Halloween, Human Sacrifice, Stonehenge and the Wicker Man

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Sermon Overview: In this teaching we will be taking an extensive, shocking look at virtually all the Halloween traditions modern day humanity currently embraces. Halloween is not just innocent entertainment, its symbols and practices breathe new life into the dark rituals and symbols of past civilizations. Satan's main strategy has always been to tempt people to love what God hates, prompt them to pursue his enticing path, and deceive them into thinking that his 'new' way is as good. Since his strategies don't change, God's warning in Proverbs 14:12 is as relevant now as it was in King Solomon's days: ' Most people follow the masses, and the masses follow the media, especially when it promotes thrills and adventures that feed the lust for forbidden thrills. The occult has always focused on gory images of violence, death and destruction. We see it in today's media, music, and movies. As people become desensitized to occult violence and horror, the images in popular entertainment grow increasingly and indescribably evil. Yet, this is old news. Thousands of years ago, God warned us, 'All those who hate Me love death.' (Proverbs 8:36)



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Where Did Halloween Come From?

Do you know that Halloween was introduced into the professing Christian world centuries after the death of the Apostles, yet it was celebrated by the pagans centuries before the New Testament Church was founded!

How did Halloween come to America? Here is the intriguing answer from history: "The American celebration rests upon Scottish and Irish folk customs WHICH CAN BE TRACED IN DIRECT LINE FROM PRE-CHRISTIAN TIMES" — from paganism! "Although Halloween has become a night of rollicking fun, superstitious spells, and eerie games which people take only half seriously, its beginnings were quite otherwise. The earliest Halloween celebrations were held" — not by the inspired early Church, but — "by the Druids in honor of Samhain, Lord of the Dead, whose festival fell on November 1." (From *Halloween Through Twenty Centuries*, by Ralph Linton, p. 4.)

Far from being Christian, this festival is an old pagan holiday, masquerading as though it was one of the customs of the Church. And yet professing Christians allow their children to get into the spirit of this pagan custom! The *Encyclopedia Americana* states about Halloween that it "is clearly a relic of pagan times.

Now notice what the authoritative *Encyclopedia Britannica* says about Halloween: "It long antedates Christianity. The two chief characteristics of ancient Halloween were the lighting of bonfires and the belief that this is the one night in the year during which ghosts and witches are most likely to wander about. History shows that the main celebrations of Halloween were purely Druidical" — from the pagan Druids of Northwest Europe — "and this is further proved by the fact that in parts of Ireland October 31 is still known as OIDHCH SHAMHNA, 'Vigil of Saman.' " Saman or Samhain was the pagan lord of the dead among the Druids.

So Halloween was celebrated among the pagans long before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This pagan holiday, however, was not celebrated alone among the Druids. It was also a Roman festival! The Britannica continues: "On the Druidic ceremonies were grafted some of the characteristics of the Roman festival in honour of Pomona held about November 1, in which nuts and apples, representing the winter store of fruits, played an important part."

Notice the widespread pagan custom to celebrate this season of the year.

Read more at: <u>http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Religions/Wicca%20&%20Witchcraft/halloween-origin.htm</u>

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** notice the compartments for the live sacrifices.



REDEEMING SATAN'S BLACK MAGICK CELEBRATION?

Cutting Edge Ministries has been exposing the Satanic evil of Halloween for so many years, we thought every Christian ministry by now understood that Christians had no business participating in such an evil, Satanic "Feast of the Dead" celebration.

However, Focus on the Family has just issued a shocking new book entitled, "Redeeming Halloween: Celebrating Without Selling Out". Just the title raised my hackles, but once I began to read this book, I was positively livid. In all my years of researching the occult, and Bible prophecy, and the bold plan to produce Antichrist, I have never, ever read such a treatise designed to deceive individual Christians who comprise the precious Body of Jesus Christ, trying to convince them they can participate in a Satanic celebration in which Black Magick Witchcraft -- the religion of Antichrist -- is controlling.

This book represents the worst attempt to encourage Christians to accept, and to participate in, the following abominations:

1. The Roman Catholic Church -- Throughout this book, actions by Popes and the Catholic Church are simply referred to as "church". The major premise of this book, and of the Focus On The Family radio interview tape, is that Halloween was a "Christian Church" holiday that needs now to be "redeemed" by today's genuine Christian. What



you are never told is that the "Christian" fountainhead of Halloween in this book is Roman Catholicism.

Through this deceitful method, the reader is encouraged to place faith in the actions taken by unregenerate Popes and the terribly wicked Roman Catholic Church. Once a Christian begins to participate in Halloween, they will discover a common bond with practicing Catholics -- and pagans and Satan worshippers. (NOTE: We have dealt with the issue of the paganism of Roman Catholicism, showing that the Pope has been selected to fill the role of the False Prophet once Antichrist is on the world scene. Read the articles contained within our section, "What Saith Rome?")

2. Ecumenism -- The world is rapidly moving toward the establishment of a global church, whose doctrines are so broad that people all over the world can participate. Narrow, exclusive-minded Christians have no place in this new church. This book encourages Christians to abandon Biblical principle so they can participate in this most wicked of holidays.

3. Black Magick Witchcraft -- Daniel 8:23-25 describes the religion of Antichrist, and it is Black Magick Witchcraft. Halloween is the ultimate celebration of Black Magick Witchcraft. Therefore, as global events show us how rapidly the world is getting to the actual appearance of Antichrist, Dr. Dobson suddenly pops up to encourage Christians to participate in Black Magick Halloween. Thus, when Antichrist really steps on the world scene, people who consider themselves to be Christian will be pre-disposed to accept the Man of Perdition because they have already accepted his High Holy Sabbat (Halloween).

Druids Committed Human Sacrifice, Cannibalism?

James Owen in London for <u>National Geographic News</u> March 20, 2009

ON TV Secrets of the Druids airs Saturday, March 28, at 8 p.m. ET/PT on the National Geographic Channel. Details >>

Recent evidence that Druids possibly committed cannibalism and ritual human sacrifice—perhaps on a massive scale—add weight to ancient Roman accounts of Druidic savagery, archaeologists say.



After a first century B.C. visit to Britain, the Romans came back with horrific stories about these high-ranking priests of the Celts, who had spread throughout much of Europe over a roughly 2,000-year period.

Julius Caesar, who led the first Roman landing in 55 B.C., said the native Celts "believe that the gods delight in the slaughter of prisoners and criminals, and when the supply of captives runs short, they sacrifice even the innocent."

First-century historian Pliny the Elder went further, suggesting the Celts practiced ritual cannibalism, eating their enemies' flesh as a source of spiritual and physical strength.

But with only the Romans' word to go on—the ancient Celts left no written record of their own—it's been easy for historians to dismiss such tales as wartime propaganda.

Until now, that is.

Gruesome Druid Discoveries

Recent gruesome finds appear to confirm the Romans' accounts, according to *Secrets of the Druids,* a new documentary airing Saturday on the U.S. National Geographic Channel. **Mass Druid Sacrifice?**

Other grisly clues come from a cave in Alveston, England.

Skeletons belonging to as many as 150 people and dating back to about the time of the Roman conquest were discovered in 2000.

Druids may have killed the victims—who show evidence of skull-splitting blows—in a single event. It may have been the Roman invasion itself that escalated the Druids' ritualized slaughter, researchers say.

Mark Horton, an archaeologist at the University of Bristol, thinks the pile of bodies suggests savage resistance to the Romans, either on the battlefield or through deadly ritual.

"Maybe the whole thing is a gigantic sacrifice ... an appeasement to the gods in order that they will get ultimate victory against the Romans," Horton said.

The Alveston cave bones hint at something even more sinister—cannibalism.

A human thighbone in the cave had been broken open in exactly the same method people use to get at the nutritious bone marrow of nonhuman animals.

But if the bone is proof of Celtic cannibalism, the practice was probably extremely rare, Horton said. It may be evidence of increasing hunger and desperation as Roman invaders closed in, he added.

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2009/03/090320-druids-sacrificecannibalism.html

BACK TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS?

"Redeeming Halloween: Celebrating Without Selling Out", by Kim Wier & Pam McCune, A Focus On The Family book, published by Tyndale House Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois, 2004, ISBN: 1-58997-155-8

The foundational premise of this book is simple: "Far from divisive, what we discovered was a place where all Christians -- of any denomination -- can find

agreement. For you see, the story of Halloween begins at the foot of the cross." [Page 9]

How is this possible? How can a celebration of the Babylonian Satanic "Feast of the Dead" be traced to the foot of Jesus' precious cross? Further, as we have revealed in an archived article on Halloween (<u>NEWS1796</u>), this night is the most important of the year to the global Illuminati, which practices the most powerful of all Black Magick Witchcraft! This night to all dark Satanists calls for human sacrifice. Read more at: <u>http://cuttingedge.org/news/n1969.cfm</u>

* "FOCUS ON THE FAMILY CONTINUES TO TAKE FOLLOWERS INTO THE ABYSS AS IT URGES CHRISTIANS TO "REDEEM HALLOWEEN"! Part 2 of 3-COMMITTING THE "SIN OF AARON" - Even though Focus On The Family is encouraging Christian families to "Redeem Halloween", we wonder why Christians should even be interested in celebrating a Satanic Black Magick "Festival of the Dead". Two Scriptures come to mind immediately:

"But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death." [Prov 8:36] "He (God) is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err." [Mark 12:27]

http://cuttingedge.org/news/n1970.cfm

* "FOCUS ON THE FAMILY CONTINUES TO TAKE FOLLOWERS INTO THE ABYSS AS IT URGES CHRISTIANS TO "REDEEM HALLOWEEN"! Part 1 of 3 - After telling parents it is all right for them to read Harry Potter to their children and after publishing a book entitled, "Finding God In Lord of the Rings", Dr. Dobson continues his free-fall into the Abyss by telling his followers they can participate in Halloween, because it was a "Christian" holiday whose roots can be traced to the "foot of the cross"! What advice does the Bible have for Dr. Dobson?

http://cuttingedge.org/news/n1969.cfm

* "OCCULT HOLIDAYS AND HOW AMERICA HAS COPIED MANY OF THEM! Too

many Christians are enthusiastically celebrating pagan holidays, thinking they are Christian. Once you understand how very pagan America and the rest of the Western world has become, you can see how God's judgment cannot be far