

A Halloween Book

WARNING!

This book is NOT intended for children! It is written to warn parents and adults of abominations and perversions of Halloween, witchcraft and the occult.

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Introduction

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

Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

The sidewalks are swarming with excited children and young people masquerading as every imaginable creature and character...witches, animals, vampires, ghosts, mummies, cartoon characters, alien beings, clowns, devils, skeletons, hideous looking monsters, bloody mutilated beings and more. These kids go door-to-door shouting "Trick or Treat", hoping to collect a "ton" of candy before the night is over.

Take a look at the houses and yards the children are approaching. Many of them are decorated in a bizarre motif. Tombstones, graves with body parts exposed, ghosts, caldrons, supposed bodies hung by the neck are scattered around the yard and in the trees. Eerie grinning Jack-O-Lanterns watch as the children approach. Skeletons, scarecrows, witches, black cats, etc. decorate the doors and windows.

Oh yes, then there is an array of seasonal entertainment. The "haunted house" is easy enough to spot. You'll be able to find it by the long line and the strange sounds coming out of the old mansion. Likely you will find a group of kids talking about what they've just seen inside...the bloody body in the bathtub, the axe wielding maniac that chased them, the monster that jumped out swinging at them with a chain saw, the body hanging by the neck in the closet, and the refrigerator in the kitchen filled with bloody body parts.

Then, across town there are parties going on, perhaps at school or at a friend's house. The activities are different than the usual party though. There is a group playing with the OUIJA board trying to get it to work and tell them about their futures. Some are watching the latest horror video. Others meet at the graveyard in an effort to contact the dead. Still others are initiated into witchcraft to become "real" witches. Then there are those who go out into the night to raise havoc.

By now you have guessed what is going on. It's HALLOWEEN. To most people it seems like harmless fun. BUT, beneath Halloween's candy coating is a history of diabolical evil, evil that is directly connected to the occult, witchcraft and Satanism. You need to be warned of this evil!

Purpose

The purpose of this book is to make you aware of the dark side of Halloween and show you how the demonic principles and practices are beguiling our children and our culture. I have researched this topic for nearly two decades and there is absolutely no doubt about Halloween's occult connection. Halloween has been the occultists' most effective tool in bewitching America! It has been and is being used by occultists of all stripes to interject their demonic doctrines into our culture.

It was 1984 when I released the first printed edition of this book under the title, Halloween: Behind The Mask. It included only 16 pages of information exposing Halloween's occult connection. As a result of that little book, I had the opportunity to present the material in churches, at rallies, in Christian schools and on Christian radio and TV programs. Many people were sceptical at first. To my surprise, some of the most antagonistic people I encountered were pastors and heads of Christian ministries and colleges. Many insisted that I was over reacting and that Halloween was just harmless fun.

I must tell you, by and large, that is not the response I am getting today. Indeed "*the mask*" is off of the unholy day. Witches are out of the "broom closet" and peddling their demonic wares on television, in the newspapers, in the bookstores, and in the public schools. Speaking of the public schools. What is happening in your school district? I get calls from around the nation telling me that the Christian celebrations of Christmas (the birth of Christ) and Easter (the resurrection of Christ) are snubbed, maligned and even expelled from some public schools, but, not the occult holiday of Halloween! That is the public school's biggest holiday. Children are often required to write reports on witchcraft. There are public schools that have even brought in witches to tell about their "wonderful, wholesome" religion. In the public schools, witchcraft is "IN" and Christianity is "OUT." While many Christians are waking up to *the dark side of Halloween*, Americans in general are increasingly being exposed to occult principles and adopting occult practices. Americans are being bewitched. Now, before I jump too far ahead, let's look at The History, The Heroes and The Harm of Halloween.

My Past Association With Halloween

Are you still celebrating Halloween? If you are, I want you to know that I took part in Halloween activities until 1981. That is when I discovered the demonic occult roots of Halloween. Previously, I had been ignorant of the truth about Halloween. But, once I realized the truth about Halloween, the Holy Spirit convicted me that I must obey **Ephesians 5:11** "*Have NO fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove (expose) them.*" Let me share with you some more of the specifics of my

involvement with Halloween and how the Lord lead me to renounce the celebration of Halloween.



There are three holidays that nearly every American kid loves; Christmas, Easter and Halloween! I was no different than any other American kid. I looked forward to them all. But there was one holiday that had a dark side, a side that I didn't like, a side that made me very uneasy. That holiday was Halloween. To be sure I liked the candy and I have a "ton" of silver in my teeth to prove it. As I moved into my teen years, I outgrew trick-or-treating or rather, I was told I was too old. My focus became the Halloween parties and dances that were the "in thing" for teenagers. I remember serving on the committee for our Junior Class Halloween party. My job was decorations. So I went to a long forgotten, overgrown, pre-Civil War era cemetery and took a broken tombstone and used it as a part of my Halloween decorations. I felt uneasy about what I had done and to make matters worse, when I cleaned up the old tombstone, I discovered that the person had died on my birthday, January 20th. That really made me uneasy. I looked at that as a bad omen. The party could not get over soon enough for me. I wanted to get that tombstone back to where I had found it, and I did! You might say, "You were too superstitious!" I would agree. But that is just a part of the aura of evil associated with what I call "the dark side of Halloween." Underneath that thin candy coating there was a core of evil and a focus on death and the occult, which had always made me uneasy.

My association with Halloween did not stop after high school unfortunately. Even after I entered the ministry and up until 1980 I had taken church youth groups on NIGHTMARE OUTINGS sponsored by an international Christian youth organization. I sponsored Halloween parties in the churches I pastored. Halloween was the only day I associated with witches, witchcraft, the occult and the devil.

Challenge, Research and Change

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.
1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

What changed my mind about Halloween? It was an article in a 1975 issue of *Moody Monthly Magazine*. I was leafing through a back issue when an article by Joy A. Sterling caught my eye entitled, *We Should Unmask Halloween*. I had missed the article previously. I read the article carefully and reread it again. She wrote in part...

We evangelicals cringe at the descriptions of Satan worship in books and shudder at occult rites. But we dress our children as witches and devils and send them out to trick or treat.... Whenever the apostles met persons connected with fortune-telling, witchcraft or the occult, the Holy Spirit dealt firmly and swiftly with them. When revival came to Ephesus, the occult books were the first to go (**Acts 19:18-19**). Anything that conjures up the

spirits of evil has to go. And I believe that the symbols of Halloween do conjure up the spirits of evil. Not deliberately, not openly perhaps. But the devil never has been noted for working openly. He tries to convince people that he doesn't exist. And what better way to deny his power and identity than to tell children and their parents that witches, ghosts, fortune-tellers and devils are "just for fun?"

Her article really troubled me. I thought, if what this lady says is true, I need to rethink my involvement in Halloween activities. I decided to research Halloween on my own and see if there was anything to what she was saying. WOW! WAS I SHOCKED by what I discovered. What she wrote was indeed true! I indeed had to change my ways. I decided not to celebrate Halloween.

I need to add this note. Many years later *Moody Monthly* published another article on Halloween. I must tell you how saddened I was when I read *Getting a Handle On Halloween*, by Linda Shepherd in the October 1993 issue of *Moody Monthly* that justified participation in Halloween activities. She rationalized her participation in Halloween activities with these words -- "I felt good. I had loved and been loved by my neighbours." Truth is never to be sacrificed on the altars of feeling and love. The Apostle John wrote, **1 John 2:15** *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world....*

THE HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

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Halloween History

He caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 2 Chronicles 33:6

Our Pilgrim forefathers knew well of Halloween's occult roots. In fact they banned celebrating Halloween in America. Halloween was not celebrated in this country until 1845. At that time multiplied thousands of Irish emigrants flooded into New York because of the Irish Potato Famine of 1845-46. They brought with them an old Druid Holiday they called Halloween. Gradually celebrating this day spread throughout the rest of the country.

To understand Halloween's roots better we need to go back further into history and take a look at the Druids and the Celtic people. The Druids were the pagan priests of the Celts. They were idolaters, occult practitioners and witches of sorts. Let's begin with the information found in the 11th edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Halloween and its former attendant ceremonies long antedate Christianity. The two chief characteristics of ancient Halloween were the lighting of bonfires and the belief that of all nights in the year this is the one during which ghosts and witches are most likely to wander abroad. Now on or about the 1st of November the Druids held their great autumn festival and lighted fires in honor of the Sun-god in thanksgiving of the harvest. Further, it was a Druidic belief that on the eve of this festival Saman, lord of death, called together the wicked souls that within the past twelve months had been condemned to inhabit the bodies of animals. Thus it is clear that the main celebration of Halloween was purely Druidical, and this is further proved by the fact that in parts of Ireland the 31st of October was, and even still is, known as Oidhche Shamhna, "Vigil of Saman." On the Druidic ceremonies were grafted some of the characteristics ! of the Roman festival in honor of Pamona held about the 1st of November...



Depending on your source material, the Druid Lord of Death and evil spirits was called Saman, Shamhan, Samana, Shamhain or Samhain. I have received numerous letters and e-mail from witches telling me there was no such Druid god. Yet, in the source material that I have used, (see the above quote), such as the historic 11th edition of Encyclopedia Britannica, it identifies the Druid Lord of Death as Saman and his holiday named after him as Oidhche Shamhna, translated "Vigil of Saman." Other reliable sources call his "holiday" "The Vigil Samhain" (Shamhain is pronounced so-wein). I ask you, are the protests of the occult community an effort to "white wash" the truth about Saman and how they worshipped him in fiendish, bloody worship rituals? I believe that is probable.

Suffice it to say, at this point that the pagan worship day Samhain evolved into Halloween. But what of their Lord of Death? You probably have seen a modern day version of SAMAN without even knowing it. This pagan god was shown as a ghostly, skeleton holding a sickle in his hand. He later came to be known as THE GRIM REAPER.

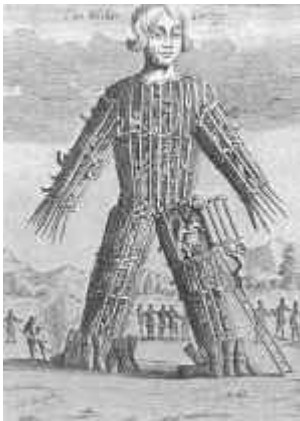
More Information Confirming the Pagan, Idolatrous Origin of Halloween

Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. Deuteronomy 12:31

Ralph Linton wrote:

The American celebration (of Halloween) rests upon Scottish and Irish folk customs which can be traced in a direct line from pre-Christian times. The earliest celebrations were held by the DRUIDS in honor of Shamhain, Lord of Death, whose festival fell on November 1st.

Another source adds this information. November 1st was the Celtic New Year. That day was considered the day of death because temperatures were dropping, the tree leaves were falling, and it was getting dark sooner and staying dark longer. They believed their sun god, identified in the World Book Encyclopedia as Muck Olla, was losing strength because Saman, Lord of Death, was overpowering him. Remember, it was a Druidic belief that on the eve of the Vigil of Saman, October 31, the Lord of Death called together the wicked souls that within the past twelve months had been condemned to inhabit the bodies of animals as punishment for their evil deeds. This demon god then allowed them to return to their former homes to visit the living. Supposedly, to appease the Lord of Death and keep the spirits from harming the people, Druid priests led the people in diabolical worship ceremonies in which horses, cats, black sheep, oxen, human beings and other offerings were rounded up, stuffed into wicker cages and burned to death. Again, I have received correspondence from witches that dispute my assertion that Druids offered human sacrifices. Once again, I will reaffirm my position that they did offer human sacrifices, based on my research. Allow me to provide the evidence.



In his definitive book, *The Druids*, by Stuart Piggott you can read the following –

Our information on Druid ceremonies mainly centers on sacrifice, and is contained in the Posidonian sources and in Pliny. Strabo writes...of human sacrifice by shooting to death by arrows, or by impaling, and the holocaust of human and animal victims alike in a huge wicker figure (kolosson). Caesar likewise describes these great figures (immani magnitudine simulacra) whose limbs were filled with living men and set on fire. Tacitus is specific on British Druids: 'they deemed it indeed a duty to cover their altars with the blood of captives and to consult their deities through human

entrails.

In the book, *The Celts*, Gerhard Herm writes of the Celtic people...

The inhabitants employ a very surprising and incredible custom when they want to know matters of great importance. They consecrate a human being to death, drive a dagger into his belly, above the abdomen, and draw conclusions about events to come from the squirming of the victim and the spurting of his blood. They have been practicing this custom since time immemorial.

From the writings of Julius Caesar, we have this account. In the century preceding the birth of Christ, Caesar conquered the Britons and he records very carefully the account of the DRUID PRIESTS:

All Gallic nations are much given to superstition...they either offer up men as victims to the gods, or make a vow to sacrifice themselves. The ministers in these offerings are the Druids, and they hold that the wrath of the immortal gods can only be appeased, and man's life redeemed, by offering up human sacrifice, and it is a part of their national institutions to hold *fixed solemnities* (Ceremonies) for this purpose.



I looked deeper to see if I could find the dates of these "fixed solemnities." I found the answer in an encyclopedia called *Man, Myth and Magic*. "The pagan Celts in Northern Europe held two great fire festivals each year -- Beltane on the eve of 1 May and Samhain on the eve of 1 November -- to mark the beginning of summer and winter." So you see that Samhain, the forerunner of Halloween, was one of the days when human sacrifices were offered. It is interesting to note that when they gathered together on these pagan worship days they would meet in a grove of trees, preferably oak trees, or in a stone circle. There are many stone circles in the British Isles and in western Europe. The most famous surviving stone circle is Stonehenge, located on the Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire England. It is evident that human sacrifice was common at this ancient Druid Sacrificial Circle because within three miles of this site there are over 350 funeral mounds that contain the remnants of countless human sacrifices.

Stonehenge





The Nimrod - Druid Connection

And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. Leviticus 18:21



THE AMMONITE FIRE-GOD MOLOCH.

Have you ever wondered where the heinous pagan worship rituals of the Druids originated? I have. As it turns out it goes all the way back to Nimrod, who built Babel or Babylon. He conceived a one world government model in rebellion against Jehovah-God and went about to establish a one world government in the land of Shinar (which is today known as Iraq) and institute a pagan worship system that rejected the Lord God Jehovah. The primary false god worshipped was called Baal (Syrian & Phoenician), Bel (Assyrian), Moloch or Molech (Ammonites), Ra or Re (Egyptian) to name just a few. Here is why that is important. *The American Book of Days* says, "Many of

Halloween's customs are derived from the ancient Baal Festivals. Other customs originate from the taking of omens from the struggles of victims in the fires of druidic sacrifices." Alexander Hislop wrote, "The worship of Bel (Moloch) and Astarte was very early introduced into Britain along with the Druids, the priests of the groves. From Bel, the 1st of May is still called Beltane in the Almanac; and we have customs still lingering at this day among us, which prove how exactly the worship of Bel or Moloch had been observed..." The reference to "lingering customs" refers to Halloween.

Now, allow me to turn your attention back to Nimrod for a moment. It is important that you know that Nimrod incorporated into his worship system the grisly practice of human sacrifice and cannibalism. Hislop says, "the priests of Nimrod or Baal were necessarily required to eat of the human sacrifices; and thus it has come to pass that 'Cahna-Bal' (cahna meaning priest & Bal referring to Baal), the 'Priest of Baal' is the established word (cannibal) in our own tongue for a devourer of human flesh." Here's why that is important. "The god whom the Druids worshipped was Baal, as the blazing Baal-fires show and...children were offered in sacrifice to Baal." That's what Baal (Moloch)

worshippers did. We know that because of what we read in the Bible in **Jeremiah 19:5** *They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind.*

There is absolutely no doubt that Samhain - Halloween, was a wicked pagan worship day. It is little wonder that even today Halloween's focus is still on horror, mutilation, death, evil and the occult seeing that it is rooted in Baal worship! But, I come in contact with people regularly who protest, "That may have been true in the past, but that is not true today."

Witches have never given up Halloween! Occultists of all stripes still lay claim to the day and worship their pagan gods and goddesses on that day with demonic rituals.

What Witches, Satanists and Other Occultists Say About Halloween

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An Occult Religious Day

So, what do those who are involved in the occult say about Halloween? Do they acknowledge that Halloween is a pagan day past and present? Consider the following –

Witch - Doreen Valiente: "Halloween is one of the four Great Sabbats of the witches that everyone has heard about. To witches, Halloween is a serious occasion, however merrily celebrated. It is the old Celtic Eve of Samhain. With the coming of Christianity, the Church tried to Christianize the old festival by making 1st November All Saints Day, or All Hallows as the old term was. Thus Samhain Eve became All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. But attempts to discourage the pagan celebrations were so unavailing that the festival was eventually banned from the Church calendar. It was not until 1928 that the Church of England formally restored All Hallows to its calendar, on the assumption that the old pagan associations of Halloween were at last really dead and forgotten; a supposition that was certainly premature."

Witch - Margot Adler: "All the Great Festivals of Paganism, wherever they may be found, correspond in common with the Solstices, Equinoxes, and other natural annual cycles of life. Most of these remain with us today in more or less disguised form as the so-called 'Christian' holidays of Christmas (Yule), Easter (Ostara), May Day (Beltane),

Thanksgiving (Harvest Home), Halloween (Samhain) and even Groundhog's day (Oimelec)."

Witch - Sharon Graham: "Salem (Massachusetts) is a mecca, especially around Samhain. It is our holiday, our new year, and a lot of witches come here from all over the world..."

Satanist - Anton Szandor LaVey (now deceased): "Two major holidays, HALLOWEEN and Walpurgisnacht are celebrated by the Church of Satan."

Gothic & Vampire Cults: I was the guest on a nationally aired TV talk show several years ago. I was speaking out against Halloween and warning of the dangers of occult practices. I was seated next to Catrina, who professed to be a vampire. After the show, we were assigned to the same limo to take us back to the airport. In our conversation it was clear that Halloween was a very important day for vampires. Also, many in the Gothic movement assemble at graveyards on Halloween for their bizarre celebrations.

The Day of The Dead: I should note as well that many Mexicans celebrate El Dia de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead) on October 31. Family members who have died are believed to return to their grave sites.

Voodoo: The Voodoo Museum in New Orleans usually offers a special Halloween ritual in which people may see true voodoo rites.

Followers of Crowley: Major-General J.F.C. ('Boney') Fuller was a devotee of the heroine addicted, sex pervert, black magician and so called High Priest of Satanism in Britain, Aleister Crowley (1875-1947). Crowley boasted of being "the wickedest man in the world" and openly despised Christ and the faith of his parents who were Plymouth Brethren. Fuller indicated that Samhain (Halloween) was an important ritual day to Crowley and his followers and it still is today.

Halloween Is A Recognized Occult Holiday

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 10:21

Halloween is a religious day but not a Christian day. Satanists, witches and other occultists will go to court for their right to perform their demonic rituals on this day. Halloween is a recognized religious Holiday. Here is proof --

A federal judge has set the wheels in motion to force a federal correctional facility in Jefferson County, Colorado to allow a prisoner to perform a Satanic ritual on Halloween. Tom McMillan of the Rocky Mountain Family Policy Council can't believe it. 'This case flies in the face of two upper Appeals Court cases, both of which held that Satanism is not a recognized religion and therefore the prison officials do not have to provide space and

implements for the performance of a Satanic ritual.' McMillan says Judge Edward Nottingham issued a preliminary injunction allowing the ritual, even though the prisoner admits it includes a destruction ritual, in which he visualizes the death of his enemies.

The Military Recognizes Halloween

A U.S. Air Force physical therapist who says she has been a practicing witch for four years won permission to take Halloween and seven other days off as 'religious holidays.' A spokesman at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio said regulations require that Patricia Hutchins...be accorded the same freedom to express her religious beliefs as any other religious believer.

The Prison System Recognizes Halloween

The Maine State Prison allowed members of a witch coven (the Coven of Dawn) to hold a two-hour service on the feast day they call Samhain (Halloween), after the Druidic festival of year's end. 'This is our time to give praise to our lord and lady for the bountiful harvest,' said the founder of the 'goddess-oriented' coven. He said that 75 inmates have been initiated into the religion since its start in 1981.

Conclusion

Witches and Satanists love Halloween. They get a lot of media coverage around that time of year. It's good P.R. (public relations) for them because the coverage, as a rule, portrays them in a favorable light. In addition, Halloween generates interest in "the craft" and is good for recruitment purposes. As Craig Hawkins put it: "With increasing vigor, witchcraft is coming 'out of the broom closet.' Many witches are actively seeking public understanding and acceptance."

Despite the public relations campaign to "sell" the public on the "virtues" of witchcraft, modern day witches and satanists still worship demon gods and goddesses, cast spells, practice bizarre and immoral sexual rituals, and certain individuals and groups offer animal and human sacrifices.

Texe Marrs, well known New Age researcher said this about the activities of witches on Halloween:

Our own research confirms that on this unholy night [Halloween], witches' covens meet, drink, dance, spit out curses and spells, conjure up spirits, engage in sexual orgies, induct new members, and offer up animal and human sacrifices. (Witches have become expert at covering up these sacrifices by use of cremation ovens and the use of privately owned land preserves for disposal of bodies in deeply dug graves.)

It is clear that Halloween is a religious celebration, but not a Christian celebration. It was and still is the holiday of witches, satanists and occultists. Read carefully the following words of a former High Priest in the Celtic tradition of Wicca -- "Halloween is purely and absolutely evil, and there is nothing we ever have or will do that would make it acceptable to the Lord Jesus."

Owen Rachleff gives us some additional food for thought.

Halloween can be, and to many is, a deadly serious affair. [It] originated with pre-Christian Druids or Celts in Northern Europe, who marked the year by four seasonal festivals. The autumn feast took place on November 1st. Early Christians, desiring a part in the traditional festivities, created All Saints' Day to coincide with the pagan rites. Satanists, acting true to form, reversed the Christian procedure. Because November 1st was All Saints' Day (All Souls' Day, November 2nd, memorializes the dead), Satanists established October 31st as an "All Demon's Night". As surely as the Christian martyrs and saints dominated their own holiday, so did the demons permeate the preceding evening. All Hallows' Eve predictably became a time of spells, curses, and horrors for those who did not believe, but for the Satanists, particularly the witches, it was a joyous festival and major sabbat. So it remains in a diluted form, ironically celebrated by Christian society ! far more vigorously than All Saints' Day.

Historically, Halloween is obviously and totally a pagan, worship day. It is still the most important unholy day for Witches, Satanists and other occultists. The Bible says, ".../ *would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.*" **1 Corinthians 10:20** In another place it is written, "*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness...*" **Ephesians 5:11.**

Halloween Specifics

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Where did the name Halloween come from?

What is the origin of costumes?

What is the origin of the bonfire?

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What is the origin and significance of the Jack-O-Lantern?

What is the relationship black cats & cats in general have with Halloween?

What is the significance of bobbing for apples?

Summary Of Halloween's History

Where did the name Halloween come from?

As I mentioned earlier, originally this Druid holiday was called "The Vigil Of Saman." In early Britain it was called Samhain, which is pronounced So-wein. When Roman Catholicism became a world political and religious power the pagan customs were still widely celebrated. In 800 A.D. the Roman Catholic church moved "All Saints' Day" from May to November 1st. All of the "saints" who did not have a special day in their honor on the Catholic calendar were to be honored on All Saints' Day. It was also a time to pay respect to the dead by visiting their graves. The "new day" that was to replace the pagan vigil of the dead was called "All Hallow's Day". It soon became the custom to call the evening before "All Hallow's Eve, which was soon shortened to Halloween. The important fact to note is that the intended "Christianization" of the pagan day miserably failed. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* even admits it. It says: ! "The night of October 31st and the vigil of the feast of All Saints, Halloween derives its name from an older English term, All Hallow's Eve, although its traditions derive from pagan worship. An important source of the customs of Halloween was the Druidic religion of pre-Christian Gaul and Britain."

The name of the holiday is the only thing that has changed. Halloween still carries its pagan significance. Halloween is still an observance of death. There is no Christian significance to be found in Halloween. Jesus Christ is conspicuously absent! I can celebrate Christmas in a Christian way by celebrating the Birth of Christ. I can celebrate the Easter season in a Christian way by focusing on the atoning death, burial and glorious resurrection of Christ. What about Halloween? It is a day dedicated to idolatry, fear, death and the occult. You cannot celebrate those things to the glory of God. The Bible tells us, *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.* **1 Corinthians 10:31**

Dr. John MacArthur wrote these timely words about Halloween in his *Grace To You* newsletter in response to a listener who wrote and asked: What is your perspective on Halloween? He answered,

First of all, dressing up like witches, ghosts, or goblins is incompatible with a Christian's testimony. Furthermore, many of the customs of Halloween are associated with the worst kinds of pagan beliefs and ceremonies; they are usually sinister things such as demons, witchcraft and superstition. If we as Christian parents simply disregard the unchristian aspects of such practices as mere fantasy or superstition and then encourage our children to participate in them, we run the risk of communicating the message that the spiritual battle waged by the rulers of darkness (Ephesians 6:10) is not to be taken seriously.

What is the origin of costumes?

The early origin of costumes is repulsive. On the evening of October 31st, the Druids ordered the people to put out their hearth fires. Then they built huge new year's bonfires of oak branches, which they considered sacred. They burned animals, crops and human beings as sacrifices to their gods and goddess. During this diabolical ritual the

PEOPLE WORE COSTUMES made of animal heads and skins. They then practiced divination, looked for omens in the struggle of the victims sacrificed in the fires, jumped over the flames or dashed through them, danced and sang. All of this was done to frighten the evil spirits away. Further, they believed "Saman would then send evil spirits to attack people on the eve before the November 1st celebration. The only way these people could escape was by assuming disguises and looking like the evil spirits themselves."

It seems to me that these "evil spirits" must also have been stupid spirits if they could be fooled by such a masquerade. Sadly, the fools were the superstitious idol worshippers who refused to glorify the true God. As a result they became "*vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*" **Romans 1:21** As you can see, gross looking costumes have their source in paganism and because of this we should "*...cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.*" **Romans 13:12.**

What is the origin of the bonfire?

According to *The Oxford English Dictionary*, the word bonfire is derived from the word bone-fire, so called because it was a great fire in which bones were burned in the open air. The Druids held two main great ritual fire festivals each year when humans and animals were burned in sacrifice to their gods. One was held on Beltane (May eve, April 30) and the other on Samhain or Halloween. The next day, divination was done based on the bones remaining. These ritual fires were called bone-fire.



What is the origin of Trick or Treat?

Now, just by chance if you had forgotten to dress up or could not fool the evil spirits by dressing in animal skins or other disguises, there was a way to exorcise them. People were to set out a TREAT of food and fruit, and provide the wandering spirit with shelter for the night. If the demon spirit was satisfied with your TREAT, it was believed that he would not TRICK you by casting an evil spell on you thereby causing havoc.

There is another shocking account of Trick or Treat written by a former witch, Irene Park. She says:

The Druids in Ireland would go through the neighborhoods and countryside on the eve of October 31st to collect offerings to Satan. They would carry lanterns, bags of 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 household would not or could not give the offering (penance or treat), the Druid would use the cane to castrate the male human or one of their prize animals.

In later years, James Napier, in his book, *Holidays of Legend*, says, "Irish farmers went house to house begging for food for their ancient gods. Good luck was promised to all who donated but threats were made against those who would not give." There is absolutely nothing in Trick or Treat that honors our Lord Jesus Christ! In fact it is a form of idol worship. One former witch who came to know Christ puts it this way --

Trick or Treat is a reenactment of Druidic practices. The candy has replaced the human sacrifices of old, but it is still an appeasement of those deceptive evil spirits. The traditional response to those who do not treat is to have a trick played on them. When you give out Halloween candy, you are, in essence providing a sacrifice to the false gods. You are participating in idolatry.

After considering the origin of Trick or Treat, I quit giving out candy. I have no desire to reenact pagan Druidic practices, even in diluted form. It seems to me that is exactly what you are doing when you give out goodies on Halloween. Reenacting occultic worship rituals certainly does not glorify God. Consider carefully the words of the Apostle Paul in **2 Corinthians 6:14-17** *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."*

What is the origin and significance of the Jack-O-Lantern?

According to the Encyclopedia, "The apparently harmless lighted pumpkin face of "Jack-O-Lantern" is an ancient symbol of a damned soul."



One article I was reading said that pumpkins and turnips were for much the same reason that costumes were used at one time. Superstitious people hollowed out turnips or pumpkins placing candles inside to scare evil spirits away from their houses. Another book I read says, "The candlelit pumpkin or skull...served as a beacon for the sabbat and as a signal to mark those farms and homes that were sympathetic to the Satanists and thus deserving of mercy when the terror of the night (Halloween) began."

I certainly am not sympathetic to satanists, are you? Then why display a Jack-O-Lantern? In more recent times, John Ankerberg says this about the Jack-O-Lantern --

The carved pumpkin may have originated with the witches' use of a skull with a candle in it to light the way to coven meeting. But among the Irish, who, as noted, caused the popularization of Halloween in America, the legend of 'Irish Jack' explains the Jack-O-Lantern. The legend goes:

There was a stingy drunk named Jack who tricked the devil into climbing an apple tree for an apple but then cut the sign of a cross into the trunk of the tree preventing the devil from coming down. Jack forced the devil to swear he would never come after Jack's soul. The devil reluctantly agreed. Jack eventually died but was turned away at the gates of Heaven because of his drunkenness and life of selfishness. He was next sent to the devil who also rejected him keeping his promise. Since Jack had no place to go, he was condemned to wander the earth. As he was leaving Hell (he happened to be eating a turnip), the devil threw a live coal to him. He put the coal inside the turnip! and has since forever been roaming the earth with his 'jack-o-lantern' in search of a place to rest. Eventually, pumpkins replaced turnips since it was much easier to symbolize the devil's coal inside a pumpkin.

The folk tale is tragic! It indicates that the people knew neither the Bible nor the way to Heaven. **John 3:16** makes it clear that no one has to be outside of heaven.. The verse says, *For God so loved the world (mankind), that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should NOT perish, but have everlasting life.* John 3 also makes it clear that if any individual refuses to trust Christ as Savior that person is condemned already. **John 3:18 & 36** says, *He that believeth on him is not condemned. But he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.* There is no roaming or wandering the earth. There are no deals that can be made with the Devil. It is either Heaven or Hell depending on what you have ! done with Christ. If you do not know Christ as your Savior, you are condemned already. If you have put your faith in Christ, Heaven will be your eternal home. (Look up the following passages of Scripture – **Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-13**). If you have never trusted Christ as your personal Savior, why not pray and ask Him to forgive your sins and be your Savior?



What is the relationship black cats & cats in general have with Halloween?

In the 1959 edition of the *World Book Encyclopedia* under Halloween it says, Druid priests believed that cats were once human beings but were reincarnated as punishment for evil deeds. Because of this they held cats sacred and involved them in their idol worship of October 31st and November 1st. This is supported by *The American Book of Days*, by George Douglas which says, "Druids believed the cat was sacred and...that cats had once been changed (from being human and reincarnated) into that form as punishment for evil deeds."

The link between witches and cats has been well known for centuries. "Even after Christianity spread to Europe...oxen were sacrificed on October 31st...and in medieval Europe, black cats [were] chosen as victims in the belief that they were witches in disguise [and] were burned on that day (Halloween)."

It is plain to see that cats, particularly BLACK CATS were thought to represent EVIL. Further, they were a symbol of REINCARNATION.

Black cats are still associated with Halloween. Each year Humane Societies in many cities issue warnings to black cat owners to watch out for their pets. Additionally, the Society will not release black cats around Halloween for fear they will be mistreated or sacrificed. Their decision, in my opinion, is a wise one. I have been asked to evaluate occult sites on numerous occasions and sadly I have seen the remains of cats that have been sacrificed. Here is but one example. "Sergeant Lars Holden, yesterday told of the grisley find of dead cats with their feet nailed to the floor, encircled by candles, in an abandoned beachfront building." If you have a dark or black cat, keep it in the house around Halloween.

What is the significance of bobbing for apples?

In A.D. 43 the Roman Empire was in solid control of the Celtic people. As a result of this control the idol worshipping Romans introduced another ceremony honoring their false gods and goddesses (particularly the festival of Pomona) to the already demoniacal Druid New Year's celebration. They would try to grasp fruit, floating in water, without the use of their hands. This is the origin of BOBBING FOR APPLES.

SUMMARY OF HALLOWEEN'S HISTORY

Now you have a brief historical sketch of Halloween. Is there any doubt that Halloween is a pagan worship day? Halloween is doubtless the only day that you would even consider honoring the devil, witches, ghosts, vampires and perverse acts. Why honor Satan and his demons at all? **Deuteronomy 32:16-17** tells us that God is provoked when demons are honored and not him... *They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up....* Halloween is a demonic worship day. We would be wise to heed Paul's admonition in **I Corinthians 10:20** where he says he does not want us to fellowship with demons or pagan practices in any way. *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.*

THE HEROES OF HALLOWEEN

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The Witch

Parents take notice – Witches are real and witchcraft is popular with teenagers today. Your daughter or son may be a witch or at least into the beliefs of witchcraft.

According to a Gallup poll, "a majority of teenagers believe in witchcraft."

The primary "hero" of Halloween is the witch. Consider this material from *An Illustrated History of Witchcraft*:

The witch is, without doubt, one of the most enduring figures in superstition and literature. Whether portrayed as an aged crone astride a broomstick off on some mission of evil, or else a young girl dancing naked with her companions in a wooded grove, she can be found in carvings of antiquity or the columns of today's newspapers...since the Middle Ages, (writings have) shown her as an enemy of humanity, a solitary being able to compact with the Devil to work all manner of supernatural powers.

The oldest known illustration of a witch dates back to the pre-Columbian times and shows the goddess Tlazolteolf naked, wearing a pointed hat riding a broomstick. The

most famous witch in history probably is the Witch of Endor. **I Samuel 28** relates how King Saul went to her in an effort to get in touch with the dead prophet of God, Samuel. He wanted advice on how to defeat the Philistines. He should have known better because **Exodus 22:18** notes that being a witch was a capital crime, punishable by death.

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 makes it clear that people are neither to consult nor participate in the OCCULT. The passage says, *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, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 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. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.* **Deuteronomy 18:9-14**

The New Testament addresses witchcraft as well. **Galatians 5:20** and **Revelation 21:8**, in the King James version of the Bible lists the practitioners of witchcraft as fleshly sin and those who practice it are said to be excluded from God's kingdom. Witchcraft is serious business!

The Origin of The Name "Witch"

Many of today's witches elect to be called "wiccans" instead of witches. The very name witch conjures mental images associated with evil and they want to change that. They go to great lengths to redefine themselves by using the term wicca. But, the word witch comes from the Old English word wicca (masculine) wicce (feminine) which means to practice sorcery. In fact our English word wicked is from the root word wicca and literally means witch-like. As early as 890 A.D. the word "wiccan" was used to identify witches "in the *Laws of King Alfred*." In short, changing the name from witch to wiccan is an attempt at historical revisionism. A witch or wiccan is, by the very name, a defining word for wickedness.

The Influence of "the wickedest man in the world" on Wicca

So, are witches really wicked? To answer that question let me introduce Aleister Crowley (1875-1947). As I mentioned earlier, Crowley boasted of being "the wickedest man in the world" and openly despised Christ and the faith of his parents who were Plymouth Brethren. One author wrote, "Everyone knows about Aleister Crowley, of course. He was a satanist, a pornographer...a traitor to his country during the war of 1914-1918, an insatiable ambisexual athlete, a pimp who lived on the immoral earnings of his girl-friends, and a junkie who daily took enough heroin to kill a roomfull of people."

The sadistic, satanic teachings of this "Beast 666" (as he called himself) are being used in a number of occult organizations including Ordo Templi Orientis, The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, various satanic cults and Wicca. Indeed Crowley has had a major

influence on Wicca, despite the ardent denial of many Wiccans. First, Crowley had a major impact on Sybil Leek, a well known witch. She studied under him and boasted that Crowley's mantle was passed onto her. Second, Alex Sanders (1926-1988), who was "certainly one of the most influential Wiccans of the last 25 years, claimed to have known Crowley and studied under him. He also wore a magic ring identical to the one which Crowley used to wear and casually let it be known among his friends that Crowley had bestowed it upon him." Finally, there is Gerald Gardner (1884-1964). Dr. Aidan Kelly, Ph.D., a witch himself, says that *Gardner is the inventor of the cult of Wicca*. There is definite evidence ! that Gardner commissioned Crowley to write parts of his witchcraft work the *Book of Shadows*.



My point is simply this, there is nothing wholesome in contemporary witchcraft. To be sure witches are out of the broom closet and walking down main street. Some of the more commonly known names in contemporary witchcraft include Margot Adler, Starhawk, Isaac Bonewits, Jessie Wicker Bell (Lady Sheba), Lady Sintana, Zsuzsanna (called "Z"), Budapest, Laurie Cabot, Scott Cunningham, Selena Fox, Amber K, Gavin and Yvonne Frost, Judy Kneitel (Lady Theos), Leo Martello, Miriam Simos (Starhawk), Allyn Wolfe, Doreen Valiente, Otter (Oberon) G'Zell, Morning Glory Zell and more. In fact Selena Fox, witch of Circle Sanctuary in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, received coverage for her pagan group in the May 6, 1991 issue of *TIME* magazine. The title of the article, was "When God Was a Woman." Witches got the cover of *Milwaukee Magazine* in 1992. It says, "Witches: Tales and Truths. Witchcraft is

alive in Wisconsin. The rituals may seem strange - ! to some even evil - but the beliefs will surprise you. Milwaukee witch Mary Ellen Orenda and the tools of her trade." In fact, they are going to great lengths to sanitize their reputation and remake their image. That is easy to see when you see media articles with titles like – *Witches spell it out: Don't Stereotype Us*, and *I Am Not A Wicked Witch*. In the process of trying to remake themselves to be acceptable to mainstream Americans they use deceptive schemes, old tricks and dirty lies to accomplish their goal.

Unmasking The Truth About Witches

Witches are not the wholesome, family oriented people they claim to be. Doreen Irvine, a practicing witch for many years, said, many "witches were lesbians and homosexuals." And she's right. I have a poster, letter and application in my files for, as *they called it*, "FAGGOT WITCH CAMP." The letter advertised the "second annual FAGGOT WITCH CAMP, August 26-30, 1991." This event was held at Wyalusing State Park in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. According to the letter, "Our purpose in organizing this event is to gather with like-minded queer men and to explore our unique perspectives and experiences as faggot witches." This sodomite gathering was even announced in two prominent witchcraft publications, *Circle Network News; Spring 1991* and in *Green Egg - A Magazine of Goddess and Nature Religion; Litha, 1991*.

Witchcraft is a perverted sex oriented cult. According to the book, *What Witches Do*, "witchcraft has always been a fertility religion..." and the orgy was a part of the Craft "giving the plainer girls a chance."

Gardinarian witch Patricia C. Crowther describes modern day witch orgies this way –

The motives of the modern witches are often thought to be questionable, and certainly a considerable element of sexuality is present at many meetings...The nudity of the coven, the frantic dancing, the incense and the slightly illicit atmosphere contribute to this...The binding and whipping of new initiate for 'purification' purposes, for instance, is highly titillating for those with sado-masochistic tendencies...while 'the five-fold kiss' bestowed by the high priest or priestess on the feet, knees, genitals, breasts and lips of the new members speaks for itself. The 'Great Rite,' performed at certain ceremonies and consisting of token or actual sexual intercourse...is justified on the grounds that Wicca is, after all, a fertility cult. Only the high priest may initiate a female member, while the high priestess initiates the males.

While not all occult groups practice these evil rites, it is not the exception to the rule.

The book, *People of The Earth: The New Pagans Speak Out*, includes a chapter titled *Sacred Prostitutes* A pagan who calls herself D'Vora is one of those interviewed in this chapter. She is the author of a book called *Reflections from the Orgynizor*. The book says she is known as "Queen of Thelema...the Prostitute, Sex Magician, Cat Woman and as a sacred prostitute." Most of what she says is too perverse to print. Suffice it to say that she characterizes witchcraft pretty well with this sentence; "I'd say most of magic is sex." She continues in the article to promote ritual prostitution and says, "I like group sex, I like anomomys sex, I like sex." It is interesting that the Bible connects the whore, the adulterer and the sorceress. **Isaiah 57:3** speaks of the "*sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.*" We are told to flee fornication not embrace it (**1 Corinthians 6:18**). Sexual perversion is never wholesome! Many witches are into sexual activities that the Bible forbids.

Speaking of sexual perversion I also have in my files a copy of a witchcraft publication that states that a well known east coast witch "transitioned from male to female on Samhain, October 31." What that means is that the person was born a biological male but had his sex organs surgically removed and altered to appear to be female. That IS perversion! In fact, another noted witch who has authored a best selling book on witchcraft under a female name, was born a biological male.

In 1991, I published a thirty-page research report entitled, "*The Dark Side of Halloween.*" In that book I quoted a former witch who said, "Sadism was practiced frequently..." That is true. Several years back I brought this up on a national talk show. When I said this, two witches who worshipped Dagon were sitting on one side of me and a vampire on the other. The audience was peppered with witches. As soon as the

words were out of my mouth there was a hot protest from the witches. In fact, since the show was not live, the witches put so much pressure on the producers that they edited out my words! They did not want the public to know about their sadistic practices.

Let me lend support to my assertion about *sadism*. "One of the most important religious organizations of Neo-Paganism in America is the Church of All Worlds (CAW)...CAW played a key role in the 1970's in the networking of diverse Pagan and Wiccan groups..." Their official journal is the *Green Egg – A Journal of the Awakening Earth*. The entirety of *Volume 29, No. 119; 1997* dealt with ritual sexual sado-masochism. There certainly is nothing wholesome about sado-masochism.

I will conclude this section by saying, there is nothing wholesome about any of these perverted sexual practices. While witches try to mask these diabolical practices, the record speaks for itself. And as Dr. Merrill Unger observes, "for those who surrender to worship and serve Satan, the moral degradation and perversion is horrifying."

LIES WITCHES TELL

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do...he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44

Lie #1 -- Witches Do Not Believe In or Acknowledge The Devil/Satan

While Wicca and other witchcraft traditions have a modern origin, they draw eclectically upon occult information, rituals, and ceremonies from idol worshippers of the past. In fact, they use a deceptive scheme involving semantic word games to deny their involvement with the Devil and or Satan. For instance, most witches will tell you that they believe in Lucifer. They claim that "he is the god of the Sun and of the Moon." However most knowledgeable witches recognize that the book *La Sorciere* by French historian, Jules Michelet, is a major contributor to the Wiccan cult. (The English version is published by Citadel Press under the title *Satanism and Witchcraft*) But, here's the facts. "Michelet's book is full of passionate, sympathetic depictions of Satan and medieval witchcraft."

Then there is the book by Charles G. Leland – *Aradia: Gospel of the Witches*, which is another major source of Wiccan beliefs. The very first paragraph reads...

Diana greatly loved her brother Lucifer, the god of the Sun and of the Moon, the god of Light, who was so proud of his beauty, and *who for his pride was driven from Paradise.*

This is a reference to **Isaiah 14** in the Bible where Lucifer is expelled from the presence of God and becomes the Devil or Satan! In fact, **Isaiah 14:12** (KJV) is the only passage where Lucifer is mentioned in the entire Bible. Otherwise he is called the Devil, Satan, the Dragon, etc. But that is not the only example. In *Mastering Witchcraft: A Practical Guide for Witches...* Paul Huson makes this statement –

This is a beginner's guide to practical witchcraft, revealing the techniques and secret workings of those who practice the black arts. It presents the first steps to becoming a witch...It answers all the basic questions about spells, magical recipes, rituals, divination, covens, curses, apparatus, how to develop one's power, etc. From reciting the Lord's Prayer backward through...details for spells to arouse lust...attain vengeance...

Speaking of vengeance, consider this ritual of wrath "a conjuration of the Horned One" recorded on page 186 – "I conjure thee by Barabbas, by Satan, by the devil cursed be! I summon thee by Barabbas, by Satan by the devil conjured be! By the underworld itself..." Need I note that Barabbas and Satan are references to the devil who is mentioned?

Lucifer is the devil, Satan. Their slick little word games are the attempt of modern witches to cover up the truth.

Lie #2 – The upside-down pentagram is Satanic not Wiccan

Nothing could be further from the truth! While the upside-down pentagram is used in Satanism, it is well documented that in the Gardinarian and Alexandrian Wiccan cult, they use the upside-down pentagram as the symbol of Second Degree Initiation. One former Alexandrian witch stated, "As I got to the higher degrees I learned that the name of the horned god was Lucifer. I learned that the sign of the second degree was an inverted pentagram, symbolizing the horns of Satan."

Lie #3 – Witches only do good Magic, Healing Magic

On numerous occasions I have been told by witches that the Wiccan Rede ("An harm none, do what ye will") and the threefold law (evil directed at another will return 3 fold upon the perpetrator) hinders witches from directing magic spells or other negative actions against anyone. That just is not true! For instance, famous witch, Sybil Leek, published a book called the *Book of Curses*. It is an encyclopedia of curses that witches can use in their spells. Then there is Paul Huson's book, *Mastering Witchcraft*. In it, "full details are given for spells to...attain vengeance." Obviously curses and vengeance are a part of witchcraft. This is just another attempt by witches to mask the truth.

Lie #4 – Witches don't believe in blood rituals, animal or human sacrifice

While many pagan and Wicca cult members offer fruit and vegetable sacrifices to their pagan gods and goddesses, blood rituals and animal or human sacrifices are a part of historic pagan and witchcraft rites and are becoming increasingly frequent in the witch community today.

I have read several accounts and have recorded personal testimonies of individuals who were initiated into witchcraft that incorporated rituals using their own blood. Consider Alex Sanders (1926-1988). He is the father of Alexandrian Wicca. He was

initiated into witchcraft using a blood ritual. A witch had "him stand nude in a circle with his head down. She took a sharp razor, cut his scrotum to make it bleed...He was initiated as a third degree, and he became a black magickian."

There are other uses of blood as well. For instance there is a connection between blood and the witches wand. "The most efficacious wand will be made of one of the woods sacred to the White Goddess: elderberry, willow, rowan, hazel, oak or mistletoe." The article goes on to say that the branch is then hollowed out and "filled with cotton wool and brought to life with three drops of the witch's own blood."

The use of blood to facilitate power is not uncommon. One witch told me that they had anointed their divination board with their own blood so as to give the board power.

In the book, "*Secrets of the Occult*" by C.A. Burland, it talks about groups in south Germany about 1960 who "hunted and decapitated deer for a blood-drinking rite."

I told you earlier that the Gerald B. Gardner is considered the originator of modern Wicca. He was involved in planning a human sacrifice. Here is what is recorded. "The group was deadly serious about their secret ritual...But to be 100 per cent effective there would have to be a human sacrifice." One of the coven members volunteered to be the human sacrifice.

The coven was also known to use a hallucinogen. Having formed their magic circle in the depths of the forest, the group, who were naked, made a line and held hands and then danced furiously around a small bonfire, chanting incantations...They performed the rite with such vigour that one or two of them fainted, a not uncommon experience when a serious amount of power and energy is aroused by the performance of ritual. The old volunteer duly collapsed and died, and it is not known whether it was from an overdose of mushrooms, over-exhaustion or the cold. The great sacrifice had been made and the potency of their magic...enhanced...

Though the group was ready to murder the volunteer, as it turned out they did not have to.

The fact is, historically, human sacrifice has been associated with witchcraft. Anyone who is intellectually honest will admit that. But it seems that some Wiccans are finally coming out of the closet and preparing the way for the acceptance of human sacrifice within their ranks. In fact, a major Wiccan periodical carried an article titled *Sacrifice: An Elevation*. In this article Nasira Alma states, "*We cannot be 'above' sacrifice, human or other...Divinors foresaw events by noting the manner of the victim's fall, the twitching of his limbs, and how his blood spurted...Sacrifice is the law of our nature. It maintains the balance between the inner and the outer, the physical and the spiritual, the Divine and the human.*"

Witches desperately want public acceptance! Many will lie in an effort to get it. A massive nation wide disinformation campaign is being waged in an effort to convince people that their beliefs and practices are normal and acceptable. They are neither normal nor acceptable. Their beliefs are aberrant and their practices are wicked.

Definitions, Doctrines & Principles

The word "occult" comes from the Latin word "occultus" and means secret, concealed, hidden or esoteric (private; only understood by a select few) knowledge or practices.

It often employs a dangerous spiritual element that is called upon at times through ritualistic means. Altered states of consciousness can be used as a tool to tap into a deceptive spiritual power that resides within the normally invisible and intangible demonic sphere of reality. Magickal seduction, psychological problems, predatory or belief crimes can be the end result.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica -- Micropaedia*, gives some additional information that I think would be helpful. It says the occult is:

A general designation for various theories, practices, and rituals based on esoteric knowledge, especially alleged knowledge about the world of spirits and unknown forces of the universe. Devotees of occultism strive to understand and explore these worlds, often by developing the [alleged] higher powers of the mind... Occultism covers such diverse subjects as Satanism, astrology, Kabbala, Gnosticism, theosophy, divination, witchcraft, and certain forms of magic.

Actually, there are more than 7,000 practices known to relate to the occult and many more individuals, societies, groups and religions that promote and advocate occult practices. There are numerous directories and dictionaries of occult organizations. I am a minor contributor to the *Dictionary of Cults, Sects, Religions and The Occult* published by Zondervan. This is an excellent one volume work if you want to learn more about cults and occult.

WHAT DO WITCHES BELIEVE?

I have been researching the occult and witchcraft for nearly two decades now. Within that time I have found that it is impossible to say ALL witches or occult devotees believe one unified doctrinal statement because they do not. As Craig Hawkins noted in his research article entitled, *The Modern World of Witchcraft*, "Contemporary witchcraft is so diverse and eclectic that it is extremely difficult to accurately identify and define."

Without a doubt his statement is true. Yet, I have found a core of recurring beliefs that most witches and occult devotees believe. I call them...

COMMON WITCHCRAFT & OCCULT BELIEFS

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; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 1 Timothy 4:1-2

ANIMISM – The false belief that all objects (rocks, trees, wind, plants, mountains, etc.) are alive and have a soul. Here is how this false belief is practiced by many witches. They believe that spirits inhabit everything and especially sacred sites. They call these spirits Nature Spirits or Elementals.

The term nature spirit is used synonymously with Elementals, the beings who exist in the four Elements of earth, air, fire and water. In Neo-Paganism and neo-pagan Witchcraft, nature spirits are to be treated with respect, as they can combine into a powerful energy. Their participation and cooperation is sought to enhance rituals and stimulate communication between mankind and **Mother Earth**. When sites are selected for outdoor rituals, an effort is made to communicate with nature spirits...to secure their cooperation and seek their guidance.

In working magic, Witches summon the subtle forces of the elements and their guardian spirits...(these elemental spirits) may be summoned by witches to assist in MAGIC, such as weather control. Earth elementals are known as Gnomes; Fire elementals as Salamanders; Water elementals as Undines; Air elementals as Sylphs. They may be seen by physically gifted persons who are close to nature. Some elementals are said to be malicious and unpredictable, tricking human beings into accidents, setting traps for them and killing them.

By the way, do you know that Trolls (remember the famous troll dolls that were popular a few years back?) are earth spirits? The troll belongs to "the supernatural fairy community which was once assumed to exercise dominion over nature." And you should also know that "the pagan goddess of Rome Diana (the virgin goddess of the hunt, moon and goddess of fertility) was the queen of all nature spirits." The apostle Paul encountered great opposition in Ephesus, the center of Diana Worship (also called Artemis in the Greek). These idol worshippers hated the message of Christ! (Read **Acts 19:21-41**). Witches today worship the Mother Goddess and you will find that it is Diana/Artemis. I should note that nature spirits are what Christians know as demons!

Now, to a second view of animism that other witches hold to. To some witches...

animism means that the Life Force is immanent within all creation. All is imbued (permeated) by the Life Force: rocks and trees, deserts and streams, mountains and valleys, ponds and oceans, gardens and forests, fish and fowl; everything from amoebas to animals to humans. All is

infused with and participants in the vital Life Force or energy, and therefore the entire earth is a living organism.

To them, all nature is alive and all nature is sacred. Therefore some worship nature and some worship the power, god energy or Life Force that is manifested in nature.

PANPSYCHISM – Though this is similar to animism it adds a new dimension. Panpsychism is the false belief that "all objects in the universe have an inner or psychological being and thus possess some level or kind of consciousness...some panpsychists even postulate that every object has a soul, spirit or mind." It does not matter if it is a rock or a plant. Noted witch, Starhawk holds this belief. She says, "To Witches...all things—plants, animals, stones, stars—are alive, and on some level conscious beings. All things are divine and are manifestations of the Goddess."

MONISM -- The false belief that views everything in the universe as being an extension of one reality. The plurality in the cosmos is derived from a single ultimate source. God, the spirit world, and creation are ultimately one in essence. All diversity, therefore, flows from a uniform and divine Force or Energy. There are no Creator-creation distinctions. All differentiation is an illusion and is absorbed into one Source, Energy or "Force" of all that exists. This absurd philosophy would go something like this -- "Out of ONE has proceeded the many, and back into ONE are many traveling."

PANTHEISM – The false belief that everything is divine (god). Divinity is inseparable from and immanent in everything such as nature and humanity. This belief is the basis for the self-deification and nature (creation) worship of most occultists. The primary quest of humanity is to discover and tap into the knowledge of the divine that resides in nature and within ourselves. Most witches believe that humans are gods (goddesses) or potentially gods.

POLYTHEISM -- The false belief in many deities (gods/goddesses) and religions. This also is stretched to include belief in multi-levels of reality. There is no one way or right religion for all. "All religions are simply different, equally valid paths that lead to the same destination: realizing one's potential or actual divinity."

EXISTENTIALISM – The false belief that stresses the total freedom of individuals coupled with the ability to "know" by intuition, experience and feelings. Truth is therefore subjective. "One view is as good or true as another because it is at least true for the individual. Reality, then is a matter of perspective—and everyone has a different one."

RELATIVISM – The false belief that there are no absolutes in any area of life. There is no right or wrong morality, religion, etc. What is right for you is right. You are the judge. The only "absolute" is that there are no absolutes.

REINCARNATION – The false belief that the soul, upon the death of the body, moves to another body or form based on the Law of Karma. The Law of Karma is the Hindu law of retributive justice. It is the belief that the load of guilt or innocence accumulates as the

result of good or bad actions committed during a persons lifetime. These accumulated actions determine one's lot in the next life. Good Karma means a good reincarnation, while bad Karma means reincarnation into a less desirable state.

Most witches believe in, invoke and worship the Mother Goddess and her male consort, the Horned God. The Mother Goddess is also known as the Triple Goddess because she manifests herself as maiden, mother and crone. Wisconsin witch Scott Cunningham, husband of Wisconsin witch Selena Fox says, "The Goddess is the female force, that portion of the ultimate energy source which created the universe."

The Mother Goddess is worshipped and invoked under a variety of names: Aphrodite, Artemis, Diana, Gaia, Isis, Kali, Lilith, Luna, Venus and many other names. For instance, the popular Irish vocalist called Enya is really named Eithne Ni, after a Celtic goddess. In 1993 I covered *The Parliament of The World's Religions* for several Christian organizations. At one of the sessions, Witch Olivia Robertson invoked (prayed) to Isis and yet noted that she is known by a variety of other names. Here is her pagan prayer.

Holy Goddess Isis, mother of all beings, come to our hearts. Grant us, thy children, thy children, love, beauty, and truth. We offer thee our loving care to all who are bought of thee. In the Name of Isis of 10,000 names, may all beings be blessed. The company here assembled, the spirits all around us: human, animal, birds, reptiles, fish, insects, trees, the great rain forests, plants, the earth and all her sacred elements, Baraka!

The Horned God is worshipped and invoked under a variety of names: Adonis, Apollo; Cernunnos, Dionysius, Eros; Hades; Horas Lucifer; Odin, Pan, Thor, Woden and more.

None of these beliefs are Biblical. Any one who believes them is "giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." 1 Timothy 4:1



THE QUEST FOR WISDOM & POWER

It is important for you to understand that there are two sources of wisdom and power that mankind can access -- God's Wisdom & Power and the Devil's Wisdom and Power. We see this in **James 3:15-17** "*This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.*

The wisdom that "*decendeth not from above*" is demonic wisdom (Lucifer's, the Devil's or the Satan's wisdom). This corrupted wisdom, is characterized as being earthly, sensual and devilish. "*The wisdom that is from above,*" God's Wisdom, is said to be pure, peaceable, gentle, etc. In short, there are two very different kinds of wisdom with two very different outcomes.

Biblical Christianity is the manifestation of God's wisdom and power from above. Witchcraft, paganism, the New Age, Satanism, etc. are manifestations of the Devil's wisdom and power from beneath.

The Means That God Approves For Accessing His Wisdom & Power

God's Wisdom & Power may be accessed through...

PRAYER -- James 1:5 *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION -- Psalms 19:7 *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*

Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (See also 2 Peter 3:15-16 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

WISE COUNSEL -- Proverbs 1:5 *A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:*

Proverbs 12:15 *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.*

How People Attempt To Access Demonic Wisdom

There are occult means that people use with the intent of tapping into demonic wisdom. But the Bible warns us that God condemns and forbids seeking after demonic wisdom. This is clearly expressed in **Deuteronomy 18:9-12** where we are told not to learn to imitate detestable demonic ways such as divination, sorcery, witchcraft, channeling, necromancy, casting spells and more because they are said to be an abomination to the Lord.

There are three means that occultists use in an attempt to tap into occult power...

☩ DIVINATION -- FORTUNE TELLING

Divination is the old term and fortune telling is the modern word. They both refer to the same occult practice. Divination is the act of attempting to prophesy (forecast future events) or human character through occult means by making use of certain omens or divination tools such as tarot cards, tea leaves, Ouija board, astrology, palmistry, scrying devices (crystal balls, mirrors, crystals, etc.). The methods of divination often changes but the spirit and force behind it remains the same... a demon spirit (**Acts 16:16-18**).



There are hundreds of varieties of divination: Catoptromancy, Hydromancy, Chiromancy, Iridology, Palmistry, Mirror Mantic,

Cartomancy, Alectryomancy, Onirocriticism, Numerology, Psychometry, Capnomancy, Geomancy, Pyromancy, Tephromancy, Telenomancy and more.

SORCERY -- MAGICK

The magic that most of us are acquainted with is sleight-of-hand magic, like picking a silver dollar out of the air or pulling a rabbit out of the hat. Technically that kind of magic is called legerdemain magic. It is the art of illusion. We are NOT referring to that kind of magic.

Often, but not always, adherents to occult magick differentiate between their magick and sleight-of-hand magic by spelling theirs MAGICK. Occult magick is technically called non-legerdemain magic.

Sorcery or magic is the act of attempting to contact, manipulate or control people, spirits, animals, plants, the elements (earth, air, fire, water) through occult rituals, ceremonies, objects (amulets, talismans, charms, etc.) Though magic may "work," the power behind magic is demonic and those who practice magic are the enemies of righteousness. Here is God's evaluation of those who practice sorcery or magic –

Acts 13:6-10 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

There are hundreds of varieties of occult magic: White Magick, Black Magick, Red Magic, Tantric (sex magic); Blue Magic, Neutral Magick, Liturgy Magic, Sympathetic Magic, Magic Mesmerism, Magnetism, Magical Hypnosis, Lycanthropy, and many more.

SPIRITISM -- NECROMANCY

Spiritism or necromancy is an occult activity grounded in the belief that through certain persons acting as mediums or channels (psychics, necromancers, channelers, etc.) the dead or the spirit world can be contacted and hidden information can be acquired from those contacted. Trances and seances are often used by the medium. The power behind this activity is demonic. The Lord forbids this activity. **1 Chronicles 10:13**, *So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it.* (**1 Samuel 28:7** gives the context).

There are scores of different types of necromancy: Seances, Telekinesis, Levitation, Apports, Spiritualistic Visions, Automatic Writing, Spirit Raps, Speaking in Trances, Spirit Photography, Materializations, Table Levitation or Tilting, Ectoplasm and more.

By their own testimonies witches, neo-pagans, Wiccans, Satanists, New Age adherents, etc. without exception, attempt to secure their wisdom and power through one or more of the occult means I have just mentioned.

We are to order our lives by the Wisdom and Power of God. That is the wisdom and power revealed in the Bible. *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6*

We are to *reject the wisdom from beneath*, the wisdom of the devil, the wisdom of Witchcraft. The wisdom of witchcraft is the wisdom of the damned...**Revelation 21:8** *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.*

FOUR CATEGORIES OF SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA

Supernatural phenomena or seeming supernatural phenomena fall into one of the following four categories:

1. **MANUFACTURED**--That is, they are man-made, designed to appear supernatural, but indeed are fraudulent.
2. **PSYCHOLOGICAL**--Mind altering drugs, hypnotism, drumming, trances, etc. can induce a mental state where the mind genuinely perceives something supernatural has happened but in reality it did not happen. For instance, a friend of mine had surgery. I visited him after the surgery. While there, he got a frightened look on his face and shouted out, "Keep those big dogs away from me. They are coming in the window. Don't let them get me!" The fact is, we were on the 7th floor of the hospital. The window was closed. I was right there and there were NO DOGS. But, the anaesthetic my friend received caused a mental reaction and I could not convince him that there were no BIG DOGS. He saw them. Some supernatural phenomena falls into this category.
3. **DEMONIC**--The Scriptures clearly indicate that Satan and his fallen angels (demons) are the "supernatural" power behind true occult phenomena and their false religious practices (See **Deuteronomy 32:16-17; Psalm 106:35-40; Acts 16:16-19; I Corinthians 10:19-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10; I Timothy 4:1**). One of the devil's key tactics is to masquerade as an "*angel of light*" (**2 Corinthians 11:14-15**) or servant of righteousness to help humanity, when in reality the devil and his demons are the enemy of all mankind. Though Satan and his emissaries have supernatural power, they do NOT have unlimited supernatural power and ability. **BEWARE!** DO NOT dabble in occult practices. Those who get involved in the occult get more than they bargain for!
4. **DIVINE**--The Lord God Almighty, the Triune God of the Bible, in the persons of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit have unlimited supernatural

power and ability. Further, God has an army of Holy Angels who are endowed with supernatural abilities. On rare occasions in this present age God may work through a believer to accomplish something supernatural, but most of the time in this age He works independently of human agents.

In summary, occult activities accomplish several dangerous things. **First**, they expose devotees to occult philosophies of demons (**I Timothy 4:1**) and motivate them to seek knowledge that is forbidden by God. **Second**, occult activities ultimately bring the devotees into contact with the world of evil spirits or demons. Those who become involved with these spirits get more than they bargain for. Dr. Carl A. Wickland, M.D., a physician, research psychologist and acknowledged authority in the occult sternly warns that involvement in the occult can cause:

Apparent insanity, varying in degrees from a simple mental aberration to, and including, all types of dementia, hysteria, epilepsy, melancholia, shell shock, kleptomania, idiocy, religious and suicidal mania, as well as amnesia, psychic invalidism, dipsomania, immorality, functional bestiality, atrocities, and other forms of criminality. Further, a great number of unaccountable suicides are due to obsessing or possessing influences of...spirits. Some of these spirits are actuated by a desire to torment their victims.

This should not surprise anyone acquainted with the Bible. In its pages there are illustrations to these things and we are told that the Devil is a liar and a destroyer. Dr. Luke tells us what people did with their occult material when they came to know Christ as their Savior in **Acts 19:18-19**, *"Many that believed (in Christ) came, and confessed (their former evil practices) and showed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver."* A piece of silver was a day's wage back in that day. By today's standard that could have been as much as half million dollars. If you have witchcraft material, New Age, occult or satanic literature, jewelry, etc. or Halloween paraphernalia I strongly urge you to follow the instructions recorded in **Acts 19:19**.

MORE HEROES OF HALLOWEEN

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Vampires, Werewolves

Another classic Halloween character is the Vampire, particularly COUNT DRACULA. You will see a number of these black caped, fanged toothed monsters running around this Halloween. But, parents, there are a several things you need to know. **First**, history records that people really believed in vampires and werewolves. Both were associated with black magic. **Second**, Dracula was a real person. **Third**, there are an increasing number of teens and young adults into the Gothic movement and Vampirism who really drink blood!

The History of Vampires & Werewolves



Werewolf attacking a man from a 15th century German work called The Wild Beast of Gevaudan

The word vampire is from the Slavonic word wampyr. The early Slavs actually believed that "the vampire is actually a living corpse, which sleeps in its tomb by day, and leaves it at night to prowl in search of blood, by which means it sustains its unholy live. The Slavs call such hideous creatures of darkness Nosferatu, "the undead" A strong belief in vampires was held in Britain up until the early 1800's. Vampires and their practices have always been associated with black magic. It was believed that those who practiced black magic in their lifetime were particularly likely to become vampires after their death according to witch Doreen Valiente. In Britain vampires were so feared that it was the old British "custom of burying the unhallowed dead at a crossroads, with a stake through the corpse's heart. The object of this practice, which was not abolished by the law until 1823, was to prevent the corpse becoming ! a vampire." It should be noted that "some occultists today believe vampirism to be a fact..." Further, there is a modern revival among the youth subculture to become involved in some of the practices of vampirism.



What about werewolves? The word werewolf (also spelled werwolf) is explained when you understand that the "were" in Old English meant man. Hence you have a man-wolf of werewolf. An acutal cult werewolfery is connected with the worship of Zeus Lycaus. This cult was a part of Ancient Greek worship and was known to still be in existence in 176 A.D.

W.B. Crow writes –

The idea that a human being could be transformed into an animal was widespread among ancients...It was thought that powerful witches could do such things, and many witches were alleged to turn themselves into wild animals, particularly wolves. This is mentioned in Pliny. Sometimes it was voluntary, sometimes involuntary, the result of a curse. The phenomenon is technically called Lycanthropy which, according to derivation means the transformation of a man into a wolf and vice-versa. The worst kind of witches were thought to indulge in it, as their behavior whilst in the form of wild animals gave them means to satisfy malice.

There are several things that must be pointed out at this point. **First**, many do not realize that the origin of lycanthropy is found in what God did to Nebuchadnezzar in **Daniel 4:4-16 and 31-35**. Verse 16 says, "*Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him...*" For seven years Nebuchadnezzar wandered the fields, ate grass and behaved like an animal. Now, my point is this. Satan often tries to counterfeit the power of God! Occult lycanthropy is the Devil's imitation of God's power.

Second, I know of modern day witches that go into a trance and howl at the moon and cast spell. Shamans go into a trance and turn into power animals. History records bizarre practices of the Leopard Men and Panther Men of Africa.

Third, "modern doctors regard the delusional aspect of lycanthropy as psychological in origin. *The World History of Psychiatry*(1975) explains that hypochondria could sometimes develop into lycanthropy, and gives a disturbing contemporary account of a 30-year-old patient, who fell into melancholy, then developed a monomania which made him believe that he was transformed into a wolf (lycanthropy); he fled from men and sought refuge in the mountains, where he spent the nights howling, visiting graveyards and invoking the dead."

To be sure, we would consider someone mentally ill who behaved as the person in the preceding paragraph. But, people don't actually believe in the black magic aspect of werewolves do they? The answer to that is yes. Several years ago I interviewed a young man from Wisconsin who had been heavily involved in Gothic Vampirism. In his public school library he found a book that told him what he needed to make the magical unguent to anoint himself to become a werewolf. By performing this incantation and ritual, drinking blood and performing other vampire rituals he succeeded in becoming demon possessed. He said two familiar spirits that possessed him "would give me power and the things that I wanted in life so long as I lived my life according to their rules." This man went on to tell me, "everything seemed great at the time, but in the end I know now exactly, where they were taking me and that was to Hell."

A Look At Dracula

In 1897, Bram Stoker published his now famous novel *Dracula*. Since then more than 300 movies have been produced which feature him. But, Dracula was a real person! In the book *DRACULA, A Biography of Vlad the Impaler, 1431-1476*, by Radu Florescu and Raymond T. McNally we read that Dracula was a maniac monster, the Hitler of his day. During his six year rule it was estimated by a reliable source that Dracula massacred 100,000 men, women and children. And how did he impose death? Let me quote Pope Pius II who tells how he killed 40,000 of his political foes shortly before 1462.

He killed some of them by breaking them under the wheels of carts; others, stripped of their clothes, were skinned alive up to their entrails; others placed on stakes, or roasted on red hot coals placed under them; others punctured with stakes piercing their head, their navel, breast, and what is even unworthy of relating, their buttocks and the middle of their entrails, and emerging from their mouths.

No one was excluded, not even babies. Dracula decapitated, cut noses, ears, privates and limbs. On one occasion he even nailed the turbans on the heads of some Turks because they refused to remove them in his presence.



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On another occasion he saw a man poorly dressed walking by his home. He called the man into his presence and said, "Your wife is assuredly of the kind who remains idle. How is it possible, that your shirt does not cover the calf of your leg? She is not worthy of living in my realm. May she perish!" The man protested, saying that he was

satisfied with her. Dracula said, "You will be more satisfied with another, since you are a decent and hardworking man." His wife was fetched and immediately impaled on a stake. In the meantime the new wife was introduced and carefully shown what happens to a lazy wife. The book says, "Consequently the new wife worked so hard she had not time to eat."

Let me relate one last atrocity of this warped, demonic inspired madman. Dracula devised a plan to rid society of the burden of all the country's beggars, sick, old, lame and poor. He invited them all to a feast. Little did they know that it would become a house of horror for them. He fed them well and got them drunk and then made his personal appearance and asked them, "Do you want to be without cares, lacking nothing in this world?" Naturally they all said yes! Dracula then ordered the palace boarded up and set on fire. No one escaped. Dracula was a madman. I do not want my child associated in any way with such a degenerate reprobate, do you?

Tragically, there are an increasing number of teens and young adults into the Gothic movement and its offshoot Vampirism. And I must tell you they really drink blood! I counseled a young man for quite some time that got involved in this. He had been a Bible College student, but was expelled after he was caught drinking his own blood. Another young man told me of how he and his girlfriend were into Vampirism. Part of their ritual included sex and then cutting his arm and drinking the blood. He said "the blood lust soon overpowered the desire for sex. It is a demonic craving and desire. It grows and feeds." He went on to say, "I'd see people in certain situations and wonder what it would be like to taste their blood, the saltiness of their blood."

Or consider the article in the August 9, 1998, issue of *The Journal Times* published in Racine, Wisconsin.

Nelson told investigators that he heard Buck, then 39, threatening to kill himself with a wooden stake. In the room with Buck was a 16-year-old girl, identified in court documents only as Melissa J. He reported that the teenage girl was drunk, and that Buck...offered her a razor blade. Melissa complied making several criss-cross slashes on her inner forearm, which were 'bleeding profusely,' Nelson said. Then Buck – a severe looking man with a pale complexion, long dark hair and long sharp fingernails – sucked on the girl's arm for several minutes...Her arms continued to bleed for about 15 to 20 minutes. The case...was the latest in an isolated string of vampire-like events in Wisconsin and elsewhere. In Wisconsin, police have uncovered a handful of cases in the past few years in which vampire-like activities played a role in crime.

Do you see the picture? Halloween is a pagan holiday. The key heroes of Halloween are diabolical and demented. Halloween promotes concepts, practices and beliefs that are neither spiritually nor mentally healthy. In fact, that brings me to my next major point -- The Harm of Halloween.



Meat Case In Haunted House

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Halloween Is harmful

I will state boldly that Halloween is harmful! Here are the reasons why.

Many are exposed to Witchcraft and occult practices at Halloween activities

Like many others, I got my first exposure to occult practices at Halloween parties. My first experience came at a church Halloween party at our youth sponsor's house. A group of kids went to the basement began talking about contacting the spirits and asking them to show themselves by table levitation. I had not been exposed to anything like that before. Some of them claimed that it really worked. I became uneasy left the party. My second experience came when I attended the Halloween party of a classmate. When it came to "game" time, we went to the basement. Carol asked us all to be seated in a circle and then placed a candle in the middle. She told us to hold hands and then turned off the lights. I asked why we were doing that and she said we

were going to have a seance and to call up the devil. Not me! The last person I wanted to communicate with was the Devil. I got out of there.

I can tell you that many children get their first exposure to occult activities at Halloween. I have received communications from all over the United States testifying to that fact. In one school district a "real" Witch was brought in and told the children of the wonderful world of witchcraft including teaching them how to cast a spell. Another group of teens went on a school sponsored Halloween field trip and visited a channeler, which is nothing but a spirit medium who practices necromancy. They had a seance with the intent of contacting (channeling) the spirit of a dead movie star.

Last year I got a call from an alarmed parent. They had discovered their daughter's diary and what they read blew them out of the water. She and several of her teenage friends were planning on being baptized into witchcraft on Halloween of 1997. Obviously this was not her first contact with witchcraft, but she and her friends had been reading occult material from the school library and decided Halloween would be a good time to form their own coven. Let's move on to the next reason Halloween is harmful. Halloween is harmful because...

It provides "an acceptable" opportunity for witches and other occultists to promote pagan beliefs

From about October 1st until October 31st, witches, vampires, Satanists and other occult minions can be seen and heard on TV and radio talk shows. There will be special features on witchcraft. Newspapers and magazines will be packed with occult related articles. Americans have been receptive to this over the years. But, what happens? That brings me to my next point.

Children and even adults are conditioned to be receptive to occult doctrines and practices and are desensitized by the violence and death associated with it's celebration

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. Psalms 101:3

There is no better illustration of this fact than Ann Landers' column that I came across while reading a newspaper in a restaurant one afternoon. The title of her column was *Parents Must Tackle Violence*. The parent wrote:

I heard something today that made my hair stand on end. I hope you will deal with it in your column because it is a symptom of a problem that warrants deep concern. Last October, the teacher of a fourth grade class asked her students to write a short essay on what they would like to do most to celebrate Halloween. Eighty percent of her 9 year-olds expressed the wish to "kill somebody". Where do children get such ideas? I believe it is fair to say that they get them from movies on TV. What are we going to do about this love of violence among the young? Frankly, it scares me to death. I am - Concerned in California.

Now, I can almost hear some of my readers protesting, the kids were just kidding. You don't actually believe that anyone would follow through on things like that do you? In fact there are some who do! Evangelist Dave Benoit tells of a mother finding a strange diary, called "The Book Of Shadows" in her son's room. She, with fear and trembling, leafed through pages filled with satanic drawings. Then her eyes fell on these horrifying words, *"Last year I stole a car at Halloween and ran over a kid and killed him. This year, at Halloween, I plan to do the same thing!"* The words in his satanic diary proved to be true. He murdered a person the previous Halloween as a sacrifice to Satan.

All parents ought to be concerned. Halloween does desensitize our children by exposing them to violence, death, mutilation and gore. Not only do they expose them to it, they glorify it! I well remember the only haunted house that I have ever been in. I took a camera with me loaded with high speed film. I was shocked by what I saw. In one of the first rooms, there was a partially dismembered woman on an operating table. As I made my way along the darkened hallway a frightening mutilated man jumped out racing a electric saw and threatening to dismember me. And then, perhaps the most gruesome of all was a large lighted butcher's meat case loaded with very real looking bloody body parts. Listen readers, I do not think that is funny at all. I spent several years on a fire department rescue squad and dismembered and mutilated people have never amused me. And why should it be acceptable at Halloween? Did you laugh and joke on July 22, 1991 when you heard the news that police discovered 17 mutilated and dismembered bodies in apartment #213 which was occupied by Jeffery Dahmer? What are we telling our children if we accept that kind of scene on Halloween and yet gasp with true horror when murder-mutilations come to light on the news?

Halloween is desensitizing our children by its glorification of violence, death, mutilation and gore. Standard television and video viewing fare this Halloween will be slasher/horror movies like Dracula, Scream, "Nightmare on Elm Street", "Halloween", and "Friday the 13th" film series and others. Jeffery Dahmer's favorite was the Exorcist II.

He "watched this movie on almost a weekly basis, for approximately six months, and sometimes 2 and 3 times a week. He identified with the main character in the movie because he appeared to be driven by evil. Tracy Edwards (one who escaped from Dahmer) testified that Dahmer forced him to watch this video. He said that Dahmer identified with the possessed former preacher and he wanted to be demonized. Edwards went on to say that Dahmer began to chant, rocking back and forth. While he did this, it seemed like he was not even there."

Are you wondering why I am bringing Dahmer into this picture? I'll tell you why. Many of the horror/slasher pictures are inspired by incidents like the Dahmer case and Dahmer was inspired by a demonic horror picture. I should say, that this is not just my "wild speculation." Consider actor (and I use the term loosely) Robert Englund. He portrayed razor fingered, mass murderer Freddy Krueger in the "Nightmare on Elm Street" series. Where do you suppose he got his inspiration to play his part? He drew his inspiration

from the late Ted Bundy, who raped, brutalized, mutilated and murdered more than 28 women. Englund told *Slaughterhouse* magazine, "I just read an article on Ted Bundy, so a lot of my imagery is based on him."

I have had parents and media people tell me that TV does not have any influence on people. Do you believe that? In fact that's bunk! Companies do not pay millions of dollars to air their commercials during Super Bowl Sunday or the Olympics because they do not influence anyone!

Syndicated columnist George Will does not believe that! He says that studies prove that "a 14-month-old infant can adopt behavior it has seen on television." He goes on to say that young children are unable to distinguish fact from fantasy, and that they regard television as information about how the world works.

Harriet Kozkoff does not believe that either. This public TV producer told the press:

Entertainment is a powerful socializing agent in contemporary society. Slasher and horror movies...use violence and sexual arousal to maximize profits and are an inevitable prescription for conditioning sexual sadism into our pre-teen, teenage and young adult film fans.

Psychiatrist Dr. Thomas Radecki does not believe that television is neutral either. He said, "Every year film violence and real-life violence continues to get worse. We must protest and stop this growing sadism in our homes, schools, and on our streets."

Obviously, the problem is wider than just on Halloween. But television programming and video rentals that feature gory, sadistic, demonic, bloody, violent themes are at their peak at Halloween.

Halloween conditions children and even adults to be receptive to occult doctrines and practices and desensitizes them by the display of violence and death.

Fear can have detrimental affects on people

Fear hath torment 1John 4:18

Fear can have adverse affects. Sometimes the affects can be momentary and at other times they can be long lasting. Here are some examples.

A Christian organization, which works with young people, planned a haunted evening for teens. More than 550 attended. One woman sponsor became so frightened that she wet her pants. What was just as disgusting was that the organization's newsletter even reported the embarrassing incident to all of its constituents. Let me quote directly:

Over 550 attended the event and there were over 45 salvation decisions. It has been reported to me by very reputable sources that one leader, who

will remain nameless, was so scared by a certain individual with a chain saw that she had to endure wet pants the rest of the evening.

What's going on? Wouldn't you be frightened if, unexpectedly, a man came at you with a chain saw buzzing! I would. And if I wet my pants from the fright, I certainly would not want someone to publish it for all to read. My point is simply this, when it comes to Halloween, many Christians have set aside their discernment.

It gets worse. An article in the *Milwaukee Journal*, entitled "*Haunted House Fun: It could become a nightmare for kids*" stated, "*It's just for fun, you know that. But to a young child, a trip through a "haunted house" created for Halloween could be a nightmare.*" Psychologist Marvin Berkowitz of Marquette University said, "Some haunted houses can frighten an adult." He warned that a child must "go in with the right mental set." He said, "Make sure they know it's going to be a fun scare, not a real scare." The article went on to say that even though you do your best to let the child know this, he still may be traumatized by such an experience.

I don't believe children should be exposed to such manufactured traumas. Why? Because exposing a vulnerable child can have harmful consequences that run the spectrum from nightmares to emotional damage. In fact, Dr. Grace Ketterman, M.D. says in her book, *You and Your Child's Problems*:

A tragic by-product of fear in the lives of children as early as preadolescence is the interest and involvement in supernatural occult phenomena.

I have been counseling in this area long enough to tell you that what Dr. Ketterman says is true! What kids need is not an exposure to horror and violence. What they need to experience is the love of Christ, the love of mom and dad. The apostle John wrote, "*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*" **1 John 4:18**

The final reason that Halloween is harmful is because...

It provides the opportunity to experiment with the occult to see if it works and an excuse to do evil

Many who are curious about the occult experiment with occult rituals and practices at Halloween. Some of those who were "just playing around" get hooked. Ouija boards, seances, casting spells and small animal sacrifices are among the most common avenues of experimentation.

Others cannot wait for Halloween. They believe it is the most powerful occult day of the year. Jack Roper, occult researcher with C.A.R.I.S. (Christian Apologetics: Research & Information Service) says "...the time of the year where you have the highest rate of satanic ritual crimes is Halloween." He went on to say, "Around Halloween, one of the

things you see is graveyard desecration." Self-styled Satanists use human bones in their rituals. Graveyard vandalism is a common occurrence at Halloween.

A Milwaukee county parks and recreation employee contacted me several years back. He told me that he found the remains of small animals that had been sacrificed in area parks around Halloween. It was clear that these sacrifices were occult related because the remains were associated with either an altar inside a circle, triangle or pyramid structure.

Just last year a frightened woman called an associate of mine and asked us to come to her house. When we arrived she described an occult ritual that she and her daughter had seen from their upstairs window complete with hooded figures, fire, and an animal sacrifice. It took place in her neighbor's yard.

While deer hunting in Marinette County, Wisconsin, I came across the remains of a bull that had been sacrificed within a stone circle. Most likely this was part of a Halloween ritual sacrifice performed by a satanic group.

I well remember the shock and trauma caused when a Christian care facility discovered that several of the residents had been ritually abused in occult rites two years in a row at Halloween. I counseled with one of those who had been sexually abused. How could such a hideous thing ever happen at a Christian facility you may ask? The occult group was able to infiltrate the organization when one or more of their members were hired as house parents. Through carefully planned deception, occult members slipped in and forced some residents to participate in their perverted Halloween demon worship rituals. Residents were threatened with horrible reprisals if they breathed a word of what happened to anyone. Thankfully, after a second year of Halloween ritual abuse someone talked. The Christian organization moved quickly and brought in the police. After a careful investigation only one was prosecuted, though several were fired. But there were no convictions. The occultists got off scot-free. Those that were abused were left to deal with their physical and mental scars.

In my efforts to expose the dangers of Halloween and the other occult holidays I have been asked to evaluate many ritual sites and evaluate photos to give my opinion as to whether they are occult related. I have envelopes full of pictures of animals that have been sacrificed, graves that have been desecrated, living persons whose bodies have been mutilated in occult rituals by tattooing, cutting, piercing, whipping and branding. And then there is the envelope marked pictures of human sacrifice. There is not the least little doubt in my mind that Halloween is the Devil's celebration, packed with evil!

Let's review. Halloween is harmful because...

1. Many kids are exposed to Witchcraft and occult practices at Halloween activities.
2. It provides "an acceptable" opportunity for witches and other occultists to promote pagan beliefs.
3. Children and even adults are conditioned to be receptive to occult doctrines and practices and are desensitized by the violence and death associated with it's celebration.

4. Fear can have detrimental affects on people.
5. It provides the opportunity to experiment with the occult to see if it works and an excuse to do evil.

Where The Occult Will Lead Its Followers

There is no doubt that Halloween is rooted in the occult. Neither is there any doubt where the occult will lead those who follow. The occult will lead you into...

Idolatry – You will worship other gods and goddesses, which the Lord God of Heaven forbids. "Modern and ancient witchcraft is a nature-based, pantheistic religion...The god of the hunt and the goddess of fertility were its primary deities." I might add, they still are. Worshipping anything or anyone else is an affront to almighty God. Just read the first two of the Ten Commandments found in **Exodus 20:3-5**.

Immorality – Perverse, sexual immorality abounds within a variety of occult groups. Regardless of the "wholesome" picture witches try to paint, their worship is rooted in pagan fertility rituals and ritual prostitution. I well remember reading the account of photographer Serge Kordiev. One of the modern definitive works on the occult, found in most good libraries, is an encyclopedia titled, *Man, Myth and Magic*. Serge Kordiev was the main photographer for that work. After he had written an article in a Sunday newspaper describing his interest in the occult, he received a telephone call from a man who asked whether he would be interested in joining a witch coven. He said yes. By appointment, Serge and his wife were picked up in an expensive car and driven to a large old house. After being given drinks at a bar they were told to strip naked and put on small black satin aprons. They were taken into a large room with a black floor and red carpet hanging on the walls. Half a dozen hooded figures stood in front of an altar. A naked man, his body gleaming with oil, appeared before the altar. Two black-hooded girls stood on either side of him. The Kordievs were ordered to kneel, to swear perpetual homage to Satan, and to sign their oaths in blood. They were given magical names, and the naked man placed his hand on their genitals. After several meetings the Kordievs began to have second thoughts about the coven. On one occasion a young girl was accused of betraying the group's secrets. She was humiliated before the group and made to serve as a human altar while a Black Mass was said over her, after which she was raped by the Master. When the Kordievs discovered that they still had to go through a 'confirmation ceremony' which involved sexual intercourse with the Master and with a High Priestess, they decided to leave the group. Almost immediately they began to have troubles, including having their photo studio broken into and trashed.

I have personally talked to others who have been forced into illicit sexual rituals that cover the spectrum from oral contact to sodomy. The Bible calls us to sexual purity. Sexual contact and sexual relationships are only to take place within the context of marriage between a male husband and a female wife. (See **Exodus 20:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Leviticus 18:22-23**)

Injury – I have a file folder filled with articles and pictures that relate to injuries that are the result of occult rituals. **Branding** -- "A self-avowed Satan worshipper is jailed in Crawford County on charges that he burned an inverted cross onto a 15-year-old boy's chest. The burned youth was examined by a doctor, who described the wound as a third-degree burn." **Cutting** – "A 14-year-old girl was found cowering on her bed after participating in a satanic ritual involving sexual assault and mutilation. A razor blade was used to carve symbols...into the girl's thighs, police said. Satanic symbols were painted on the floors and doors of the house. Pages of the family Bible were torn out and knives and candles were arranged in what police said was a ritualistic manner." **Piercing** – Tongues, cheeks, noses, eyebrows, navels, lips, nipples, sex organs, etc. are all targets for voluntary or forced piercing rituals, not to mention ritual tattooing. It is important to note that cutting and piercing is pagan in origin. Baal worshippers cut themselves in pagan rituals as we see in **1 Kings 18:28**. God tells his children that they are not to cut themselves, which would include piercing. (**Jeremiah 16:6**). The only exception I find is that women are allowed pierced ears (but not noses, navels, nipples, etc. (**Ezekiel 16:12**). Our body belongs to the Lord and we are not to harm it (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**). Brands, cuts, tattoos and pierces (except a woman's ears) are indicators of pagan ownership.

Degradation & Torture – Over the nearly two decades I have been a Biblical counselor, I have worked with numerous teens and adults who were required, as a part of their initiation, to participate in horrendously degrading activities. One woman told me she was required to spend the night cinched up in the gutted carcass of a horse and was "reborn" into the coven group the next morning. Another told of having to drink a mixture of blood, semen and urine as part of the initiation. Another was whipped over every inch of her torso. Then there is the case of Thadius, who walks with a limp today. That is because an occultist "popped" the bones in the boy's legs to punish him for trying to escape "two hellish days of torture by a teenage neighbor who has pleaded no contest to trying to kill the boy by methodically breaking his bones. When both legs were broken, Thadius was forced to stand over a board painted with satanic symbols and '666,' the numbers that are said to identify the anti-Christ."

Insanity – Occult involvement warps and twists your mind. Several years ago, I was called upon to visit a person who was in the psychiatric ward. As I began to talk with this teenager I discovered that he was into the occult. He started out just dabbling in the occult, but then was irresistibly drawn deeper and deeper into it. He began hearing voices and obeying them. The voices told him to tear up his Bible and he obeyed. The voices told him to harass his younger siblings and he obeyed. The voices told him to get four knives and kill his family. He purchased the knives and carefully labeled them with the names for his mother, father, brother and sister. He was waiting for the right opportunity to obey the voices, but thankfully his mother came in to clean his room and found the knives. That's why he was in the hospital. Another pastor and I had the opportunity to show him his sinfulness and need of Christ. Right there in the psychiatric ward this teenager repented of his sins and trusted Christ as his personal Savior and was born again.

I warn you. Dabbling with the occult often leads to demon possession. And today, the possessed person often lands in a mental hospital. In our day the medical world does not recognize demon possession, but categorizes these people as having psychiatric problems. If you want a Biblical glimpse into the world of demon possession read **Mark 5:1-15**.

Suicide – I have personally talked to Steve Taylor. His step-son Dereck got involved in the occult. "Early on the evening of February 5, Dereck, 16, phoned his girlfriend, Tara, while his parents were out and told her that on the previous night he had been visited by Satan, appearing in a blue light and demanding his soul...he went to his parents bedroom and fetched his stepfather's hunting rifle...carried the rifle down to his bedroom in the basement...put the rifle's barrel into his mouth and fired." The article goes on to say, "For the Taylors, their son's death was the culmination of four months of growing alarm about his involvement in satanic worship. Indeed, last October the couple confiscated black candles, a large hand-drawn pentagram—a five-pointed star-shaped symbol alleged to have magical powers—and instructions books that, Dereck had told his mother, he had used to conduct satanic rituals." Occult connected suicides are all too common. That does not surprise me since Satan is the destroyer. God warns, *But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.* **Proverbs 8:36**

Homicide – Occult involvement too often leads to murder. I well remember listening to a woman who claimed to have been forced to participate in the ritual murder of a teenage girl. Or, consider the case of professed Wiccan, Damien Wayne Echols. He was involved with the brutal ritual murder of Michael Moore, Christopher Byres and Steve Branch. There are those who accused Echols of being a Satanist but Echols asserts that he is a Wiccan. In a search of his home they found a book of spells, potions and prayers which was his book of shadows. It begins with an entry stating "all rites are to be performed within a nine-foot circle." The article goes on to say, "following that, there is a ritual to be used for 'improving' the memory,' which includes using the 'heart, eye or brain of a lapwing or plover (birds) and hanging it on one's neck." He moved from killing animals to killing people. The Sixth Commandment is clear --*Thou shalt not kill.* **Exodus 20:13**

Please listen! This is where occult involvement will lead: Idolatry, Immorality, Injury, Degradation, Insanity, Suicide, Homicide.

Read the word of Jesus Christ -- *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.* **John 10:9-10**

In conclusion, An increasing number of people are realizing that Halloween is a pagan worship day. It is a day that honors false gods and goddesses, demons and Satan. I have neither the desire to honor, enter into the worship of false gods, nor honor the devil, do you? I hope after considering the material presented that you WILL NOT

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN. Put **Ephesians 5:11** into practice, *"...have NO fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove (expose) them."*

Christ Honoring Alternatives

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

I have come to the conviction that Halloween cannot be celebrated to the glory of God. Since I do believe in the principle of replacement spoken of in **Romans 12:21**, we have replaced the celebration of Halloween with something completely unassociated with it. We make it a family night and do something special as a family. But, what about churches? What should they do? If you belong to a Protestant Church I suggest you have a gathering focused on Reformation Day, for it was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg. There are many good videos available on the Reformation, and the History of the English Bible. Our office carries several titles that relate to our English Bible Heritage. Whatever you do, be sure to carefully choose the activities that will glorify God.

Ye that love the LORD, hate evil Psalms 97:10