Bible Facts Concerning Halloween



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With the loving approval of their parents, children dress up in weird costumes and play pranks on Halloween night--little realizing that for a few thousand years this one evening in the year has been specially dedicated by spirit mediums and witches to the worship of Satan. It is a festival which no one—child or adult—should have anything to do with. We need to better understand the origins of Halloween and its dangers. Let us take a closer look at Satan's **High Dark Day... HALLOWEEN...**



October 31st is Halloween, a day promoted as a time for children to dress up and eat too much candy. It is a day of celebration whose sinister background people ignore, or plod through ignorantly. It is a celebration which many churches view, properly, as wrong, but promote nonetheless by featuring alternative Halloween activities. They are fooling themselves if they think they can redeem Halloween by offering so-called "Christian alternatives." You cannot rehabilitate darkness simply by changing the name of the party. Many people call Sunday the Lord's Day but does that make it so? No. "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). Sounds a bit like 'trick or treat' doesn't it?!

Are you aware that Halloween has become the second most celebrated holiday behind Christmas? That should startle you. Both holidays have pagan origins, with Halloween, now more than ever, being thought of and celebrated as a Christian holiday. The adversary wants us to believe that these days are Christian holy days but they are *his holy days*. Just as Sunday, the first day of the week, is Satan's weekly Sabbath day... Halloween is his great 'Sabbat'... or Sabbath holiday... his *High Dark Day*!

"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). Bible prophecy is very clear that we are living in the 'latter times' and this warning from Paul is now a reality. It is an unfortunate fact that many today consider Halloween to be of such great a time to celebrate that it has almost surpassed Christmas as the nation's #1 holiday. Amazing really.

This is yet another sign that Satan is hard at work deceiving even professed Christians into thinking all is well. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). All is not well and Satan is gorging himself on careless Christians! "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" (Galatians 4:8-10).

In this tract we are going to take a look at the truth concerning this supposed harmless holiday: Halloween, the celebration of the dead... the Devil's Great Holiday, his High Dark Day!

Satan has a counterfeit for most everything pertaining to God and it is no different when it comes to 'holy days,' or 'holidays!' To begin with, all of Satan's counterfeits have pagan origins. According to Webster, 'Pagan' means: *Heathen; heathenish; Gentile; noting a person who worships false gods.* It makes sense then that Halloween has pagan origins since it is based on the worship of false gods with Satan as the supreme false god. Just where does Halloween originate? It is a cardinal day for the pagan. The pagan year has *four* cardinal days, or periods, for great pomp and celebration; *fall; midwinter; spring; and midsummer*.

<u>The Winter Solstice</u> is the day, or period of days, in winter when the days are shortest and the nights longest. The pagan Romans called this celebration *Saturnalia*, in honor of their god Saturn, and the festival lasted from the 17th to the 24th of December, with gifts exchanged, especially on the last two days. Then, on the 25th, they celebrated *"The Birth of the Unconquerable Sun,"* as the days began to lengthen and the sun began to regain its dominance. It has been generally believed among pagans that the sun dies during winter solstice, and then rises from death. This is Sun worship; the sun being a false god. **This day is now called Christmas!** It surprises many to find that Christmas has such





pagan origins. The Papal Church of Rome was evangelizing pagans into the church by promoting '*Christ-Mass;*' a special mass in honor of Christ, which by design was celebrated the same day as the Pagan's *Birth of the Unconquerable Sun*—December 25th. But instead of converting these pagans into Christians as was the plan, the pagan rituals and holidays were instead brought into the church. This evangelization attempt by the Papal Church produced a mixture of truth with error causing the church to fall into apostasy. The Bible describes this mixture as the "wine of Babylon!" Revelation 18 tells

us about spiritual Babylon. "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:1-5).

The name "Babylon" symbolizes a once pure (without spot) church that has fallen into apostasy (corrupted with error). Any Christian church that keeps pagan holidays is fallen and a part of spiritual *Babylon*. We are to honor God's holy days not the Devil's holy days! God says to remove yourself from a church that keeps such pagan holidays—they are 'Babylon!'

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<u>The Vernal Equinox</u> is the day, or period of days, in spring when the days and nights are again of approximately equal length. This is the pagan time of celebrating new life, the resurrection of nature from the dead, and it has typically featured fertility rites, merrymaking, and usually centers around orgiastic sexual activities. Eggs, as symbols of fertility and new life, have always been featured in such pagan festivals, as have rabbits. **This is known today as Easter**.

<u>The Summer Solstice</u> is the day, or period of days, in midsummer when the length of day is greatest and night is shortest. The shortest night (usually around June 21st) was known in Britain as Midsummer Night, and was a time of great revelry, drunkenness and sexual abandon. The Druids celebrated this day at Stonehenge.

<u>The Autumnal Equinox</u> is the day, or period of days, in the Autumn when the days and nights are of approximately the same length. This is generally the pagan's time of celebrating harvest, but the main emphasis is on the dying of nature and death. This is known to us as Halloween... the *'celebration of the dead*.'

There are, of course, many other times of pagan celebration in the year; but all exist against the backdrop of these *four most-significant times*.

Some of this may be new to you and it may even anger you to know these things, but I don't want you to be deceived by Satan ("Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" Galatians 4:16). Jesus says that we are not to hide the light under a basket but to let it shine for all to see! Notice what the apostle Paul tells us... "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret" (Ephesians 5:6-12). Christians are not to fellowship in this holiday to Satan at all, we are to reprove it!

This is from the internet web site "The Witches Web"... "Our modern celebration of Halloween is a descendent of the ancient Celtic festival called "Samhain" meaning Summer's End. To Witches, Samhain is one of the four High Holidays, or Greater Sabbats. Because it is the most important holiday of the year, it is sometimes called 'THE' Great Sabbat. Pagans consider Samhain the most magical night of the year. It is upon this night, that the veil which separates our world from the Other world is at its thinnest, making it a Night of Power. As Witches, we observe this day as a religious festival."









What does the bible tell us concerning witches and those who profess to speak to the dead? "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. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire [Fire was worshipped as a god and people burned their children in homage to the fire god Molech], or that useth divination [predicting the future by casting lots], or an observer of times [one who predicts the future from the aspects of the planets, eclipses, motion of the clouds, etc... astrology is an example], or an enchanter [one who made predictions based upon the entrails of beasts, the flight of birds, the

action of serpents and such], or a witch [one who uses drugs, perfumes, plants, etc... to cast spells—witchcraft!], Or a charmer [one who wore magic cords as a spell or tied knots to predict the future], or a consulter with familiar spirits [a spiritual medium or one who channels spirits], or a wizard [a male witch or conjurer], or a necromancer [a consulter of the dead]. 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. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God" (Deuteronomy 18:9-13).



Does God take the Devil's dark holiday seriously? This is a religious festival that worships Satan and his fallen demon angels! It's an abomination to God. The God who said *"For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD"* also said *"Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live"* (Exodus 22:18). We are no longer a theocracy (government under the immediate direction of God) so the Lord does not require His people to put witches to death, but we can see that God considers such as pure evil and we must remove ourselves from it. God does not change friends. His character is immortal and is represented by two tables of stone that contain His commandments written on them by His own finger (See Exodus 20)! *"For I am the Lord, I change not..."* (Malachi 3:6).



This web site goes on to say, "Samhain is known as "The Feast of the Dead," for it was believed that at this time the dead could return to the land of the living to celebrate with their family, tribe, or clan. The great burial cairns of Ireland were opened up with lighted torches lining the walls, so the dead could find their way. Extra places were set at the table and food set out for any who had died that year. It is still customary to set an extra place at your supper table on Samhain Eve in honor of the departed." My friends, this is straight from the mouth of a witch! Halloween is their most sacred holy day. Do you really believe that there is no harm in any of this? "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away" (Proverbs 4:14-15).

One of the greatest of all deceptions is that the soul is immortal, which plays right into Halloween. This is the belief that we have a soul that lives forever even after our body dies. But the bible says that *"the soul that sinneth, it shall <u>die"</u> (Ezekiel 18:4) and also that <i>"the living know that they shall die: but the dead <u>know not any thing</u>, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten" (Ecclesiastes 9:5). These dear people who celebrate <i>'All Hallows Eve'* (Halloween) have been deceived and are worshipping the father of lies, thinking that they are celebrating with departed loved ones.





Everything associated with this satanic holiday today is symbolic of a pagan ritual. The customs of Halloween today are traced to the Druid festival of the dead. Druids were the priestly, learned class among the Celts, a people of ancient Europe. The Druids were judges and lawmakers as well as priests. They led religious ceremonies, settled legal disputes, and served as leaders and advisers to their people. Druidism, the religion of the Druids, involved the worship of many false gods. The Druids regarded mistletoe and oak as sacred. They believed the soul was immortal and entered a new body after death. The Druids killed animals *and* people as sacrifices. They studied the flights of birds and the remains of sacrificed animals to foretell the future. They weren't

Christians by any stretch of the imagination. They worshipped the devil—Satan! It was during the time of the druids that the Roman Pantheon was built by Emperor Hadrian in 100 A.D. as a temple to the goddess Cybele

and other Roman deities. It became the principle place of worship. Roman pagans prayed for the dead (as do their 'religious' descendents—Roman Catholics—today). Rome was captured and the Pantheon fell into disrepair. Emperor Phocas captured Rome and gave the Pantheon to Pope Boniface IV in 609 A.D.. He re-consecrated it to the Virgin Mary and resumed using the temple to pray for the dead. In 834 A.D. Gregory IV extended the feast for all the church and it became known as '*All Saint's Day*,' which is celebrated on November 1st, and it still involves honoring the dead... 'saints' in this case.



The Bible makes it very clear that Mary, like all other dead saints, are in the grave awaiting the second coming of Jesus and the first resurrection. The same is true for the apostles, king David, Joseph, Adam & Eve... they are all resting in the grave! Notice what the Bible says about this: "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit [breath] shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:7). "As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come" (Job 14:11-14).

The heavens are still with us my friends, this means that *all* who have died are still asleep in the grave (except those who the Bible says were specially resurrected by Jesus such as Moses, and those who rose with Him *after* the crucifixion). Job also says here that he is waiting for his appointed time; the second coming of Christ when all the righteous who sleep in the grave will be awakened and receive their change. Their change is a glorified body like Adam had when first created! There is only one thing you take with you to the grave when you die and that is your character traits—they are stored by God until the resurrection. Now is the time to perfect our character—by God's grace, for only perfect characters will be in heaven.

Druids believed that souls of the dead returned to their former homes to be entertained by the living. Fires were built atop hills so they might find their way. Suitable food and shelter was provided for these 'spirits' or else they would cast spells, cause havoc, steal infants, destroy crops, kill farm animals and create terror as they haunted the living. This is the action that '*Trick-or-Treat*' emulates today. Druids would dress in a hooded



robe and would sling over their shoulder, on a cord, a large, hallowed-out turnip with an oil lamp burning inside. Carved into the side of the hollow turnip is as a face, the likeness of the demon spirit that dwells inside. This spirit is the Druid's spirit guide, his personal little god, who directs and empowers his life. These Druids would take their "Jack of the Lantern" and go door to door asking for treats and sometimes that treat was your virgin daughter! If you gave into their demands, they would leave that "Jack of the Lantern" on your doorstep to let the spirits know that you were in favor

with them. Then they would sacrifice your daughter to their gods. Today, the widespread problem of harmful substances such as razor blades, drugs, poisons, needles, etc. being placed in the Halloween treats is no accident. Testimonies of several ex-Satanists show that children killed and injured by the *"treats"* are sacrifices to Satan (or Samhain). There are Satanists today who claim that human sacrifices still continue on Halloween.

"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 10:20-21). Many today are 'spiritually sacrificing' their children to the devil, especially on his dark day. The devil is using movies and books such as 'Harry Potter' to train your children in the occult. This is extremely dangerous and invites Satan into your home. In order for us to remain safe, we must trust and obey God. "But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil" (Proverbs 1:33).

When the Celtics immigrated to the New World they found pumpkins much easier to hollow out and carve than turnips. Among the English-speaking Celts the hollowed turnip or pumpkin was known as "Jock (or Jack) of the Lantern" referring to the spirit guide (Jock or Jack) who lived in them. When you carve an evil face into a pumpkin you are inviting the presence of the demon spirit 'Jock.' God says, "Regard not them that have



familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 19:31).



The wearing of masks and costumes also came from the Druids. During this night of rituals they sacrificed animals and sometimes humans. Often they wore the skins of these animals. Dressed in this way, they would engage in fortune telling. Villagers also dressed in hideous masks and costumes in an effort to disguise themselves from the spirits. These villagers would also go door to door, '*trick or treating*', in an effort to get food for they were a starving people. The bible is clear concerning what our behavior is to be when it says "*Abstain from all appearance of evil*" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). This includes the wearing of costumes to deceive!

But surely <u>bobbing for apples</u> is a harmless 'game' that has nothing to do with this day of Satan. Since Samhain was the beginning of the new year, much divining was done concerning the coming year, and many

things were done to invoke "good luck" (which meant finding favor with the evil spirits) for the coming year. A very popular form of this was to kneel around a tub of water with apples floating in it, and the first one who could get one out without using hands or teeth would have good favor with the spirits in the coming year. Then each would peel his or her apple, trying to get the peel off in one piece, which gave the peeling particular power, and gained special favor with the spirits. This was also a



form of baptizing a witch into the coven. How many of you or your children have been 'baptized into a witches coven?' "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6).



During these nights of human and animal sacrifices the Druids would throw the remains of the bodies into the huge fire that had been lit on the top of the hill. The next morning all that was left were the ashes and bones. Now called 'bonfires', these fires were originally referred to as *"bonefires."* Dear friends, do not give Satan an entrance into your home by doing these seemingly harmless rituals. There is nothing harmless about them. The Bible says in Deuteronomy 7:26: *"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."

Through the ages, Halloween has gone by various names but all have been tributes to the same evil agent known as Satan. It is Satan's most holy day and we are to protest, rebuke, and abhor it. Satan is using everything he can to prepare the world for the final battle between his people and the true people of God. Satan has many people on his side that don't even know it. You may say, "I am on the Lord's side, not on Satan's side." Are you sure? Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matthew 12:30). If you are with the Lord you will have nothing to do with the powers of darkness or their 'holy' days. It is a question of loyalty friends. Who are you loyal to? The last great test for mankind is the same test we had at the beginning of mankind, one of loyalty, and we need to be preparing ourselves for this test.

"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15). The day you worship on shows who you are loyal to. The days that you keep holy shows who you are loyal to. You are either loyal to God or to His adversary. "Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:14, 15). Who will you choose to serve?

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