



The Truth about Halloween



PREFACE

Thank you for taking the time to read this instruction, I pray that the Ruach Ha'Kodesh (Holy Spirit) is present with you as you read and check with you own Bible its contents. The contents of this instruction are based entirely on God's word the Bible, to challenge your current beliefs in the spirit of love that Yeshua spoke of in John 13:35.

Please remember that I have no religious affiliation other than to Yeshua Ha'Mashiach and Almighty God that sent Him, therefore I am bound by the Ruach and not by a manmade religious practice or tradition, assuring you that I have no ulterior motive other than the spreading of the truth that can only be found in Almighty God's word via His gift to us all... the Bible. I pray that this instruction will help you in your quest for truth.

When we begin to study the word of Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob it is necessary to bear in mind our dedication to the obedience of His Law (Torah) as, if we do not shema (Hear and Obey) God will not hear our prayers.

Proverbs 28:9 KJV He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Numbers 6:24-26

All scripture quotes are taken from the King James Bible unless otherwise stated.

Throughout the year there are many festivals that are celebrated by Christendom's denominations. These denominations may observe a variety of minor festivals and dates which they deem to be of importance.

As honest followers of our messiah Yeshua (Jesus) it is of vital importance that we come to an accurate understanding of what is Biblically acceptable, by doing this we can be sure that if our actions are acceptable to Yeshua, they will also be acceptable to his father Almighty God Yehovah.

In this study we will be looking at the main holidays and festivals of Christendom to ascertain their origin and how they align with God's word as recorded in the Bible. The findings of this study may upset some people, this is inevitable as many of us have grown up with the traditions of our particular denomination however, truth is truth and those who truly wish to be pleasing to Almighty God and His son Yeshua must worship Him in spirit and truth (John 4:24), to do this we must not let our denominational teaching influence our search for the truth no matter how painful that may be. If our denominational religious beliefs conflict with Bible teaching then it is our traditions and beliefs that are in error and must be altered. I can assure you that, if you are willing to follow the spirit and leave behind the false doctrines of your particular denomination, the holy spirit will be with you and your eyes will definitely be opened to the truth and you will assuredly want more and more as the spirit reveals more and more to you. It is a fact that our Bible is a Hebraic library of books, the more you read the Bible with a Hebrew mindset the clearer it becomes, before you read God's word it is advised that you approach the Father in prayer, as Him for the spirit and guidance that you may have the deeper things revealed to you and you must do this in the name of Yeshua, for all such requests will definitely be granted as I am a witness.

Being brought up in Christendom as part of the Protestant the church of England, I have gone through all the doctrines of that faith so I have empathy with all those that find it hard to adjust their principles, I have been through it all and I know what it means to rely on the Holy Spirit when things get hard, but I am thankful to Almighty God and Yeshua for the strength to be able to make some decisions that changed the course of my life and I have received the richest of blessings in the process.

Before we start the study, please ask yourself... Do I really want to follow in Yeshua's footsteps? Do I love Almighty God enough to make the necessary adjustments to what I have been taught? Do I trust on Almighty God implicitly? Do I believe that the Bible is truly the inerrant word of Almighty God? Do I wish to follow Almighty God or the traditions of men?

If the answer to any of these questions is no then you really need to evaluate your beliefs and you're standing with Almighty God. You have already made your choice and, unfortunately it is a poor one.

In this study, like all the documents on the website, I do not aim criticism to any individuals, what people believe is down to their own choice, what I do denounce and

emphatically reject is the lies and false doctrine that abounds in those that profess to be following Yeshua. I firmly believe that it is time to expose false doctrine for what it is. This criticism is not of my making, I am only a humble messenger, they are not my words, they are the words that are found in God's word the Bible.

HALLOWEEN

On the 31st October most denominations of Christendom celebrate a festival named "Halloween". It is also a festival that is celebrated in similar guises in many countries around the world.

For the purpose of this study, we will focus primarily on the Halloween of the western civilisation but all the modes of worship of this festival are very similar in their traditions.

In the western world today, Halloween has taken third place in the triad of "Christian" religious festivals of Christmas, Easter and Halloween.

The origin of Halloween has its base in the early Universal (Catholic) church festival, which became known as "Allhallowtide". It is a "time to remember the dead, including martyrs, saints, and all faithful departed Christians." The festival itself was established in Rome perhaps by Pope Gregory III (731–741) and was made an obligation throughout the Frankish Empire by Louis the Pious in 835. Elsewhere, other dates were observed even later, with the date in Ireland being 20 April. In the early 11th century, the modern date of All Souls' Day was popularized, after Abbot Odilo established it as a day for the monks of Cluny and associated monasteries to pray for the dead. The festival of Allhallowtide is a 'Triduum' (3-day event) comprising of:

Halloween in other countries:

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| • Halloween (<i>All Hallows Eve</i>) | America, England. |
| • Samhain (<i>sow-win [Summers End]</i>) | Ireland & Scotland. |
| • Día De Los Muertos (<i>Day of the Dead</i>) | Mexico. |
| • Ziua lui Dracula (<i>Day of Dracula</i>). | Romania. |
| • Pangangaluluwa (<i>Spirituality</i>). | Philippines. |
| • 餓鬼節 (<i>The Hungry Ghost Festival</i>). | Hong Kong. |
| • पितृ पक्ष (<i>Pitru Paksha – Parent Party</i>). | India. |
| • Dzień Zaduszny (<i>All Souls Day</i>). | Poland. |
| • Awuru Odo Festival (<i>Awuru River Festival</i>) | Nigeria. |
| • Pchum Ben (<i>Ancestors Day</i>) | Cambodia. |
| • Ognissanti (<i>All Saints</i>) | Italy. |

The word Allhallowtide was first used in 1471, and is derived from two words: The Old English word *halig*, meaning holy, and the word *tide*, meaning time or season (i.e. Christmastide, Eastertide). The latter part of the word Hallowmas is derived from the word Mass. The words hallow and saint are synonyms.

1. All Hallows' Eve. October 31st
2. All Saints' Day. November 1st
3. All Souls' Day. November 2nd

It is the “All Hallows’ Eve” portion that around c1745 became known as “Halloween” that we will focus on in this study.

In the western world, October 31st is an exciting day, it is a day of mischief and rolé reversals, it is a chance for children to dress as witches, wizards, devils, demons, monsters and all forms of hideous beasts. It is a time where people are encouraged to commit lawlessness and mischief in the pursuit of fun and trickery. It is a time when good becomes bad and bad becomes good and it is all passed off as harmless fun such as the recent custom of “trick or treat” where children dressed in various hideous costumes knock at the doors of their neighbors and threaten them that if they do not give them something nice they will be subjected to some kind of prank. (On other days this would be classed as extortion.)

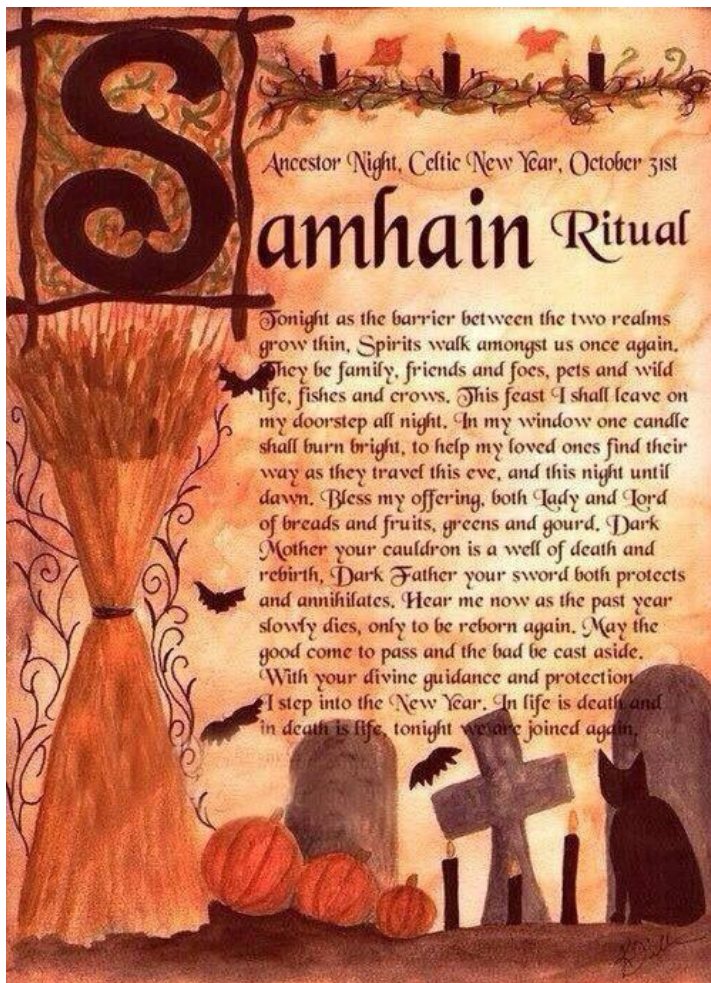
All these activities have come to be accepted as ‘harmless fun’ and many people are willing to play along but, whilst partaking in this seamless mirth they are most probably not aware of the real meaning of Halloween truly is.

Although incorporated as part of the “Christian” festival of Allhallowtide, Halloween has its roots in the Celtic Pagan ritual of Samhain. Samhain literally means “summers end”, the ancient Celtic priests (Druids), being worshippers of nature noticed that, around the time of the Autumnal equinox, the once prosperous fields and trees started to ‘die’ as they stopped producing fruit and seeds as their leaves withered and fell and the vegetation started to die back and the days became shorter as they thought that the sun was dying and about to go into the other world, the world of the dead.

They did not know the cause but only the effect of what was happening.



They believed that all things had spirits, even places had spirits and it was of vital importance to worship these spirits so they would gain favour for the coming new year. They also believed that on the day of Samhain their dead ancestors came to life for just the one night to dwell once again in the earth.



When we study the Samhain ritual (see appendix A) it becomes clear that the celebration of such a ritual puts the person in direct conflict with Bible principles. For one thing, the Bible tells us that the dead are dead, they are not conscious of anything under the sun! how on earth, in the wildest imagination can anyone consider this diabolical, God dishonoring practice to be acceptable to Almighty God Yehovah? It is an abomination that loves all things that Yehovah hates!

It is bad enough to even consider supporting this heinous practice but to accept it and still call oneself a “Christian” is blasphemy beyond belief!

It is beyond shocking that Christendom would even consider this God dishonoring practice as acceptable, it is

even more astounding that Christendom not only supports such blatant pagan practices, but actively encourages its members to participate in the traditions and rituals associated with such satanic rite.

If you consider yourself to be a “Christian”, surely you would ask yourself a serious question... how would Yeshua view the celebration of Halloween? Do you think that he would approve?

You might say that its “only a bit of harmless fun” but in thinking this, you would certainly be deceiving yourself. Rather than condemning this despicable ritual, Christendom has had the audacity to actually adopted it into their traditions, it may not be called “Samhain” openly anymore but changing a name does not change its meaning or its purpose. If I asked you “how many legs does a dog have?” you will likely tell me that a dog has four legs, for which you would be absolutely correct. But, if I told you that we are now to call the tail a leg, then asked you the same question, would you now tell me that the dog now has five legs? **Changing a name does not change reality.**

Those of us who are parents should be teaching our children that, to participate in such pagan practices is to worship the Satan, the liar that strives to destroy us all, no matter how you view Halloween, it is by definition, condemned by Almighty God and His son Yeshua (Jesus). Just because it is accepted by your particular denomination does not mean that it is an acceptable form of worship that Yehovah will approve. If any religion or denomination involves itself with such God dishonoring practice yet claims to worship Almighty God then it is clearly identified as a false religion and you should seriously consider your position. It is a warning from Almighty God Yehovah, get out of her if you are not to suffer the same fate as her!

Deuteronomy 12:1-4 KJV

1 These are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.
2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree:
3 And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.
4 Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15 KJV Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ⁽¹⁵⁾And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

Revelation 18:4 KJV 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.

Appendix A

Samhain (Halloween) Ritual Outline

The altar is set up, food is laid and the fire prepared. Incense may be lit, music played and introductions made. The circle is laid out using the nearby natural resources, whether it be stones, twigs, leaves, etc. The ritual leader (Druid) then casts the circle.

THE GUARDIANS

Here we ask the guardian spirits of the place and time their permission to work our ritual in their area- Hail Guardian Spirits of this place! We come here in peace and with clear intent. We come here to celebrate Samhain. We ask, with respect, that you accept our presence. Hail Guardian Spirits of this place!

THE CALL FOR PEACE

May there be peace in the North! May there be peace in the South! May there be peace in the West! May there be peace in the East!

(each call for peace to be made by the person who will be calling the quarter. If done in this order, the call for peace will flow along the lines of the pre-Christian equal armed cross, also recognised by the Native Americans for their medicine wheels).

We who are gathered here, we call for peace in this land. We call for peace in our hearts and minds and towards our fellow beings.

THE CIRCLE CASTING

_Sacred Ones, spirits of the birch and rowan, fir and ivy, honeysuckle and rosemary, dryads and devas, all you who have heard our intention, we ask with respect that you encircle us know, branch reaching branch, leaf touching leaf, roots beneath our feet entangling, that our Circle may be strong, a nemeton of inspiration, reverence and learning, in the name of the Gods whose power we both breathe, we ask that this be so.

(A moment is given to allow the devas and dryads to form the circle)

We give our energy to this circle, mingling and communing with those of the spirits of nature to create a sanctuary of peace.

(Energy is pushed out from the participants to mix and strengthen the circle).

Let all here draw their minds into the presence of their bodies, that thoughts may be melded with flesh, blood and bones, that the spirits of those gathered may be blended in one purpose, one voice and one sacred space. Soul to soul, we weave our circle, spirit to spirit, that none may enter this sacred space but those who come Intune with our intention and in peace. Soul to soul, spirit to spirit, we ask that this may be so.

CONSECRATION

The circle is consecrated by taking incense and water around the circle.

CALLING THE QUARTERS

I call upon the Spirit of the North, the Earth Mother, the Great Bear, to be with us in our sacred rite.

I call upon the Spirit of the East, the Sky father, the Great Eagle, to be with us in our sacred rite.

I call upon the Spirit of the South, the Fire brother, the Great Dragon, to be with us in our sacred rite.

I call upon the Spirit of the West, the Rain sister, the Great Whale, to be with us in our sacred rite.

THE SPIRITS OF PLACE

We call to the spirits of place, to those of Land, Sea and Sky, to those of the three worlds to be with us in our sacred rite.

CALLING THE ANCESTORS

We call to the ancestors of body, mind and spirit to be with us in our sacred rite. To our ancestors whose tears and blood, joy and happiness have been felt upon this land, whose songs course through our blood, and whose spirit lives on through our celebrations, we call to you to be with us in our sacred rite.

CALLING THE GODDESS AND GOD

I call upon my lady of the stars and moon To the Bringer of dreams and twilight I call upon my lady of the loom The Weaver of fates in the night I call upon the Lady of the Lady the Singer of the Evensong I call upon the maiden mother and Crone the Goddess alive and strong

I call upon the Lord of the Sun the Rider in the sky I call upon the Lord of the Winds to the Eagle as he flies, I call upon the King Stag To the son, lover and sacrifice I call upon the Lord of the Wildwood the God laughing, free and wise

THE DECLARATION

“We come to celebrate Samhain, the most sacred of nights, when the veil between the worlds is thin. We give thanks for all that we have, and we honour our ancestors and the dead at this time. Let us now say a prayer for our dead, that they may journey to the Otherworld safely, and that we might know them again someday. (Prayers and thanks are said, either out loud or internally during this time of prayer).

Let us now cast off the worries and fears that shackle us to the previous year. For behold! A new year is upon us. With the blessing and strength of the Crone of Winter, we come

forth to unburden ourselves to her, in preparation for the long winter ahead. We will need our strength and conviction to see the winter through, and with her blessing it will be done. (The Crone of Winter, The Cailleach will stand at the northwest part of the circle, before a cauldron. She lifts the cauldron and holds it between her hands. Members of the circle come before The Cailleach and cast off their ties to the old world, figuratively or literally throwing something into the cauldron Note: This should be flammable, if literally casting something into the flames, and non-toxic when burned. If simply pushing energy, feelings or emotions into the cauldron, simply stand before it and push them away from you, letting the Crone take them into the cauldron. When finished, simply walk away, without looking back until you are back at your place.)

The Cailleach then throws the contents of the cauldron onto the fire. The chant begins: “The Wheel turns, the fire burns”.

The Cailleach confirms that it has been done, and all are then invited to feast.

THE FEAST

The food and drink are blessed.

The ale/mead/wine/juice is blessed.

Goddess, bountiful Earthmother, bless this and suffuse it with your love.

The bread is blessed.

God, powerful Sky Father, bless this and may it lend strength to us.

The drink is held high above the head. Thanks be to the land! The cup is then passed to the next person, who the toasts and passes the cup to the next person. When all have drunk the first-person takes the cup and pours a measure onto the ground or lake thanks be to the Goddess!

The bread is held out before. Thanks be to the land! The bread is then broken and passed in similar fashion. A measure of bread is then laid out. Thanks be to the God!

Everyone raises their hands to the sky – Free the spirit, free the land!

The food comes out and everyone is invited to celebrate!

NOTE: A SPECIAL SECTION OF FOOD IS TO BE LAID OUT FOR THE DEAD ON THEIR WAY TO THE SUMMERLAND, WHICH WILL REMAIN IN THE RITUAL SITE UNTIL MORNING WHERE IT WILL THEN BE COMPOSTED, SHOULD ANYTHING REMAIN.

Poetry, artwork and music should then be shared round the circle by those who have been inspired by this moon and this festival.

When the feasting is done, honour and respect are paid to the Goddess and God, the spirits of land, sea and sky, the ancestors, the four quarters (those who called the quarters now bid them hail and farewell in much the same manner as they were called), the spirits of the heath and of the oak and to each other. The circle is then closed-

We now return the energy that we have spent in creating this circle back to our bodies and souls and the land which sustains us, in peace and with the blessings of the God and Goddess. (A moment is taken to release the personal power put into the circle.)

THE CLOSING

May the Spirits of this Place have been nourished as much as their presence has nourished us. Guardian Spirit, we give you thanks. This celebration ends in peace as it began. May the blessings we have received go with us all as we depart this place, to nourish, strengthen and sustain us until we meet again... so may it be!

The rite has ended!

GLOSSARY

- **YHVH** [יהוה] The personal Name of Almighty God. Y_eH^oV_aH.
- **Yehoshua** (Yeshua) The personal name of Almighty God's son. (Modern: Jesus).
- **Ruach Ha'Kodesh** Yehovah's motive force. (Holy Spirit).
- **Kohan Gadol** High Priest.
- **Shaúl** Saul (Paul).
- **Israel** The nation comprising the 12 tribes of Jacob (Israel) including people of the nations grafted into Israel.
- **Gentile** Any person that does not follow the Abrahamic Religion (Pagan).
- **Tanakh** The books of the Hebrew scriptures. (Old Testament).
- **B'rit HaDashah** The Renewed Covenant. (New Testament)
- **Torah** The instructions or laws given to the Israelite Nation by Yehovah to Moses.
- **Oral Torah** The additional instructions added by the Pharisaic (Rabbinic) Jews which form the basis of the Mishnah and other Jewish religious books.
- **Gospel** Good News.
- **Christendom** All religions that profess belief in Jesus Christ.
- **Apostolic Fathers** The group of gentiles that directed the formation of the early church after the last apostle (John) died.