

1. **WHAT** is a holiday? **Holiday** – ‘holy day’
2. **WHAT** is their origin?
3. **WHAT** is their purpose?
4. **Paganism** –
5. **Shabbat** – In Judaism, the Sabbath; the seventh day of the week, a weekly Sabbath, is a day of rest. Jewish Holy Days (feast days) were ‘High Sabbaths’.
6. **Sabbat** – \Sab"bat\, n. [See Sabbath.] In medi[ae]val demonology, the nocturnal assembly in which demons and sorcerers were thought to celebrate their orgies.

The earliest Halloween celebrations were not held by the early church, but the Druids in honor of **Samhain**, the ‘lord of the dead’, and his demons, whose festival fell on November 1. Halloween actually means ‘holy or hallowed evening.’ According to the Roman calendar in which days began at midnight, the evening of October 31 was the eve before the hallowed day; hence Halloween or All Soul's Eve was kept throughout the ancient pagan world. All Hallows Eve, because it is the day before All Hallows' or All Saints' day, was a holy day in the Roman Catholic Church, Episcopal Church, the Church of England and the Greek Orthodox Church. This festival honors all martyrs, known and unknown, who have died for the church. During the time of Constantine, these two holidays were merged in an attempt to Christianize the heathen. The church could not prevent these heathen practices, so they thought "taming" them would be the answer. They were, of course, not to worship their gods on the church's "All Saint's day." However, as it is with all compromises, soon the evil overrode the good, and hence we still honor these heathen practices by celebrating Halloween.

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6. **DEU 12:29** “When the Lord your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, 30 “take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.’ 31 “You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way; for every abomination to the Lord which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. 32 “Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.
7. **JER 16:19** O Lord, my strength and my fortress, My refuge in the day of affliction, The Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the earth and say, “Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable things.”
8. **MAR 7:8** “For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.” 9 He said to them, “All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. 13 “making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”
9. **GEN 1:14** Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 “and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
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