food. If food and shelter were not provided, these evil spirits would cast spells and cause havoc toward those failing to fulfill their requests. Literal sacrifices were offered on this night to the spirits of the dead, as they supposedly visited their earthly haunts and their friends. "There was a prevailing belief among all nations that at death the souls of the good men were taken possession of by good spirits and carried to paradise; but the souls of the wicked men were left to wonder in the space between the earth and the moon, or consigned to the unseen world. These wandering spirits were in the habit of haunting the living...But there were means by which ghosts might be exorcised." Folklore, James Napier p11. To exorcise these ghosts that is to free yourself from their evil sway, you would have to set out food and provide shelter for them during the night. If they were satisfied with your offerings, they would leave you in peace. If not, they were believed to cast an evil spell on you. Pranks and mischief began to be played out to represent the mischievous behavior attributed to witches and the fairies. Trick-or-Treat came from and ancient Druid practice. One of the basic tenets in witchcraft is to control the will of another by use of fear. Even in jest, when one threatens to punish if a treat or offering is not given, they are imitating an occult practice of controlling the will of another by use of fear. Prosperity was promised to all who were generous donors, and tricks to all who refused during the Irish Druid event of trick-or-treat. Halloween and All Hallows' Eve: In the Dark Ages, when Rome was in great power, she tried at first to stop pagan festivals. But she couldn't, and so tried to turn them into something Christian. November was the month when papalism especially prayed for the dead in purgatory. Traditionally at Halloween, papist families purchased an envelope from the priest. Inside they wrote the name of a dead relative, and it was put on the altar so that the relative would not be forgotten in November's prayers for the dead. Thus the papist All Hallows' Eve was mixed with the pagan festival of the dead. Thousands of years later it is evident that Halloween still represents wickedness. If we want to lessen its influence, we must separate ourselves from such practices. Purgatory is a false doctrine. Once a person dies, they have no more chances. We cannot pray them into heaven. We die and then there is judgment.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Hebrews 9:27



#### 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.

All of the so called "fun and games" traditions that are associated with this un-holy day can be traced back to the satanic worship of these ancient people, right down to bobbing for apples. There are far to many of them to list here but the most important thing for us to remember is that as children of God we are commanded to..."*Abstain from the very appearance of evil*"

#### How did these customs come to America?

In the 1800's between 1845 and 1850 there was a horrific famine in Ireland known as "The Great Potato Famine". During this time More than a million Irish lost their lives and more than one and a half million of them migrated to America, Britain and Australia bringing the customs and traditions of this ancient ritual with them.

#### "sah-ween"



Even the very name itself, "Halloween", carries a hidden message. Take a moment to consider the following. Halloween was a night in which the Druids and the Celts celebrated, gave honour to and sacrificed to The lord of the dead whose name was "sah-ween". Now lets look at the name Hallow-een'... The first part of the word is Hallo which in its best definition means to honour, to call Holy or

to bless in an act of worship. The second part of the word is Ween which is part of the name of the false god that the Druids worshipped. And of course we know that ALL false gods and the worship therof goes back to satan. So in summary, the name itself "Halloween" is no less than a blessing or worship of the name of a false god (satan).

#### " Thou shalt have no other gods before me " Exodus 20:3

Note: Depending upon your source of material, the Druid lord of death "Sah-ween" has also been translated Saman, Samana, Shamhain and Samhain.



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#### 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

#### HALLOWEEN AND THE OCCULT David J. Mever

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 horsedrawn 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. David J. Meyer

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#### **Unhallowed Halloween**

Pastor Dan Rodgers

**1. HALLOWEEN PROMOTES EVIL:** On Halloween night many little kids will be dressed up as...Witches, Demons, the Devil and Evil Spirits Let me tell you what the Bible has to say about witches and evil spirits, and then think about whether or not a parent should allow their children to wear one of these costumes. Ex. 22:18, "Thou shalt not suffer a Witch to live." Lev 20:6, "And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards...I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people" Lev 20:27, "A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them." My friend, you can be certain there were not many people in Bible times running around in witch's suits. We all remember the story of King Saul. King Saul sought the advice of a witch. As a result, God took his life and his kingdom. An organization called the "Pagan Federation" is claiming that TV programs like Buffy the Vampire Slaver and Sabrina the Teenage Witch and movies like Harry Potter have fueled a rapidly growing interest in witchcraft among children. The organization says it deals with an average of 100 inquires a month from youngsters who want to become witches, and claims it has occasionally been 'swamped' with calls. Many parents are duped into thinking Harry Potter is all just make-believe and innocent fun. Meanwhile, Christian parents who express their concern are viewed as "intolerant" or old fashioned. The Bible says, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11). Paul wrote, 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 Cor. 10:21). In Matthew 9, Satan is called the "Prince of Devils." In Luke chapter 4, demons are called "ministers of the devil." Satan and his demons have been, and always will be, the enemies of God; they are the enemies of the cross. The Bible says that one day God is going to cast them into a lake of fire: Rev 20:10. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." Satan and his demons are not make-believe-they are just as real as you and me. And let me add; they are out to influence every person they can, particularly children. Little kids are the most vulnerable because they are at the most impressionable time in their lives.

**II. HALLOWEEN GLORIFIES DARKNESS:** In Isaiah 9, darkness is used symbolically for ignorance and spiritual blindness. In Eph. 5:12, darkness is portraved as a covering for wicked works: "For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. Satan is called the ruler of the darkness: Eph. 6:12, For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Again, darkness pictures death. You will remember that God brought a plague of darkness over the land of Egypt--under the cover of darkness, the death angel took the life of every firstborn child in Egypt. When Jesus was crucified, the Bible says, "And from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour." Jesus entered into that "hellish" darkness for you and me. Darkness represents evil. We, as Christians have passed from the land of the shadows into the land of light: Matt. 4:16, "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." As Satan is called the ruler of the darkness, Jesus Christ is just the opposite of that: He is called "The Light of the World." Let me read to you a couple of verses: John 8:12, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saving, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." In Psa. 27:1, we read, "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear; He is the strength of my life, in whom shall I be afraid." And, finally, when the children of God begin to dwell in that eternal city the Bible says in Rev 22:5, "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

**III. HALLOWEEN INSULTS CHRIST:** Halloween and all that it represents, is a direct insult to Jesus Christ. Instead of celebrating the lord of the dead and dodging witch's tricks, we should be celebrating the Lord of Life. Instead of dragging chains and listening to the moaning of ghosts and evil spirits, we should be praising God thanking Jesus for His victory over death! Some years ago, I stood at the grave of one of my church members, Margaret Wade...this was the verse I read: I Cor. 15:55, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." My friend, there is no darkness in that verse; Christ gives victory over death! Christ has conquered death and the grave. He has provided salvation and hope. Jesus said, "I have come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly. Halloween promotes evil, Halloween glorifies darkness and Halloween insults Christ. Maybe I am speaking to someone who has been dabbling in certain areas of danger...Ouija boards, tarot cards, horoscopes, and so forth. Listen, no man can serve God and involve himself in that sort of thing. Paul wrote, 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 Cor. 10:21



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#### Halloween is in the Bible?

Halloween is the festival of the dead. After the flood of Noah the anniversary of the destruction of the earth became a type of Memorial Day. Originally to show respect to God, but then perverted by Satan to the worship of him as the god of the dead. We see it in its full form in Sodom. It is one of the reasons God destroyed Sodom. Most satanist celebrate this as their high holy day, and even offer up human sacrifices to the devil. and most Christians do not question this traditional celebration. The following is taken from the book of Jasher Note: Jasher is recommended reading by the Bible. see Joshua 10:13 and 2 Samuel 1:18. Jasher 18:11-13 In those days all the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, and of the whole five cities, were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord... 12 And they had in their land a very extensive valley, about half a day's walk, and in it were fountains of water and a great deal of herbage surrounding the water. 13 And all the people of Sodom and Gomorrah went there four times in the year, and with their wives and children and all belonging to them, and they rejoiced with timbrels and dances. The Hebrews went by a lunar calendar. The months started on the new moon, so most festivals were on the fifteenth, or on a full moon. God ordained, in Leviticus 23, the Feast of Tabernacles on the fifteenth of the seventh month. After the kingdom split into Judah and Israel, in order not to have Israel's money flowing into the southern kingdom of Judah (where God's holy temple was) Jeroboam instituted halloween (full moon of the eighth month, or October), in place of Tabernacles (full moon of September) In I Kings 12:28-32 After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt. One he set up in Bethel, and the other in Dan. And this thing became a sin; the people went even as far as Dan to worship the one there. He instituted a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the festival held in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. This he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves he had made. And at Bethel he also installed priests at the high places he had made. At this point there were the people and priests who worshipped Baal and the others who stayed loyal to The one true God. After the 10 tribes were freed from their captivity, they along with some of the Assyrians and possibly some Persians migrated to Europe and became know as the Celts. Some Celts settled in Britain, Ireland, and Scotland, were most of our information comes from concerning the Celtic priests called Druids. By the time the Gospel came to Britain, c. AD 40-60, the Druids that remained loyal to God immediately accepted Jesus as Messiah and as the fulfillment of their religion. From that time onward only the Pagans and their abominable practices remained. Most of the practices of Halloween come from the pagan side of the Druids, which in turn can be traced back to the worshipers of Baal and Ashtroreth, among the Israelites, Zidonians, Egyptians, and Philistines. Paul wrote his epistle 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 that he says: Galatians 4:8-11 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. It is interesting to note that these are the same people that Paul to saying... O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth If Paul was so shocked at the celebration of Halloween that he didn't know if they were truly Christian, should we be practicing it?

Most of the information above was taken from "Halloween is in the Bible?" by Dr. Kenneth Johnson

# 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." 1Th 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." Deut 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," 2Co 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." Deut 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." 1Co 10:18-21

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"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." Lev 20:6-7

"Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreemen; 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

When a man who is honestly mistaken hears the truth... he will either quit being mistaken or cease to be honest Page 8

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# The Great Deception













A wise man once said..."What one generation tolerates the next generation accepts." The truth of the matter is that the celebration of halloween is so widely accepted by Christian and non-Christian alike because our nation has been fed "candy coated" witchcraft to the point where we are so spiritually blind that we cant see the evil that sets right before our eyes. It stands to reason that the more you feed upon the things of the devil the easier it gets to swallow the things that he serves up. The Bible plainly teaches us to beware of "wolves in sheep's clothing" and to watch out for "the little foxes" for when evil is clothed in the disguise of that which looks fun and harmless that is when it is most deadly. That which our forefathers would have never allowed was then tolerated by the generations that followed and now the generation of today simply accepts the deception of the devil. Through television as children we were taught that there was a good side of evil. With programs like "Bewitched" and "I Dream Of Jeannie" we were taught these lies of the devil. Cartoons made it even easier to reach the minds of our children seducing a generation with *doctrines of devils* and the occult through cartoons such as Scooby Doo, Casper The Friendly Ghost, The Smurfs and dare we leave out Barney and his bag of magic just too name a few. Little by little the seeds of the occult and Satanism has been planted in the minds of a generation that now thinks that you can play with fire and not get burnt and will even go as far to accept something as wicked as Harry Potter. And as if television and movies weren't enough the devil leaves no stone unturned he uses advertisements, toys, books and even and characters on boxes of cereal to reach the young minds of America. Let me ask you a question....when you were a child and you sat down at the table to eat a bowl of cereal what did you do while you sat there? Most of us would say we spent some of that time *looking at the box*. Even as adults most of us still do that! Now look at some of the more popular cereals...Lucky Charms, Count Chocula, Boo Berry, Franken Berry...no I mean REALLY LOOK. Now I know just mentioning this will cause some Christians to roll their eyes at me BUT in doing so you only help me to prove my point. What does all of this have to do with halloween? More than you think. The callusing of our hearts and minds to the occult through the few things that I have made mention of in this article and trust me there are many many more has conditioned our society to the place where they cannot even recognized satan for the deceiver that he is. Saddest of all is "the church", it is one thing to see the world deceived by this and taking part in this darkness but the church follows right along with them. Allowing their children to feed upon the things of the occult, taking part in halloween which is no more than a satanic ritual. Having fall festivals, hallelujah parties and more, trying to make holy that which stinks in the nostrils of God. We as the body of Christ should be praying and coming against the forces of wickedness in high places and taking a stand against that which is unholy and demonic instead of stumbling around spiritually blind playing with the things of the devil. I pray that something that you read in this article or this newsletter will help to open your eyes to the tricks and deception of the devil and cause you to stop, think and consider what this celebration is all about.

Rev. Billy R. Douglas

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#### Halloween: An Invitation to the Occult? Chuck Missler

This is always a difficult time for Christians, especially those with children. It has been suggested that for a Christian to be asked to celebrate Halloween is like asking a Holocaust survivor to celebrate Hitler's birthday! It is also a dangerous time for some, since many of the seemingly "harmless" involvements associated with Halloween can also be "entries" for the occult, and can prove very tragic for the unwary The Occult is Increasingly Popular Halloween is, for many, a "crossover" involvement in which innocent games can lead to serious entanglement with real witches, neo-pagans, New Agers, and other occultists. A common pastime is the use of a Ouija board to attempt to contact ghosts or spirits that are believed to be roaming about. This can lead to serious consequences including demon possession. Demons have a vested interest in Halloween because it supports the occult, and it also offers novel and unexpected opportunities to control and influence people. Forms of the occult can include mediums, channelers, clairvoyants, psychics, spiritists, diviners, mystics, gurus, shamans, psychical researchers, Yogis, psychic and holistic healers, astral travel, astrology, mysticism, Ouija boards, Tarot cards, contact with the dead, UFOs, and thousands of other practices which almost defy cataloging. Occultism includes Satanism, astrology, Kabbalah, Gnosticism, theosophy, witchcraft and many forms of serious magic. It includes activities seeking the acquisition of "hidden" things-which are expressly forbidden by God in the Bible. Halloween practices can open the door to the occult and can introduce forces into people's lives that they are not equipped to combat. There is genuine power in the occult, but it is demonic power. Any serious study of Biblical demonology will reveal Satan as the power behind false religion, witchcraft, idolatry and the occult. The Word of God makes it clear that these are all to be shunned as dangerous. There were many superstitions and false concepts in ancient Israel about which the Bible is silent. However, occultism, in any form, was punishable by death! Why? The spiritual power and reality behind idols involves demons. The Bible commands us to shun occult practices. Mediums and spiritists are expressly prohibited. Nowhere are such practices acceptable. Intellect alone is insufficient. "If it were possible, it would deceive the very elect."

#### Halloween Sacrifices

"This lady in a black robe came forward with a little baby and at first I didn't realize that it was a real baby, and she just laid it on the altar. It was breathing but it wasn't crying. And the high priest just took the athame, or the ceremonial dagger and just cut the baby's throat and caught the blood in a chalice. At that point I was staggering, reeling. I thought I was going to throw up. I just couldn't believe it but by then I was so scared that I just stood there and then when I was led forward I thought that this is it, its your turn, they're going to kill you. And, and I was lifted up onto the altar and I, at that time was still in white. It was part of a sacrifice known as the sacrifice of the white virgin. And the same blood that had come from the baby was daubed all over my body. Then the High Priest raped me. And I think at that moment I was just, the fact that I was still alive went through my mind. I was still alive! I then had to sign, in blood, a parchment stating that I would never ever reveal what had happened in the coven and if I did I would die." *Audrey Harper/Former Satanist author of the book "Dance With The Devil"* 

"Are human beings being sacrificed? YES! They are! There are a lot of things that I would look for to make a determination on a ritualistic crime. It could be marks that are found at the scene. Maybe things like a pentagram. It may be an upside down cross, the number 666, loss of blood in the body, certain parts removed in a certain manner. Their victims? Some are targeted for specific reasons. One: because they wouldn't join. Two: because they did join and they want to drop out. Some of their victims are themselves. They voluntarily do it." *Detective Kurt Jackson, Beaumont Police* 

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

**Reprove Them - To Avoid Them Is Not Enough** 



#### **THE TRUMPET**

### "When you sup with the devil, use a long spoon." by Bill Schnoebelen

An old proverb says, "When you sup with the devil, use a long spoon." Presumably, NO genuine Christian would want to sup with the devil at all and yet many may be doing so in ignorance. As a former Wicca high priest now saved by Jesus, I was astonished by how many Christians let their kids celebrate Halloween. Some churches even sponsor "haunted houses" and similar events on what is the Number One satanic "helliday" of the year. Halloween used to be called Samhain, and is still celebrated as an ancient pagan festival of the dead by witches all over the world. Unfortunately, just giving the date a "holy" name like All Hallows' Eve or All Saints' Eve cannot change its grisly character. Halloween is an occasion when the ancient gods (actually demons) are worshiped with human sacrifice. The apostle Paul warns us: "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" (1 Cor. 10:20). If you are a Christian parent, God has given you a precious responsibility in your children. Remember, their ability to resist spiritual wickedness is much less than yours. If you allow your children to participate in Halloween (Trick or Treating, costume parties, etc.) you are allowing them to play on "the devil's turf," and Satan will definitely press his home court advantage. You are opening up doorways into their young lives for evil by bringing them into a kind of fellowship with these ancient "gods." We are commanded not to become involved with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). Both from my experience as a witch, and since getting saved, as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, I have seen far too many examples of how breaking this command works out in lives. Remember, while we have God's promise of protection for ourselves and our children, that promise may not hold if we allow our children to celebrate this dark holiday. Case after case has come to us of children in rebellion. In many of these families, the problem can be traced back to the children being exposed to Halloween at a young age. It is hard enough to raise children these days in a Godly way without exposing them to Satan's realm.

# Witchcraft Sister Nancy Willis

#### WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POW-ERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD, AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKED-NESS IN HIGH PLACES. EPHESIANS 6: 12

As I write my article this month I can feel a heaviness. A spiritual struggle. We all know it's almost halloween. To me it seems like there is more of a struggle than usual. When I was in the store the other day and they had halloween music playing, they had their halloween costumes. I thought well I would avoid all that, I would just go down another aisle instead. But you see you can't just avoid it, because it's here. So many times I think a lot of what's wrong with the world, is that Christians just turn their heads. We think if we ignore something it will just go away. Well, sorry folks. but it wont. We don't even realize it's in our homes, I can remember coming home one day and as I came through my door. it was like I ran into a brick wall. I looked at my husband and said there's a spirit of witchcraft in here, Now he looked at me like I fell out of a well, but I knew what I felt. and it was strong. The next day I over heard my kids talking about a game they was playing in our basement, and this game after you was finish you was suppose to be able to stay lifted in the air, with nothing or anyone holding you. just mid air. WELL needless to say here was where the witchcraft spirit had came from. Just a simple game. We don't realize that this is how the enemy attacks us he's not gonna just come in and say let's have a séance. he knows we would recognize that. But he sneaks in , through things that would seem harmless. through games, movies, etc. 1 SAMUEL 15; 23, FOR REBELLION IS AS THE SIN OF WITCHCRAFT. Are you having a problem with your kids being rebellion. maybe you need to take a look at what kind of games they are playing, or what their watching, or maybe even who their friends are. PARENTS THIS ALSO APPLIES TO YOU!

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### THE TRUTH FROM WITHIN

" On Halloween night my fellow Wiccans and I would call up dead spirits such as George Washington, King Arthur, Aleister Crowly (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" 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)

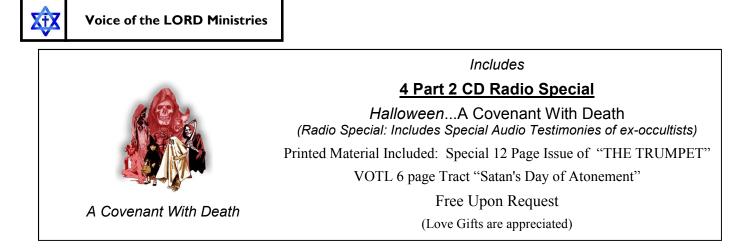
"It makes me sick that the Church of Jesus Christ would take part in this horrible, demonic event that is happening all over the world. Christians should stand against Halloween! Christian churches shouldn't be having Halloween parties (fall festivals), they should ban together as brothers and sisters 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. <u>It is our holiday</u>, 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 Alexanderian Wiccan witch

> And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32



#### halloween; ??

**The Burns Encyclopedia;** All Hallows E'en, the last day of October, and a night when witches and warlocks were supposed to reign in Scotland

**The Columbia Encyclopedia;** the beginning of winter and the Celtic new year. Witches and other evil spirits were believed to roam the earth on this evening, playing tricks on human beings to mark the season of diminishing sunlight. Bonfires were lit, offerings were made of dainty foods and sweets, and people would disguise themselves as one of the roaming spirits, to avoid demonic persecution. Survivals of these early practices can be found in countries of Celtic influence today, such as the United States where children go from door to door in costumes demanding "trick or treat."

**Funk and Wagnall Encyclopedia**; the evening of October 31st, preceding the Christian festival of Hallowmas, all Hallows, or All Saint's Day. The observances connected with Halloween are believed to have originated among the ancient Druids, who believed that on the evening, Saman, the Lord of the dead; called forth hosts of evil spirits. The Druids customarily lit great fires on Halloween, apparently for the purpose of warding off these spirits.

**The World Book Encyclopedia;** "Halloween is developed from ancient New Year festivals and festivals of the dead. The Celtic festival of Samhain is probably the source of present day Halloween. Their new year began on November 1st. A festival that began on the previous evening honored Samhain, the Celtic lord of death.

# Special Thanks

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