

## Halloween

“I’m glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil at least one night out of the year.” (Anton LaVey, Founder of the Church of Satan)

Gina Marisa, a Christian, was once involved in Satanism. The Holy Spirit drew her gloriously to Jesus and she became His beloved daughter. Hallelujah!

I asked what her views are on Halloween. Gina kindly gave me permission to share her note below and also to share her testimony here very soon.

She told me when she was still a Satanist, Halloween was a special day for her, it was her “favourite day.” Is that not a very telling statement?

*2 Corinthians 6:14*

*Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?*

Gina wrote, “Many in our secular society believe Halloween is nothing more than a harmless festival that allows kids to collect candy. But is it? Its origins lie deeply rooted in the Occult, and Christians should stay away. Here are ten reasons why ...



1. October 31st has long been known as “The Festival of the Dead.” The Celtic tribes and their priests the Druids celebrated this day, as a marker for the change from life to death.

*Some types of witches claim to astral project*

2. Halloween today is still performed by adherents of Witchcraft who use the night for their rituals. Some types of Witches celebrate Halloween as the “Feast of Samhain,” the first feast of the Witchcraft year.

*Being a ‘festival of the dead’, Halloween is a time when witches attempt to communicate with ‘the dead’ through various forms of divination.*

3. Christians should not be involved with occultic practice or divination. Note God’s command against divination in Deuteronomy 18.



4. Occultists believe Halloween is a time of transition between life and death. Some occult practitioners practiced divination and believed you could learn the secrets of life and wisdom by lying on a grave and listening to the 'messages' from the 'long-departed'.

5. Occultists also taught that 'spirits' and 'ghosts' left the grave during this night and would seek out warmth in their previous homes. Villagers, fearful of the possibility of being visited by the ghosts of past occupants, would dress up in costumes to scare the spirits on their way. They would also leave food and other treats at their door to appease the spirits so they would not destroy their homes, or crops, but instead move on down the road. That is the real reason why kids dress up in costumes today and go door-to-door seeking treats.

6. Occultists also would try to scare away the spirits by carving a scary face into a pumpkin. This horrible visage would hopefully move the spirit on to another home or village and spare that home from destruction. Sometimes the villagers would light a candle and place it within the pumpkin and use it as a lantern (hence the name, Jack-o-Lantern). This is the origin of carving pumpkins at Halloween.

7. In some Witchcraft covens, the closing ritual includes eating an apple or engaging in fertility rites. In the Bible (Genesis 3), eating a piece of fruit brought sin and death into the world. In witchcraft, eating an apple is symbolic of bringing life. The practice of bobbing for apples brings together two pagan traditions: divination and the fertility ritual.

8. Schools are removing any religious significance from Christmas, (often called winter break) and Easter, (spring break). Isn't it ironic that most public schools still celebrate Halloween even though it has occult origins?

9. Participating in Halloween gives sanction to a holiday that promotes Witches, divination, haunted houses, and other occult practices.

10. Christians should avoid Halloween and develop creative alternatives. Churches can hold a Fall Fun Festival and/or celebrate Reformation Day (also October 31). They should not endorse or promote Halloween."

*1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

(Written by Gina Marisa, an Ex Satanist)