

Halloween



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Introduction

Halloween is also known as Samhain, Shadowfest [Strega], Martinmas [Celtic and Scottish].

Many "religions" have ceremonies relating to Halloween. The Druidic and Shamanic roots are seen today in Pagans, Wiccans, Satanists, and New Age believers.

Pagans [Wiccans], Satanists, and various other occultic religions all celebrate what was originally a Druidic or Shamanistic festival on this day.

Druidism was the religion of the Celtic people, which was administered by priests and priestesses called Druids.



To understand Halloween, you have to understand the Ancient religion of the Druids. You have to understand Earth Worship or Paganism. Today, Pagans call themselves Wiccans. Wiccans are witches who worship nature. Plain and simply stated ... this is idol worship.

To pray against Halloween, you have to find the root of Halloween, which is in Druidism. Therefore, understanding Druids and the ancient religion they practiced, is to understand Halloween and what you are battling against.

So, without further ado ... here is a quick overview of the history of the Druids and their celebrations so that you know what you are dealing with.

The Druidic Root

The name Druid means, "knowing the oak tree".

Druids held themselves above the kings unless they held both offices. They called themselves "creators of the universe". Druids believed they were the incarnations of the gods.



The Four Druidic Celebrations

The Druids originally had four festive days, of which Halloween was just one.

They celebrated Candlemas/Imbolg/Oimelec in Spring, Bealtaine/Beltane in the Summer, Lughnasadh/Lammas in the Autumn and Samhain/Halloween in the Winter.

These festivals revolved around agriculture, planting, harvesting, seasons and moon phases. They are therefore Earth based worship according to seasons, the moon and the stars. They celebrated the harvest with festivals of one kind or another, usually marking them with sacrifices to ward off the evil spirits and spirits of the dying year.

These four seasonal festival Sabbaths therefore revolved around the Spring and Autumn Equinoxes and the Summer and Winter Solstices.

Halloween follows the Autumn Equinox in September and marks the beginning of Winter.

At the Autumn Equinox, the days and nights are equal, so it is a time of balance, but light gives way to increased darkness. It is a time for thanksgiving and meditation.

The Autumn Equinox is known as Mabon [Celtic], Winter Finding [Teutonic] and Alban Elfed [Caledonii]. It is usually held on 21 September in the Northern Hemisphere – the day and night are equal in length on this day, and on 21 March in the Southern Hemisphere.



Mabon is also the Welsh god of fertility, who marks the end of the second harvest, a time when the majority of crops are gathered. Wiccans refer to this time as the "witches' thanksgiving".

In Wicca the Autumn Equinox is the time when the Wiccan goddess mourns her fallen consort. The Wiccan god prepares to leave his physical body toward renewal and rebirth of the goddess, and the goddess enters the "crone" stage.

Druidic Harvest Sabbath And Witches' New Year

The Druidic New Year began at Samhain - named for the primeval Lord of the Dead, Samana. Samhain is the Witches' New Year, representing one full turn of the seasonal year.

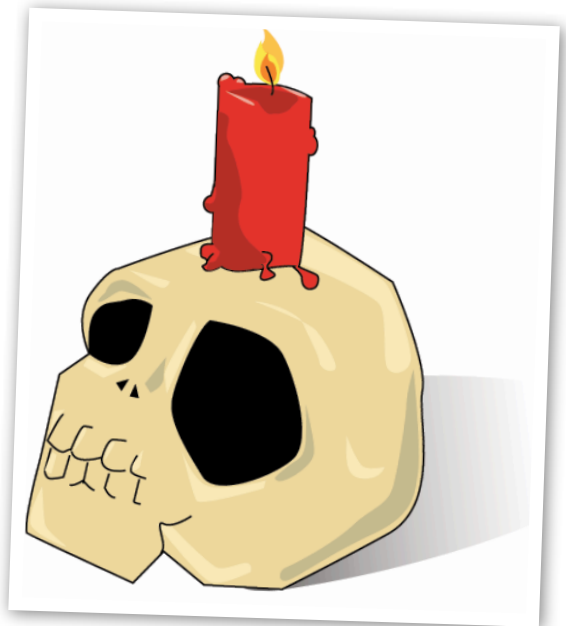
Halloween is the last of the three Pagan harvest Sabbaths marking the end of the growing seasons. Because growth was at its lowest point and the cold was increasing, magical bonfires were lit to encourage the sun. People would leap over them and drive cattle through the flames; even witches were burned on them in later times. Purification by fire got rid of evil influences.

Feast of the Dead

All Saints Day [November 1] and All Souls' Day [November 2], is a Christianized version of the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, the Feast of the Dead.

It began on the night of October 31, because ancient days were reckoned from evening to evening, rather than from midnight to midnight as we do now [hence the prominence of "eve's", as in Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Halloween, and so forth]. It is a time when the veil between the living and the dead is at its thinnest. Deceased ancestors and other "friendly" spirits are invited to join in Sabbath festivities and be reunited with loved ones.

Wiccans [Pagans] prepare a Feast for the Dead on Samhain night, where they leave offerings of food and drink for the spirits. Candles are left in the windows with these plates of food for the visiting spirits. The fires or candle left burning all night are to honour and welcome the dead.



Spiritual Strongholds Behind Halloween

Divination and sorcery



Samhain in those days was very much a time of chaos and the reversal of normal order. This led to a plague of trickery: the blocking of chimneys, leading off of cattle, throwing cabbage at notables and so on. It was also a season for divination and the reading of omens, such as placing two nuts in the fire as a test for lovers: burning steadily denoted constancy, popping meant inconstancy. Rites varied from one region to another.

Halloween is a night of magic charms and divinations, reading the future with witches' mirrors and nutshell ashes, ducking for apples in tubs of water [representing soul-symbols in the "Cauldron of Regeneration"] and other objectionable rites.

Ghosts and Fairies

The sacred night was also a feast of the fairies, who ruled the festival, but departed thereafter for their winter retreat. Because ghosts and fairies roamed the earth on this night, it was dangerous for mortals to go abroad without ritual precautions.

Supernatural beings had the propensity to steal the unwary and take them away to their timeless lands, never to be seen again - or to take their souls, leaving the poor unhappy mortals lost and confused in the twilight zone.

Ceremonial Places

Druids held the ceremonies in "sanctified" or sacred places, such as sacred groves of trees, especially oak trees. It was within these groves that most assemblies and religious ceremonies occurred. The Druids also valued the trees for curative benefits.



The mistletoe, seen as a sign from the Celtic Otherworld (the name of a place where afterlife was thought to exist), was used as a cure against poisons, infertility, and even used to cure animals.

When the people were not nearby groves they assembled by rivers, streams, and lakes. The Celts worshipped water gods and believed water to be sacred. Like trees and water the Druids held some islands to be sacred too.

Human Sacrifice

Druidic human sacrifices were part of these ceremonies. They were performed within a religious and spiritual sense. Many were performed publicly among the Celtic people especially at the celebration of Beltaine. There were also private human sacrifices.

Other Occult Links

The Wiccan Connection

Wiccans have adopted the Druidic Sabbaths or celebrations on the four solstice and equinox dates, as well as on Halloween.

In Wiccan [Pagan] belief, on this day – when darkness increases – the goddess reigns as the “Crone”, part of the three-in-one that also includes the Maiden and Mother. The god, the Dark Lord, passes into the underworld to become the seed of his own rebirth [which will occur again at Yule].

Wiccans believe that lighting a new orange-colored candle at midnight on Samhain, and allowing it to burn until sunrise will bring one good luck. However, bad luck will befall those who bake bread on this day or journey after sunset. Black candles are used to ward off negativity.



Jack O' Lanterns, gourds, cider, fall foliage, incense, and certain gemstones are used as altar decorations. The incense is apple, heliotrope, mint, nutmeg and sage. The candles are black and orange and the gemstones are all black, such as jet, obsidian and onyx.

Traditional foods for Halloween include apples, pumpkin pie, hazelnuts, corn, cranberry muffins and breads, ale, cider, and herbal teas.

It is believed that divination is heightened this night.

On this day Wiccan traditions include rune-casting, making Jack O' Lanterns and standing before a mirror and making a secret wish.

The pagans celebrated their New Year feast at Halloween, sacrificing domestic animals to their god Zimiennik [Samanik, Samana].

If the "Lord of the Underworld" accepted the offering on behalf of all the dead, the spirits were satisfied and would refrain from doing harm.

If not adequately propitiated, they might descend on the world as vengeful ghosts, led by demons and "witches" [priestesses] who summoned them.

Witches and ghosts are still associated with Halloween, together with such soul-symbols as owls, bats, and cats.

The pagan idea used to be that crucial joints between the seasons opened cracks in the fabric of space-time, allowing contact between the ghost world and the mortal one.



The Satanist Celebration

Satanists have adopted the Druidic High Days and as such celebrate Halloween as follows:

- **22-29 October**
 - Satanists start sacrifice preparation.
- **30 October**
 - Satanic high day related to Halloween with human sacrifice.
- **31 October**
 - All Hallow's Eve [Halloween]
 - Blood and sex rituals with demons, and animals or human sacrifices.

Appendices

Halloween: What It Is From A Christian Perspective

Many Christians will allow and even encourage their children to pay respect to the devil on October 31st without knowing they do so.

Churches will fully sanction the event with parties that will be decorated with witches, cats, brooms, jack-o-lanterns and bobbing apples.

WHAT IS THE HARM?

HOW DID THIS ORIGINATE?

The custom of Halloween is traced to the Druid festival of the dead. At that time 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. Rome was captured and the Pantheon fell into disrepair.



Emperor Phocas captured Rome and gave the Pantheon to Pope Boniface IV in 609. He reconsecrated it to the Virgin Mary and resumed using the temple to pray for the dead, only now it was "Christianized", as men added the unscriptural teaching of purgatory.

In 834 A.D. Gregory IV extended the feast for all the church and it became known as All Saint's Day, still remembering the dead.

Samhain, a Druid god of the dead was honored at Halloween in Britain, France, Germany and the Celtic countries.

Samhain called together all wicked souls who died within the past year and that were destined to inhabit animals. This celebration of the dead honored the god of the dead on this particular night.

Druids believed that souls of the dead returned to their former homes to be entertained by the living. Bonfires 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. The spirits demanded placating by giving them a type of worship and offering. This is the action that "Trick-or-Treat" emulates today.



The Samhain celebration used nuts, apples, skeletons, witches and black cats. Divination and auguries were practiced as well as magic to seek answers for the future. Black cats were considered to be reincarnated beings with the ability to divine the future. During this festival supernatural beings terrified the populace.

Even today witchcraft practitioners declare October 31st as the most conducive time to practice their arts.

The Christian church tried to eliminate the Druid celebration by offering All Saint's Day as a substitute. As Christianity spread over Europe and the British Isles, it attempted to replace the pre-existing pagan cult worship of Apollo, Diana or Ymir, but to no avail. Although the outward forms of such worship disappeared, the belief in these deities did not. They found an outlet during the Middle Ages in the open practice of witchcraft. In Germany the occult is considered more prevalent than in the Middle Ages.

The deistic cults held periodic meetings known as witches Sabbaths, and it is the same today with October 31st being of more importance.

Pranks and mischief began to be played out to represent the mischievous behavior attributed to witches and the fairies.

Trick-or-Treat came from an 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. The contributions demanded were in the name of Muck Olla, an early Druid deity.

Traditional Halloween symbols appeared in the U.S. during the late 1800's. Witches, black cats, death's head cut from a pumpkin, candles, masks, parties and pranks were used.



The uninformed Christian has no idea that there truly are demonic spirits that are contacted and activated as people call out to them in jest or in seriousness. Every act around Halloween is in honor of false gods, which are spirits in the realm of the Satanic. Those who have been deeply involved in witchcraft and who are now free, declare that even those who say they worship spirits of nature are in actuality contacting the Satanic realm without knowing it.

To pray for the dead is against scripture. If one knows Jesus before death, their spirit is already with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:6, 8 *"6 So then, we are always full of good and hopeful and confident courage; we know that while we are at home in the body, we are abroad from the home with the Lord [that is promised us]. 8 [Yes] we have confident and hopeful courage and are pleased rather to be away from home out of the body and be at home with the Lord."*

Paul says, to be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord. If one is an unbeliever at death, the scripture says there is no second chance as it is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment.

Therefore, prayer for the dead is in opposition to God's Word and a pagan practice that became "Christianized".

While living, one must make a choice "for" or "against" Jesus and that determines the destination at death of the spirit. No amount of prayer can reverse the decision made on earth by the person concerned while they were alive.

The Bible instructs us to have nothing to do with the deeds of darkness. Both Christian and Jew are forbidden to participate in the occult practices listed in

Deuteronomy 18:10 *"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire, or who uses divination, or is a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer."*



Necromancy is the delving into contacting the dead. God said all such practice was an abomination to Him.

Some may reply, "But we only do this in fun...we don't practice witchcraft". That which represents Satan and his domain cannot be handled or emulated "for fun". Such participation places you in enemy and forbidden territory and that is dangerous ground.

Biblical High Days

Through the ages, Halloween has gone by various names but all have been tributes to the same dark force, Satan. There is no place in the life of the Church or the Christian for such participation. The Bible does not say that it is all right to celebrate pagan holidays. It says over and over not to worship the True God the way others worshipped their false gods.

In addition, God commands His people to worship the Days He created for worship.

God set the astronomical calendar, for all people around the world, not just the Jews.

Genesis 1:14 *“14 And God said, Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be signs and tokens [of God’s provident care], and [to mark] seasons, days, and years,”*

In Genesis 1:14 *signs* is the same word as *Sabbaths*. In Exodus 31:13 *seasons* has the same meaning than Holy day *convocations*.



Exodus 31:13 *“13 Say to the Israelites, Truly you shall keep My Sabbaths, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you [set you apart for Myself].”*

He did not do this in the permanent lunar solar calendar for temporary reasons. The Bible commands observance of only His Holy Days.

The Bible shows observance of pagan holidays leads to God's Wrath. The Bible shows God's people observing His Holy Days in the Old Testament and New Testament.

We are convinced that all the "Christian" holidays were of pagan origin. If you study the Bible and history, you will find that the first century church did not celebrate any of the current holidays. They celebrated the Biblical Holy Days.

Both history and the Bible verify this ... the Church kept God's Days – not Halloween, Christmas, or Easter. Christ kept God's Holy Days when He was on the earth and the early church followed in His Footsteps.

- **Acts 2:1**
 - Kept Pentecost together.
- **Acts 12:3-4**
 - Passover and unleavened bread significant earmarks for church.
- **Acts 18:21**
 - Kept Tabernacles.
- **Acts 20:6**
 - Kept Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- **Acts 27: 9**
 - Kept Atonement.
- **I Corinthians 5:2**
 - Uses puffed up because it was Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- **I Corinthians 5:7**
 - Says to keep Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- **I Corinthians 16:8**
 - Paul waited to keep Pentecost before leaving.
- The Holy Days are prophetic in nature Colossians 2:14-17.

The Holy Days are shadows of things that are to come. Therefore Christ died on the very day of the Passover. The Holy Spirit was given on the specific day of Pentecost. When Christ returns, He will force the world to keep these same days.

- **Zechariah 14:16**
 - Nations keep Tabernacles.
- **Ezekiel 45:21**
 - Unleavened bread kept in Millennium.
- **Isaiah 66:23**
 - Sabbath new moons kept then.

Christ is the same in the past, the present and future.

Malachi 3:6 “6 For I am the Lord, I do not change; that is why you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”

Hebrews 13:8 “8 Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages).

For this reason we will suggest that Christians should **not** be celebrating counterfeits that came later. There is nothing to be gained spiritually from these.

There is harm in the keeping of them in that they distract and muddy the whole purpose of why man exists and what God's purpose for man really is. The symbolism of all the other holidays is earth related or sex related.

We should instead celebrate the symbolism of the rich, meaningful Holy Days God gave, as we look forward to each step in the fulfillment of His Plan.

We Believe That All Of These Statements Are True

You must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



The Bible teaches that all people are going to Hell if they don't have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. You're not going straight to Hell if you dress up your sweet little girl as a ballerina on Halloween and have fun. You are going to Hell if you don't have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It's a completely different reason you're going to Hell. Going to Hell has nothing to do with being good or bad, but only on your relationship with Jesus.

Teach the truth in love.

The Bible actually has a few other verses in it beside that one that everyone seems to know about, "Love your neighbors". Loving your neighbor does not include always being nice at all costs. Sometimes to love someone, you must disagree with them, correct them, instruct them, or provoke them. If you want to disregard the Bible as a source of truth, that's fine, but then you can't bring it up later as a reason to prove us wrong. If you are going to accept the Bible as a source of truth, we can both talk from a common point of view.

Witches are real.

Witches really do exist and their theology is mutually exclusive with Christianity. If you say you are a "Christian Witch", then you either don't understand Christianity or you don't understand Witches. Christianity has a point of view that includes an explanation of Witches. Our view is that Satan is deceiving them and that they are being guided by demonic spirits. Witches have a point of view that includes an explanation of Christianity. Their view is that we are deceived and unenlightened; that we don't understand that the earth is the source of all power and life.

Witches do not believe in or worship Satan. They believe that Satan was invented by Christians to instill guilt and obedience. Christians do believe that Satan exists and has influence over people here, now on earth, maybe even at your house.

There is only One Truth.

There is only One Truth. We can argue all day about what that truth is, but there's only one. If you and I disagree, we both can't be right. This is true about religious stuff too. We can't all be right. Our belief is that you are going to Hell if you don't have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If you want to be "tolerant of everyone's beliefs", then you have to accept our belief that you are wrong.

There is evil in the history behind Halloween.

Most of us think of Halloween as a time when kids dress up in costume and beg for candy. Adults dress up on costumes, eat candy and go to parties.

For candy manufacturers Halloween is a great time of year, but, the image of happy little faces chiming out a cute "Trick or Treat," begging for candy is a facade.

A good look into the long history of the festivities of October 31st reveals a dark and chilling religious holiday.

The major Pagan Sabbaths [holidays] are Samhain [November's Eve/October 31] the Feast of the Dead, [harvest season ends, winter begins] when the line that separates the world of the living and the world of the dead is thinnest, Oimelc [February 1] the winter purification festival and Beltane [May 1] the great fertility festival.

The dominant theme of Samhain is and has been one of ghosts, evil spirits and the dead.

An echo of this theme is found in Mexico's "Day of the Dead" when the spirits of the dead wander the earth and are placated with offerings and treats. The Mexican traditions came from the Aztecs. The European Pagan traditions came from the Egyptians.

Most popular American Halloween traditions come from the Irish (Celtic) Druidic celebrations of Samhain. Costumed followers of the Druid god Muck Olla went from house to house asking for contributions. If one donated one was promised continued blessings from Muck Olla. If one failed to give one would suffer bad crops and big trouble. On Halloween we call this "Trick or Treat". The rest of the year it's called extortion.



Jack O' Lanterns have a sinister history.

Jack was an Irish scoundrel who liked to eat big red turnips. One day he trapped the devil in a tree and wouldn't let him down until the devil promised Jack he'd never live in Hell. The devil agreed. A year later Jack died. An unbelieving scoundrel, he couldn't get into heaven. The devil wouldn't let him into hell. To help Jack find his way back to earth, the devil gave him a fiery coal. Jack put the fiery coal in the lantern he carved from his big turnip. This first "Jack O' Lantern" helped Jack find his way back to Ireland.

Halloween is shared by the practitioners of black magic.



It is a night of occult celebration and dark deeds. The dead return, evil spirits play tricks and humans honor them in costume and deeds. While soaping windows is a practical joke, putting razor blades in candy isn't. The church has a tradition of "Halloween" alternatives.

The Roman Catholic Church adopted Halloween.

November Eve is October 31st, the day before November 1st. In A.D. 835 the Roman Catholic Church designated November 1st as "All Saint's Day" to honor all the saints who didn't have a day when they were honored.

One of the reasons for such a day was to counter the popular celebration of Samhain and other October 31st celebrations. October 31st then became known as All Hallow's Eve [Halloween], the day before All Hallow's Day.

The church adopted some of the practices of Samhain such as dressing up in costumes.

Additional Notes on Halloween

Halloween probably began 1000 and 100 B.C among the Celtic people. The actual holiday is the **Celtic New Year**. It was at this time that *Baal or Bel* the Celtic god of fire and light, spring and summer ended his reign.

It was also when **Samhain, Lord of the Dead, God of Death** began his reign. This was the time that the normal order of the universe is suspended between the natural and the supernatural and the natural laws are temporarily removed.

The “*sidh*” [the veil] lies open and all the divine beings and spirits can move freely among men and interfere, sometimes violently in their affairs.

The name Samhain comes from the Old Irish Samain; ‘Summer’s end’ from Sam ; ‘summer’ and Fuin; ‘ sunset, end.’ Sanhain and An t-Samhain or Samfuin are the Irish and Scottish Gaelic names of November.

The Gaulish calendar divided the year into two halves:

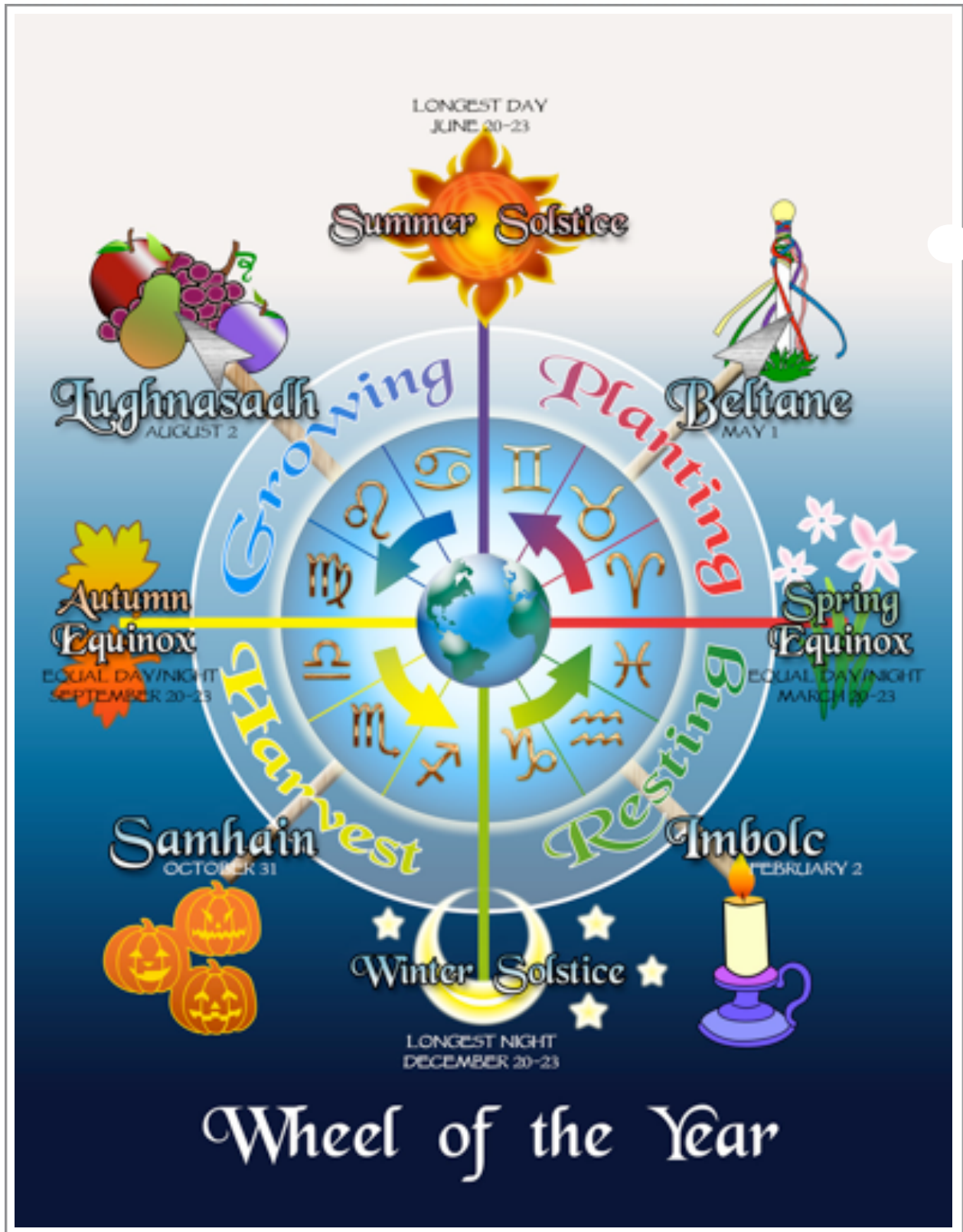
- The dark half beginning with the month Samonios or Samhain, the October/November lunation and
- The ‘light half’ beginning with the month Giamonios, the April/May lunation.

Tara – The Great Mother Goddess

In Ireland, Samhain became the main festival celebrated with a great assembly at the Royal Court at **Tara** lasting for three days. The ritual “bonfire” lit on the **Hill of Tara** that served as a beacon, signaling to people gathered atop hills all over Ireland to light their ritual bonfires, started it off. Tara is the name of the Great Mother goddess. With the bonfires ablaze, the villagers extinguished all other fires. Each family then solemnly lit its own domestic hearth from the common flame, thus bonding the village and families together [this is a communal Fire Covenant].

The night of **Samhain** was a **festival of the dead, dedicated to the harvest**. It was a time to take stock of herds and grain supplies and decide which animals were to be slaughtered in order for people to survive the winter because the meat would freeze.

Samhain forms one of the **Eight Great Sabbaths** observed as part of the Wiccan Wheel of the Year. It is considered by Wiccans to be the most important of the Four Greater Sabbaths.



The Hexagram – a Curse Symbol of Death

During Halloween in the Middle Ages the Druids would knock on the doors of castles demanding a young maiden or princess for their sacrifices.

If they were not given a maiden they would paint a **hexagram** on the door to tell others that all should die in the household. It was a **curse symbol of death**. If they were given a maiden, the Jack 'o Lantern was placed in the window to say that they had got what they wanted.

The Jack o' Lantern is in fact a symbol of child/human sacrifice to Baal. The sign of the hexagram was what the Germans painted on the doors and arms of Jewish families – the German bloodlines often sacrificed their children to Molech!



Mass Human Sacrifice

Halloween was a time of mass human sacrifice when men and women, young and old, criminals, innocent and animals were forced into wooden and thatched cages. Often these cages were in the shape of giant wickermen and wickerwomen who could have been a representation of **Baal [Samhain]** and his wife **Baalath**.

At a given signal from the presiding Druid, these immense structures were torched and everything in them burned to a cinder. After the sacrifices the druids held thanksgiving meals around the roaring bonfires. The dead was impersonated by young men who were masked, veiled or having their faces blackened and dressed in white. This is the origin behind Halloween masks. The origin of the word bonfire is actually bone fires - the bones of the dead. This is a time of high satanic ritual abuse, blood rituals and sacrificial killing.

The S.P.C.A. in England issued a warning to people who have black cats as pets to protect them because Satanists at Halloween targeted them to be sacrificed.

The Burning Man

Wickerman ceremonies are still held in Petersfield, Hampshire, England; San Francisco, California; Black Rock, Nevada, USA; where it is called the **“Burning Man”** ritual. Their revival was sparked by the movie called *The Wickerman* in 1973. There are camps and villages have been built there around this central effigy that is still burned to this day.



The giant figures in England may be folk memories linked to the **Cerner Abbas** – a fertility giant in Dorset, a 180 foot long figure carved into the side of a hill.

Is it any coincidence that **Cerne** in **Switzerland** is where the biggest **cyclotron** is housed used to try to “find God”, trying to recreate the very moment of the spark of creation.

Jack o’ Lantern and Jenny of the Lantern

The **Jack O’ Lantern** was originally called the “**Will o’ the Wisp**”. The “wisp” was a bundle of sticks or paper used as a torch [the burning torch still a symbol of the goddess – Statue of Liberty].

There was a female Jack o’ Lantern called “**The Jenny of the Lantern**”. Jenny was a hereditary name given to bloodline witches. **Jack** [Baal], and **Jenny** [Baalath, Asherah]. In the spirit they form a married couple.

These were known as ...

- corpse or death candles,
- spook lights,
- ghost lights,
- fairy or elemental lights for the phenomena was associated with
- strange lights seen at graveyards and bogs.

The “Will” was Will Smith, a wicked blacksmith who was given a second chance by St. Peter at the Pearly Gates, but led such a bad life that he was doomed to wander the earth. The devil gave him a burning coal and it is this he used to lure people into marshes to drown them. The “will o’ wisps” were also called ...

- spirits of the dead,
- ignus fatus or
- ignus erraticus,
- balls of fire or
- drach or dragons.



Ignus means “fire” and fatus “foolish” referring to ghostly, flickering lights, like candles. Among Europeans these were called *spirits of the dead* especially of un-baptized or stillborn babies. In Brazil these are called “fiery serpents” or *Boi –tata* a big serpent that lives in a cave [this might be liken to a pumpkin].

In Germany they are called “rolling fires” or *dwaalster* [wandering stars, *souls of the lost* who wander]. They are also called *pixy lights*. A pixy is a fairy and this is what we put on the Christmas tree and decorated shopping malls with!

Originally the ancient Celts placed a skeleton on their windowsill to represent the dead. They were then replaced by a turnip or rutabaga kind of yellow Swede. This was used to represent the head of the dead person because they believed that the “spirit and knowledge” were preserved in it.

When Celts defeated their enemies they took their heads to gain their power, the understanding was that if they had their brain they had their knowledge.



The Irish immigrants took the tradition to America during the Great famine in 1846 when they used a pumpkin. Welsh, Irish, and British myths are full of legends of the “*brazen head*” which maybe a folk memory of widespread Celtic headhunting practice in which they nailed the head of their victims to the door lintel or it was brought to the fireplace to “speak the oracles”. This developed into a mechanical or “magical” head which could answer questions freely or could simply be restricted to yes or no.

In later centuries, they became so common that people began to believe that there was nothing supernatural about them.

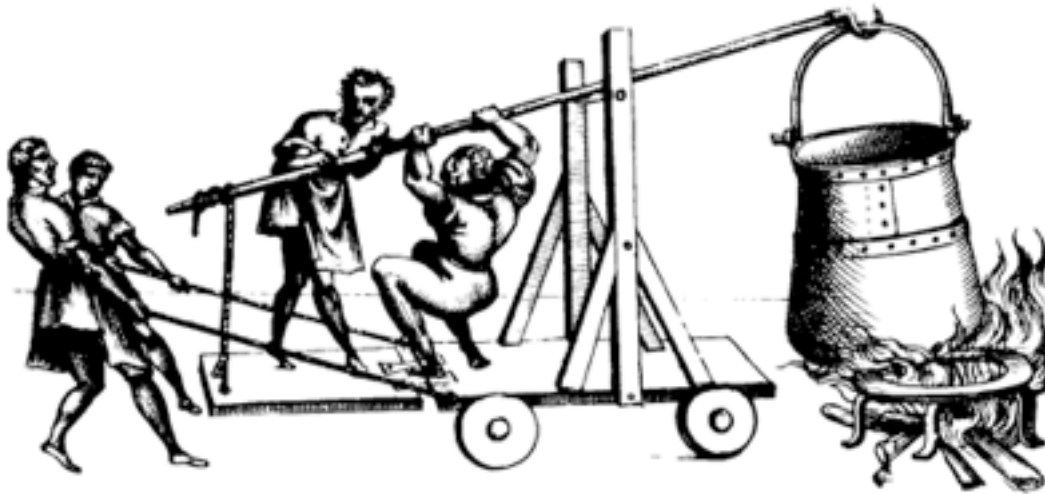
The traditional colours of Halloween **black and orange** symbolize **death** [black] and **fertility** [orange] the full harvest. This links it all back to the fertility cults of Baal and Baalath [Asherah].

Bobbing Apples

The tradition of dooking or bobbing for apples at Halloween is also connected to the **goddess Pomoma** [Venus]. The seeds of the apple form a hexagram or what is called the Star of David. The half apple with seeds exposed is used as a signal of the **Pythagorean Brotherhood**. This is the origin of toffee apples and the sweets of “trick or treat”.

The Cauldron

In Europe and many other places the cauldron is part of the Halloween festivities, it is a symbol of the **Great Mother's womb**. Her **Horn of Plenty** used as a decoration on tables. Cakes are baked in the shape of **antlers** to commemorate the winter shedding of the 'cuckold' horns of the God of the Dead Samhain as he returns to his kingdom in the otherworld.



This was **Cernunos**, the horned god who feeds the serpents of the life force from the vessel of the feminine powers [Cauldron].

*[This is Kundalini! Celts honoured the **intertwining forces** of existence: darkness and light, night and day, cold and heat, death and life. **Celtic knot work** represents this intertwining, the same symbolism as on the caduceus.]*

This was a time of offering to the ancestors when meals were prepared for them: tables set for them, traditional songs, stories, poetry and dance performed to entertain them; and doors and windows opened to the west; and the beloved dead specifically invited to attend.

A candle was left burning in the window to guide the dead home – this also may be the origin of the Jack O' Lantern.

Divination and deep communing with the deities was done for the coming year, both in solemnity and in "party" games for children. Lives of those who had passed on were celebrated: respect was paid to ancestors, dead family members, elders of faith, friends, pets, and loved ones who have died.

*For a more detailed study and prayer of renunciation on the root of Halloween, you can get the book: **The Druidism Root and its Fruits** available from Kanaan Ministries.*

Prayer Notes

Go for the capstone of the pyramid!

- The ROOT of Halloween – Druidism.
- The STRONGMAN behind Halloween is the strongman behind Druidism.
- Go for the DRUID and go for the SHAMANISTIC.
- Target Nature Worship and the seasonal cycle.
- To pray effectively you need to break the Whole Seasonal Cycle of Druidic celebrations, not just the one cog known as Halloween.

Pray against the following "bricks in the pyramid" ...

Halloween is just a brick in the pyramid, just ONE aspect of Druidism.

- The strongman behind seasonal and agricultural or NATURE worship.
- The demon spirits evoked (called up) during worship of these things.
- All nature spirits especially water spirits.
- Deities such as Cybele, Samhain, Apollo, Diana.
- The Druidic deities Awen and Muck Olla.
- Spirits of the dead or dead human spirits involved in ancestor worship.
- All human sacrifices – claim the Blood of Jesus.
- All divination – rune casting and mirror magic.
- Color and candle magic.
- The use of magic circles on this day.
- The altars set up by Druids, Wiccans and Satanists.
- The high places and sacred meeting places.

Pray for people currently trapped in the Druidic Order ...

- The members of The Mother Grove of the British Druid Order (BDO).
- Their belief in honouring ancestors – those of blood and those of spirit, those recently departed and those of old, our physical forebears and the predecessors of our tradition, the Druids, priests and priestesses of past ages and the old gods of our people.

- Their belief in honouring Celtic deities such as Nemetona and Ceridwen [the “Crooked Woman” or “Bent White One”, the patroness of their order], as well as the gods of other peoples who have made the islands their home, and whose blood and bones have mingled with the mud and stones of our sacred land.
- The essence of the Druidic teaching that lies in working with the spiritual energy known as Awen – the flowing spirit.

Pray Against ...

- The belief that by making your own links with the Druidic spirit of inspiration, you may find your own energy and creativity, and thereby discover and walk your own sacred path to joy, peace, healing, ecstasy and the gods.
- The Threefold Path of Druidic practice: The Bard (Poetry), the Ovate (Prophecy & Divination) and the Druid (Shape Shifting), received from the Cauldron of Inspiration brewed by the goddess Ceridwen.
- The Druidic Bard who was not only a poet but also a seer, diviner, dream-weaver and word-magician - who sang the world alive, and who, through the exercise of their skills, perpetually renewed the living spirit of the gods and heroes of their people.
- The ceremonial Gorseddau (ceremonial gatherings of Bards) at sacred sites where initiation, rites of passage and the celebration of the cycle of seasonal festivals, are practiced.
- The Druidic Ovate, who practices the Druidic gifts of prophecy and divination, the healing arts and awareness of the Faery realms – the Otherworld.
- The Ovate seeking understanding through study of the natural world, working with the shadowside of life and the processes of death, of letting go, of the mysteries of time, of preparing the ground and facilitating with rebirth the advent of the new.
- The Druid who by journeying through and between the worlds, acts as a bridge builder between cultures, traditions and peoples, between spirit and form, relating the spirit world to the Earth energies, or Dragon lines (leylines).
- The Druidic celebrations based on a cycle of seasonal festivals, their rites of passage and ceremonies such as naming and blessing ceremonies for children, handfastings and Druid weddings, rites of puberty, croning and passing over – all held during the Halloween season.

Petition Against ...

- Resurgence of serial killers.
- Crime to escalate, especially violent crimes against children and women.
- Tribal disputes to be flared up to cause division.
- Increased corruption in the government.
- Increased trade in narcotics and pornography.
- The sales introduction of death pornography (specifically in Africa).
- Increased trade in child slaves especially to Middle Eastern countries (especially boys).
- Increased abortion.
- Drought and spoiled harvests.
- Financial destruction to the Church.
- The calling up of the spiritual dragons guarding the four corners of the earth to begin mass blood shed and war in countries all over the world.
- The evil forces meeting together to generate power to deceive the masses.
- The revival of the practice of magic especially by teenagers and pre-teens.



Prayer

Father God, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I renounce any involvement I have had with this pagan holiday. I also renounce any involvement that my forefathers and foremothers might have had with Halloween, and I cancel all the worship that Satan received through their involvement.

Father, in the Name of Jesus, we repent for **willingly** inviting the **spirit of death** into our bloodlines and for opening the doors and windows to this spirit to give it legal right to enter into our homes and to come onto our lands.

Father, please forgive us for giving it legal right to kill our families! We take authority over this spirit and bind it in Jesus Name! We render it powerless and strip it of all power, authority and ranking that was assigned to it, in Jesus Name!

In the Name of Jesus, we break the **Druid curse** that is invoked against those who did not willingly offer up their children for sacrifice. We break the demonic **seals of death** [hexagrams, stars] that were placed on our doors as a consequence, in the powerful Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth!

I serve Satan notice that I will not be involved in the things that represent him, and I choose to do that which represents my Lord, Jesus Christ only.

Celebrate life!!!

Turn the season in the spirit to one of life!!!

Jesus died so that we can live!!!

Prophesy a harvest of one hundred-fold blessings as we sow the Word of God into the spiritual realm over God's people and an increase in the number of souls coming into the Kingdom with this Halloween reversed into a **Hallelujah praise!!!**