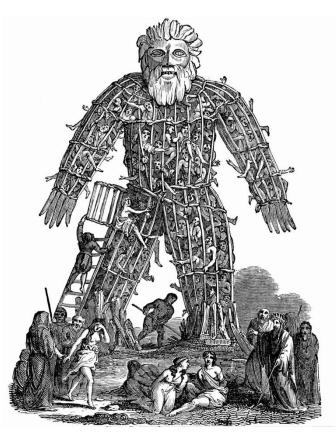
HALLOWEEN

The origin of halloween dates back to over 2,000 years before the time of Christ. It was practiced by the ancient druids in Britain, France, Germany, and the Celtic (Irish, Scottish, Welsh) countries. The celebration was held to honor their god Samhain (sow-en) **or Saman, the lord of the dead** when they called forth a host of evil spirits.



It was turning cold and things were dying – decaying and it was also the beginning of the Celtic new year. **Long nights and early dark.** Their belief was that turning points (like the time between one day and another; the meeting of shore and sea; and the turning of one year to the next) were considered as magical times. The change from one year to another was especially potent. In order to have order and structure, they also believed there had to be a time when chaos reigned. The time between October 31 to November 2nd was considered as a time of "no time." They felt that the veil between the two worlds was the thinnest at this time and the living could communicate with the dead who were in the eternal land of youth and happiness called **"Tir nan Og."**

When the potato crop failed in Ireland, many of the Irish people immigrated to America bringing their folk practices with them. For the druids, Samhain was both `the end of summer`and the `festival of the dead.` Divination and auguries (1.the art or practice of an augur; divination. 2. the rite or ceremony of an augur.) for the new year were practiced at Samhain. The Druids were the pagan priests of the early Celtic religion. Druids are mentioned by name in thirty references in Greek and Roman writers between the second century BC and the fourth century AD. They were a barbaric order and were dreaded for their power and blood-thirstiness. "They were directly concerned with animal and human sacrifices.." - Richard Cavendish "Man, Myth, and Magic" p. 719



"And indeed their altars streamed with the blood of human victims. Holocausts of men, women, and children, enclosed in large towers of wickerwork, were sometimes sacrificed as burnt offerings to their superstition, which were, at the same time, intended to enhance the consideration of the priests, who were an ambitious race delighting in blood." - Lady Queensborough ''Occult Theocracy'' p. 102

"It was believed and taught by druids that on October 31st, Samhain called together all the wicked souls that had died within the past twelve months. These

departed souls would allegedly have been condemed to inhabit the bodies of animals (hence the origin of animal sacrifice to free them).

These souls of the dead demanded to be placated by the living through provision of acceptable food, shelter and sacrifice. If adequate food, shelter and sacrifice were not provided, these evil spirits would cast spells, cause havoc and terror, and haunt and torment the living.



Druids believed human sacrifice offered the ultimate appeasement of Samhain.

After the human sacrifice, a large pumpkin was hallowed out, with the smiling face of Samhain carved into it, and a candle of human tallow was placed inside." - Gene Aven "Halloween"

Human tallow – beef or fat

Irene Park, a former witch, has explained some of the practices of the druids:

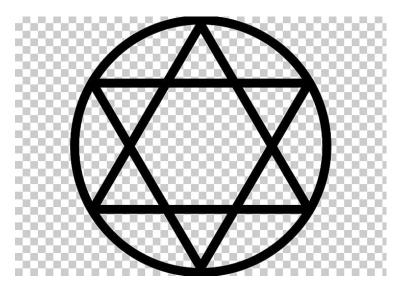
Trick or Treat: "The Druids in Ireland would go through the neighbourhoods and countryside on the eve of October 31 to collect offerings for satan. They would carry lanterns, bags for money, and canes with very sharp points on the ends (currently known as leprechaun staffs, good luck horns, or fairies`wands). At each house they would demand a specific amount. If the house would not give the offering(penance or treat), the Druid would use his cane to castrate the male human or one of their prize animals." - **Irene Park**

These magical practices concerned such questions as who would die during the next year, the identity of future marriage partners and the chances of good fortune. It was also an occasion when fairies, witches and goblins terrified the populace. - **Encyclopedia Britannica**

This definition from the Encyclopedia Britannica goes on to state that halloween is the most important of all the witch's sabbaths.

"Halloween... is derived from the rites of the druids celebrating the day of Saman, when the lord of death called together the souls of the wicked who had died during the past year." - Collier`s encyclopedia Vol. 12 (New York, Macmillan, 1991. P. 192)

For the ancient Celts it (Halloween) was the old year's night, and the night of all the witches." - Leslie Dunkling ''A Dictionary of Days'' New York; Facts on File, 1988, p. 54



HEX - If a sacrifice was not willingly provided, the home was cursed by placing a six-pointed star enclosed in a circle upon the door. An evil spirit would make this his point of entrance to take the victim`s life. This drawing of the hexagram is where we get our phrase "putting a hex on someone" has come from.



The townspeople tried many things to protect themselves from the "living dead." They began dressing up in ways that they would look like the wicked spirits in order to "trick" them into believing that they were the same. They also were able to enlarge their empty cupboards with food for the winter.

Bonfires: bonfire" is derived from the fact that bonfires were originally fires in which bones were burned. Smitty Maxim Bonfires were lit to ward off the evil spirits and food was set out to appease Samhain and his evil spirits. The Celtic tradition of lighting fires on Halloween survived until modern times in Scotland and Wales. The Druids customarily lit great fires on Halloween, apparently for the purpose of warding off all these evil spirits. Bonfires stem from the Druidic ritual midnight practices in which adults and children were thrown into huge fires while the celebrants danced around them in demonic fits.

APPLES - Among the ancient Celts, Halloween was the last evening of the year and was regarded as a propituous time for examining the portents of the future. The Celts also believed that the spirits of the dead revisited their earthly homes on that evening. After the Romans conquered Britain, they added Halloween features of the Roman harvest festival held on November 1 in honour of Pomona, goddess of the fruits of the trees. In and around 43 AD., the Romans added a ceremony honouring their goddess of fruit and trees, thus came the association with apples and bobbing for them. The Celtics practiced ducking for apples. The first one to bite into the apple was an indication through divination that they would be married first in the coming year. Apple peeling was used to see how long your life would be. The longer the unbroken apple peel, the longer your life would be. This again was a divination practice.



The *"Jack-O-Lantern"* was the ancient symbol of a damned soul. The name was derived from a man named Jack who was believed to be wandering to find a place a place of rest. He is wandering in darkness with his lantern until Judgement Day. Since there was much superstition, the people would carve out pumpkins or turnips and place candles in them to ward off the evil spirits.

Black Cats – were regarded by the Druids as humans changed into animals by evil power.

Costumes - *Satanic groups pray that evil spirits will possess the commercially sold costumes.* Modern witchcraft in North America and Europe has its ancestry directly rooted in ancient Druid rituals. There has been increasing occurrences of animal mutilations, sacrifices as well as human sacrifices in recent years. Many corpses have been found just prior to Halloween that have had their organs removed in precise manners.

A pastor from a third world country visited a pastor and his church here in the US. The US pastor took the visiting pastor to a Wal-Mart to pick up a few things and this was during the Halloween season--Well the foreign pastor told the American Pastor he could see the demonic spirits coming out of the Halloween stuff on display....did you know that evil spirits attach themselves to things like pagan idols; Ouija boards; pagan objects from eastern cultures--

http://www.evangelicaloutreach.org/ouija2.htm

Sacrifice - Glenn Hobbs, a former Satanist, said that children all over the world are sacrificed on Halloween night during Satanic rituals. He witnessed child-sacrifice as a boy.

Investigations into missing persons(50,000/yr in the USA and 20,000/yr in Canada) are now reaching increasing conclusions that there is a definite link to withcraft and satanism. Many criminals who were involved in terrible slayings are publically admitting to their involvement in Satanism (son of Sam, Charles Manson etc..). Detective Kurt Jackson, of the Beaumont Police Department in the United States, confirms that humans are sacrificed every year on Halloween.

Witchcraft - definition :

Popularly believed to be the practice of black magic. Witches are known today as followers of Wicca, a pagan nature religion with roots in pre- <u>Christian</u> western <u>Europe</u>. Wicca is now undergoing a revival, especially in the United States and Great <u>Britain</u>.

<u>Rev.:21:8</u> – But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

POPE – November 2013 -Francis visited a cemetery in Rome last Friday in observance of the Roman Catholic holiday All Saints' Day to pray for the dead and bless the graves of the departed.

The occasion marked 20 years since a pope had visited a Roman cemetery for All Saints' Day, and according to reports, Francis states that he plans to make his visit a tradition during his tenure.

He celebrated mass on Friday morning, delivering a message to all gathered, and asking the dead saints to pray for those who remain.

"The saints who stand before the face of the Lord, pray for us, for this our city, and for the whole world, that everywhere the peace of Christ may shine brightly," he said. "He is our peace and eternal life." Christian News Net 2013

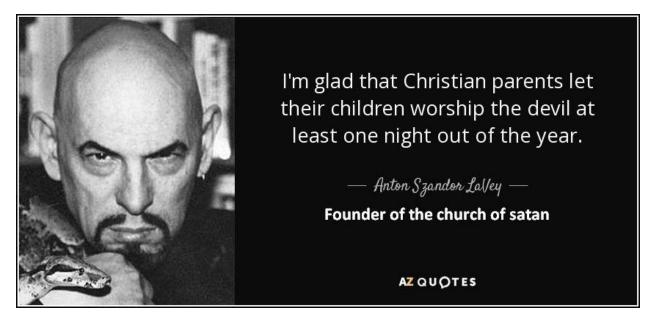
So many think horror movies, making jokes about Jesus, urinating on a Holy Bible is just something that's funny. Or finding para-normal shows are just something interesting and the concept of witches are just make believe. I am a former satanist and psychic. What so many think is just for fun or laughter is actually something most don't want to dare think about. That is, just because you can't see there is a spirit there encouraging you to do evil deeds, doesn't mean they're not there. For so many years I hated Christians and mocked Christians because of their ignorance. Because they did or said things that were because they were influenced by a spirit. Most of the time it deeply shocked me, that right in front of a person's face could be a spirit influencing them to do something but they just can't see it. A good example is Halloween, it is based on the occult beliefs but when you hear this you are claiming you would never partake in this. But what if I told you that using the word occultism is a nice way to sugar coat evil. See most people are not at all concerned or scared of the word occultism because you think of Mormons or Jehovah's witness, so you aren't scared at all. But what if I told you that partaking in Halloween you are coming in agreement with those that are seeking to communicate with some of the most wicked and powerful spirits there are. See Halloween is best described as being anti-freeze which will kill you. But even though it will kill you, so many by all appearances and animals will take that risk of just tasting it. Even though its deadly, will still taste it because it is beautiful, smells great and looks great but in a matter of a short time it kills animals and humans. See when you come in agreement with anyone who is dabbling in very dark and evil practices, remember in the spirit you are linked to ALL their curses, if you partake in their evil. So please don't be surprised if all of a sudden mental illnesses, poverty, lack, accidents or tragedies just seem to be over taking you. satan and all his demons appear so friendly and so nice but when will you guit making evil like so sweet and innocent. Tim Thompson

Horror Movies & Spook houses

A guy on facebook saying that I'm mocking the innocent intentions of children and some adults.

Matt.:18:6 - But whoso shall offend (hurt) one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Every custom associated with modern day Halloween celebrations has its roots in ancient demonology and witchcraft. HALLOWEEN IS NOT A TIME OF FUN AND GAMES. It is the high holy day of the occult world. –Smitty Maxim



"I'm glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil at least one night out of the year." Anton LaVey – Founder of the Church of satan

I Thess.: 5:22_ - Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Eph.:5:11-12 – 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.

Deut.:18:10-14 - abomination - stop it!!!

<u>I Peter 1:14-16</u> – Live Holy

What can you do? Pray and pass out tracts – do not participate.