



Halloween...what it's all about...



300 years before Jesus was born, a civilization of people called the Celts lived throughout the British Isles, Scandinavia and western Europe. They lived around and were controlled by superstition and a secret society of pagan priests called the Druids, who were satanists, worshipping and serving the demonic god of death, Samhain (pronounced Sa-man). These priests literally controlled peoples' lives through the mechanism of fear and much death. Disease and destruction continually plagued the Celts as a result of the Druid's practices and their involvement in people's lives. Each year on October 31st, the Druids celebrated the eve of the Celtic's New Year in honor of their pagan god, Samhain. The "Festival of Samhain," more accurately called "The Festival of Death," was officially known and is still recognized by all satanists, occultists and devil worshippers as the "eve of the new year" for witchcraft. Anton Lavey, author of the "satanic bible" and high priest of the church of satan, says there are 3 important days to satanists: 1) their birthday, 2) April 30th and 3) halloween. He says it is on this night that satanic, occult and witchcraft powers are at their highest potency level. Any witch or occultist who has had difficulty with a spell or curse can usually achieve success on October 31st because satan and his powers are at their best that night.

**"I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions (demons)
and to overcome all the power of the enemy and nothing shall harm you!" (Luke 10:19)
"Greater Is He That Is In me than he that is in the world!" (I John 4:4)**

The World Book Encyclopedia says it is the beginning of all that is "cold, dark and dead." This "day of the dead" is still celebrated today in Mexico when the people believe that spirits of the departed return to visit the living. During this "celebration" elaborate altars are designed and set up to lure the dead back from beyond.

How did "trick or treat" originate?

In the very beginnings of this evil holiday, the Druid priests would go from house to house demanding all sorts of strange foods for their own consumption and as offerings to their god, "Lord Samhain" at the "Festival of Death." If the village people would not give them the foods demanded, they would speak a demonic curse over the home and history claims that someone in the family would die within the year. Thus you have "trick or treat."

How did the "jack-o'-lantern" originate?

The Druids would carry with them a large turnip, hollowed out on the inside and carved with a face on the front to represent the demonic spirit they depended upon for their power and knowledge. This spirit is called a "familiar spirit." (Acts 16:16-18)

The turnip, lighted by a candle from inside, was used as a lantern for the Druids as they went from house to house at night. It is believed by the Druids that their familiar spirit (they named the spirit in the turnip Jock) would inhabit these turnips and assist them in carrying out the spells spoken over the homes and lives of those refusing the Druids' demands. When this practice came to America in the 18th & 19th centuries, turnips weren't that accessible. But there was a vegetable native to America that would make a great substitute....the pumpkin. In America, instead of the name Jock, the name Jack was given to the spirit of the pumpkin and hence, "Jack-O-lantern." As you can clearly see, there is nothing Christian about halloween. It is today what it has always been ~ a day dedicated to the devil!

Halloween ~ How did it get into the church?

When Constantine became emperor of Rome, he made a law declaring Christianity (which was Catholicism at this particular time in history) to be the official state religion. Having been recently converted by a tremendous martyr of the time, Constantine was zealous in his new-found faith and demanded as emperor that everyone become a Christian or face the penalty of death. Well, you can imagine what happened - the churches were flooded with pagans, not converts, but rather pagan people forced to join the Catholic Church or lose their lives for defying the emperor. As this happened, the priests and especially the pope, faced some serious problems: these people were bringing their pagan practices and ideas into the church including "the festival of Samhain." They DEMANDED that this festival remain a part of their lives. Since the church was unsuccessful in getting the pagan practices out of the people, it was decided to sanctify some of them, especially this October 31st ritual, "the festival of Samhain (festival of death)." In the 19th century, the Pope declared a new day to be celebrated by the church on November 1st, called "All Saints Day." This day is in honor of all the martyred saints of the church and October 31st became the Eve of All Saints Day or All Saints Day Eve. Now the church contended, the people could still have their festival on October 31st because November 1st was a "holy day."

The Mass said on All Saints Day is the "all-hallowmans" and over the years the evening before became known as All Hallows Eve = All Hallow E'en = and finally Halloween.

But the problem was that nothing changed. The people didn't lay down their pagan rites and worship of devils for the "new eve" established by the church. They didn't have prayer meetings or worship services to thank Almighty God for the saints already gone. What it was in the beginning it now still is...a day that honors and promotes all that is "cold, dark and dead." When people start making preparations for a "halloween party," they go looking for ghosts, witches, black cats, ghouls, etc. Halloween is a day for devils, not saints. What the Pope attempted to do in the A.D. 800's backfired, because in making "All Hallow Mas" holy, halloween became recognized by the church as a religious holiday, and nothing could be farther from the truth. In reality, all halloween is and ever will be is the "the festival of Samhain," the lord of death. Halloween has not its roots in the church, but is firmly rooted in the occult, witchcraft and satanism. Doreen Irving, who was the ruling witch of western Europe and the British Isles and who was the mistress of the high priest of satan over the same area, is now a born-again spirit-filled Christian. She says, "If Christian parents had any idea of what Halloween really is, they wouldn't even mention the word around their children."

The Bible says, **"Train up a child in the the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."** (Proverbs 22:6) So we, at Derin LIVE!, encourage you to instill in your children godly and holy habits and stay away from things that may bring darkness into their lives. How can we righteously instruct our children in the ways of halloween when everything about halloween is of the devil?