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Can White Witchcraft Be Good?

1 Peter 2:11: (NASB) *Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.*

Boo!! It's that time of year when ghosts, goblins, skeletons, witches and sorcerers overrun not only our neighborhoods but much of the TV and movie industry as well. Soon they will all go back into hibernation until next year - all except witches, that is. Witchcraft, particularly that practiced as "Wicca," is a particularly burgeoning part of our culture, growing especially among young people. Should this be a problem? After all, Wicca practices "white" witchcraft, so it's nothing to worry about - or is it? Stay with us as we look into Wicca - its origin, its practices its influence and of course, what the Bible says about such things...

First of all, what is Halloween all about?



Halloween History -Samhain, National Geographic Channel

- *From communion with the dead to pumpkins and pranks, Halloween is a patchwork holiday stitched together with cultural, religious, and occult traditions that span centuries. It all began with the Celts more than 2,000 years ago. October 31st was the day they celebrated the end of the harvest season in a festival called Samhain. That night also marked the Celtic New Year and was considered a time "between years," a magical time when the ghosts of the dead walked the earth. It was a time when the veil between death and life was supposed to be at its thinnest.*



Please listen to our October 31st, 2010 broadcast titled "Should Halloween Make Us Happy," for an in-depth look at Halloween and its origins.

(Source: The Ancient Celtic Fire Festivals, www.neopagan.net) There appears to have been four major holy days celebrated by the Paleopagan Druids, possibly throughout the Celtic territories: These four major holy days have been referred to as "fire festivals"... Whether in Ireland or India, among the Germans or the Hittites, sacred fires were apparently kindled by the Indo-European Paleopagans on every important religious occasion....Samhain or "Samhuinn" is pronounced "sow-" (as in female pig) "-en" (with the neutral vowel sound) - not "Sam Hain"... is often said to have been the most important of the fire festivals, because (according to most Celtic scholars) it may have marked the Celtic New Year. ...Being "between" seasons or years, Samhain was (and is) considered a very magical time, when the dead walk among the living and the veils between past, present and future may be lifted in prophecy and divination.

These four major celebrations had to do with the changing of the seasons and therefore revolved around the earth as an object of worship.

Psalms 104:19-24: (NASB) ¹⁹*He made the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting.* ²⁰*You appoint darkness and it becomes night, in which all the beasts of the forest prowl about.* ²¹*The young lions roar after their prey and seek their food from God.* ²²*When the sun rises they withdraw and lie down in their dens.* ²³*Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until evening.* ²⁴*O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.*

The Scriptures acknowledge the change of seasons.

(Source: religioustolerance.org) Samhain was a fire festival. Sacred bonfires were lit on the tops of hills in honor of the gods. The townspeople would take an ember from the bonfire to their home and re-light the fire in their family hearth. The ember would usually be carried in a holder - often a turnip or gourd. They felt nervous about walking home in the dark; they were afraid of evil spirits. So they dressed up in costumes and carved scary faces in their ember holders. They hoped that the spirits would be frightened and not bother them.... Wiccans and some other Neopagans base their religious faith on the religion of the Celts. They continue to celebrate Samhain today.

What do we know about the origins of Witchcraft?

Pagan Roots: A Pagan Pledge (portions only quoted)

- I am a Pagan and I dedicate Myself to channeling the Spiritual Energy of my Inner Self to help and to heal myself and others.
- May I use the Force (psychic power) wisely and never use it for aggression nor for malevolent purposes. May I never direct it to curtail the free will of another.
- May I always act out of Love to all other beings on this Planet -- to other humans, to plants, to animals, to minerals, to elementals, to spirits, and to other entities.
- May I always be mindful that the Goddess and God in all their forms dwell within me and that this divinity is reflected through my own Inner Self, my Pagan Spirit.



Wicca - The Misunderstood Religion, *The Evolution of Wicca with Steve Fox*

- *Wicca evolved slowly over thousands of years, unlike Christianity which is a man-made religion.*

Witch: Strongs #3784 kashaph (kaw-shaf'); a primitive root; properly, to whisper a spell, i.e. to enchant or practice magic: KJV-- sorcerer, (use) witch(-craft).

This word was first used here: **Exodus 7:8-11:** The use of witchcraft based on the worship of multiple gods (paganism) was rampant in Egypt. **Exodus 22:18:** (NRSV) *You shall not permit a female sorcerer (witch) <3784> to live.* The people were establishing Israel as a nation under God, without evil influence. They were to put aside all of the paganism and focus only on The God.

Wicca vs Witchcraft - the difference, *LeeDragon, youtube.com*

- *"Wiccans" do practice different forms of magick (note special spelling) but that is not something necessarily required to become a Wiccan. "Witch" is a practitioner of witchcraft (a unisex term). "Witchcraft" is a magical practice, it does not have a doctrine of beliefs or morals; it is specifically a practice of magick, similar to martial arts.*

This is saying that Wicca is a religion; witchcraft is something those in that religion can practice.

So what can go wrong when we don't listen to God? **2 Chronicles 33:1-6:** Manasseh allowed false idols to come into Israel's culture. He rebuilt the places of pagan worship. This is why God wanted it all removed - it corrupts the people - even to the point of murdering their own children in "sacrifice."

So, what is this **Asherim**?

(Source: From Outside the Camp Vol. 1, No. 4) Asherim: ...The Old Testament mentions a pagan goddess from which the festival of Easter is derived. This goddess was the goddess of fertility and sexual lust, known as Ashtaroth or Ashtoreth... Each spring, the pagans would set up phallic poles called Asherahs under trees on high hills and celebrate their fertility festival with unbridled sexual perversion. This is how the May Pole originated.

We can see that Paganism and its practices hold a very obvious attraction, as there is record of a number of kings of Israel: Saul, Manasseh and even the (formerly) wise Solomon all obliterated the sanctity of worshipping God by allowing Paganism to take a foothold in their nation.

What is Wicca?

The Origins of Witchcraft, Wicca's beginning, *Paranormal TV*

- *Although witchcraft can be traced back to the pre-Christian magical practices, the witchcraft known as Wicca today was actually introduced in 1951 by a British civil servant by the name of Gerald Gardner. Gardner was himself a member of a coven at a time when Britain still had an anti-witchcraft law. As late as 1951, British law stated that witches were to be put to death for the practice of witchcraft. In 1954, Gardner wrote and published the book, "Witchcraft Today." Gardner brought Wicca into the spotlight and gave it a legitimacy it had not seen for centuries.*

Initiation into Wicca: People become Wiccans only by Initiation, which is a process of contacting and forming a good relationship with the Gods and Goddesses of Wicca. Initiation is preceded by at least a year and a day of preparation and study, and is usually performed by a qualified Wiccan Priestess and Priest, although self-dedication can be acceptable if the subject is fully schooled. The central event of Initiation is between you and your gods, but the Priestess is used as a channel to pass some of her power onto you as a new-made Priestess or Priest and to connect you to the Tradition you're joining.

Isaiah 14:12-14: We need to put Satan's desire to be like God in perspective, because Wicca has striking similarities, even though they deny a relationship to Satan and do not necessarily even believe in Satan.

Satan's loyalty was to himself, and he was reliant on his own will and reasoning.

An Introduction to Wicca, five types of Wicca, *Megan Meissner, youtube.com*

- *Wicca is an open religion, meaning as long as one adheres to the central beliefs, anything goes. There are five basic types: 1. The traditional Gardnerian form is a group of witches in a coven. 2. The eclectic form is an individual witch practicing alone. There is no coven and the individual practices his or her own belief system. 3. Faerie Wicca focuses on things like fairies, elves, gnomes, sprites, and so on. 4. Reclaiming Wicca focuses its energy on political activism.*

What is "magick?" This is an early modern English spelling that differentiates the occult from stage magic.



5. *Christian Wicca worships the virgin Mary as its mother goddess and upholds more Wiccan traditions than Christian tradition.*

Christianity and Wicca do not mix. They are founded upon entirely different principles. Christianity is focused on worshipping the Creator. Wicca is focused on worshipping that which was created.

Real Facts About Wicca: Wicca is an earth-centered religion. We don't necessarily *worship* the earth, but we do hold it sacred, and celebrate the cycles and the seasons. Wicca is polytheistic. Not all Wiccans follow precisely the same path when it comes to Deity, but typically we believe in multiple gods and goddesses, often taken from different cultures and time periods. Many Wiccans will work with one or two deities, rather than worshipping the entire gamut. Wiccans do practice magick. Magick and spells are part of our religion. This sometimes seems far-fetched to those who don't understand. Forget every magic spell you've ever seen on TV or in the movies. Magick is nothing more than utilizing the energy that exists around us in nature. It's a delicate art that takes time, study and practice to master. We don't spend our days casting spells willy-nilly. Wiccans do gather in covens. The media has made this sound more sinister than it really is. A coven can be any number of people (not just 13), and involves a group of Wiccans who gather regularly for ritual, magick, study and celebration. It's not that mysterious at all. Many Wiccans are not part of any coven, and folks who work alone are called 'solitaries.'

Proverbs 16:18-19 Psalms 29:2

Does Wicca have any rules?

The Origins of Witchcraft, no negative energy, Paranormal TV

- *Most witches don't believe that there is an inherently evil force out there trying to get you. I was taught as a young Catholic that the devil was there to grab my soul at any chance he had. As a witch, I don't relate to that concept that there is a prevalent evil in the universe. Energy is neutral and how you interpret it and work with it is what it does. As a witch I focus on what there is to enjoy in life and be empowered by in life in a positive and constructive manner.*

This sounds very enticing, but it is a *self-directed* approach in life.

(Source: religioustolerance.org) The Wiccan Rede: "An (if) it harm none, do as ye Will." Wiccans have ethics which are different in nature than most "one-god" religions which hand out a list of "do's and don'ts." We have a single extremely powerful ethical principal which Initiates are responsible for applying in specific situations according to their best judgment. That principle is called the Wiccan Rede (Old-English for rule) and reads: "An (if) it harm none, do as ye Will." Based on the earlier mention of "True Will," you will understand that the Rede is far more complex than it sounds, and is quite different than saying, "Do whatever you want as long as nobody is hurt." Finding out your Will is difficult sometimes, and figuring out what is harmful, rather than just painful or unpleasant is not much easier.

Wasn't Satan trying to do "as he will?" He did such damage. We can understand how the lack of rules would be appealing, especially to young people.

Is Wicca Right for You, Wicca is NO Rules, TipToeChick, youtube.com

- *I know why those of you who are lost might be interested in Wicca. It appeals to you spiritually and it feels like there is something you can connect to. When you read the Bible or go to church, or you listen to somebody else's advice, you don't necessarily connect with it. You are a little confused and uneasy because there are so many rules and so many things that you have to abide by that you may not always agree with.*

(Source: paganwiccan.about.com) The Rule of Three, also called the Law of Threefold Return, is a caveat given to newly initiated witches in some magical traditions, primarily NeoWiccan ones. The purpose is a cautionary one. It keeps people who have just discovered Wicca from thinking they have Magical Super Powers. It also, if heeded, keeps folks from performing negative magic without putting some serious thought into the consequences.

But even Jesus did not do as "he will," he did his Father's will. John 4:31-34

What about spells?

Basic Magickal Protection and Psychic Self-Defense: Magick works. This is the first thing you have to learn. If you don't believe that magick gives you the power to reshape the universe, you're wasting your time. Because if you believe a spell or ritual won't work, it won't. Period. And if you do believe in the power of magick, then you need to realize that when you use it you are putting your hands on the same forces that move the tides and spawn tornadoes. And that by doing so, you have the potential to harm yourself or others. I have often compared working magic to rock climbing. It takes years of study and practice before you're ready to try it. It is fairly safe, if you know what you're doing and take appropriate safety precautions. At the same time, a mistake can ruin your whole day or worse.

Is Wicca Right for You, Wicca not all about spells, TipToeChick, youtube.com

- *Wicca is not all about spells, magick, getting things that you want and manipulating energies to do what makes your life perfect. There is a certain level of respect that comes in with it. If*



you were going to do a spell for love, just know that you cannot mess with free will. If you want to do a spell to make somebody fall in love with you, then Wicca is not the right thing for you. That will end up coming back to you and get you times three, and that's not very fun.

(Source: The Celtic Connection) Divination and Scrying: As this section grows, we will discuss the many different forms Witches use for divination. If you are unfamiliar with the term, divination is simply the use of an object or objects to ascertain answers to questions or to see an event or events which are not perceptible to the average person. ...Witches and Pagans have always been credited with having special powers, with being able to see the unseen. This is merely a result of our ability to work with our "Spirit Guides" or "Spirit Twins" to obtain answers to the questions we seek.

What say the scriptures about "seeing" the future? Luke 10:23-24: Jesus is telling us that there are things that are not meant to be seen. The only scriptural evidence of "seeing" the future is when a prophecy is given of God or a message is delivered of God. God very narrowly gives the ability to see the unseen.

So who are these Spirit Guides and Spirit Twins? Satan is transformed to look like a power of light. **Satan's followers' present condition: 2 Corinthians 11:14-15:**

An Introduction to Wicca, spells compared to prayer, Megan Meissner

- *Magick spells are an important part of Wiccan rituals. A spell is typically cast from inside the sacred circle. Spells are not used for evil - a true Wiccan spell is cast to bring a positive change in the world. There is a book of spells Wiccans may use, the Book of Shadows. It is the Wiccan equivalent to the Christian Bible. It includes spells of previous witches. One can compare spells to praying - prayer is most often a plea for some positive outcome, much like the positive change brought on by a spell.*

Matthew 26:39-42

- Casting spells presses your will forward - Jesus pressed God's will forward.
- Casting spells presumes You Know - Christian prayer knows that GOD KNOWS.
- Casting spells tells the universe what to do - Christian prayer ASKS GOD what to do.

How should a Christian view Wicca?

Is Wicca Right for You, do Wicca YOUR way, TipToeChick, youtube.com

- *Do what feels right to you - there is no certain rule, no Koran, no Bible, there is not one rule book out there that says you have to practice Wicca or Paganism in any certain way shape or form. You do what you feel is right. What if you have parents that don't let you practice Wicca and don't agree with it and you can't have an altar set up. It's okay, you can still practice and not have to have all the tools, it's all in here (your heart). Your finger is just as powerful as a wand.*

Romans 1:22-25 **Beware the subtlety of sin: 2 Corinthians 11:14-15:** Isn't it interesting how Wicca is called "white witchcraft," how they deny the existence of Satan and worship their own gods and goddesses - whose origin is from Satan? An angel of light appearing to be good...

Colossians 1:12-14: (KJV) ¹²Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: ¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Isn't it interesting how the origins of witchcraft are very dark and modern day Wicca has sought to bring light to it? If it is founded in darkness, then the light cannot be authentic, for it is idolatry.

We need to be on guard against Wicca. We need to be aware and act accordingly.

***So...can white witchcraft be good?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!***