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## THE ORIGINS OF HALLOWEEN

Yesterday we spoke of the November 1, religious holiday of All Hallows Day, better known today as All Saints Day. It is important to read and know that information in order to grasp today's article. ([click here to read](#)) Satan always creates a counterfeit to deceive people from what is real or godly. He created a counterfeit holiday which we call Halloween to offset All Hallows Day. It was called All Hallows Eve, and later became known as Halloween.

Where did All Hallows Eve (October 31, the eve before Nov. 1) come from? The Roman Catholic church was complicit in setting this up. In the fourth century they had created a new religious holiday which we call Christmas. They chose December 25 as the date to coincide with a pagan holiday that celebrated the sun god. That way both pagans and Christians could have the same time off from their labors.

History repeated itself when Pope Gregory III switched All Hallows Day from May 13 to November 1 to align closely to the pagan Celtic holiday of Samhain. The traditions and ideology of Samhain took hold soon afterward in the Christian community. The Celtic religion came from Ireland, but it also had strong communities in the Roman Catholic countries of Great Britain and France. What do we know of this religion of the Celts?

The Celts observed November 1 as the first day of their new year. It marked the end of summer and the end of the harvest. It marked the beginning of winter as a cold and dark period when more people than usual died. They believed the last day of the year was a time when the boundary between the world of the living and the world of the dead became blurred. They believed the ghosts (spirits) of the dead returned to earth to walk among the dead. These ghosts came from the dark side.

They called this day Samhain, and it is credited as the origin of present day Halloween or All Hallows Eve. Samhain is the name of a powerful and special demon from Hell who is called up for this day. Samhain could only rise up to earth when summoned by two powerful witches who performed blood sacrifices for three consecutive days, the final one being on the harvest festival of October 31. As he was released from Hell, the spirits of dead people were also released to roam upon earth on the same day, October 31, in the darkness of the evening. It is the "eve" of the Christian church's holy day (hallowed day) of November 1.

When we (in ignorance) celebrate Halloween, we unknowingly are celebrating the rise of the "demon god" Samhain. Should we as Christians observe a holiday of such origin? Even when done in ignorance, it still has possibilities of opening a window to our soul. A volitional act has consequences regardless of whether or not we understand it. Today All Hallows Eve is the highest "holy" day of witches and Wiccans. They still do blood sacrifices. Young "missing children" often are sacrificed by them. This "unholy" holiday is all about the shedding of innocent blood. Tomorrow I will share my personal experience from childhood relating to Halloween.