

Let's talk about Halloween

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Halloween, is celebrated in many countries around the world. Many people especially children take part in celebrating it by making costumes, carving pumpkins and going out for trick-or-treating.

Though it is just harmless fun, it is important to learn about the history behind Halloween and understand why it is celebrated. After all, one of the special qualities of a believer is that, he does not get involved in anything that does not concern him or does not bring benefit to him in this world or the hereafter.



The History of Halloween:

Halloween dates back 2000 years to an ancient festival known as 'Samahain' which took place on the 1st of November. The people who celebrated this festival were celtic pagans who worshiped many different gods. This was their new year and they would light bonfires and wear costumes to scare off ghosts.



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What we need to Remember

The roots of Halloween go back 2000 years to pagan Celts who worshiped many gods.

Allah Ta'ala has given Muslims two festivals to celebrate which are known as Eid.

The wearing of costumes was to scare ghosts and spirits away. A Muslim always turns to Allah for protection.

Our time is very valuable and should not be wasted. We should use it to please Allah Ta'ala and earn Jannah.

Shaytan is tricking and pretending to treat us all our lives. We need to be alert at all times.

Pumpkin is more than just a scary face. It is a very healthy food and was liked by our beloved Nabi ﷺ

In Islam magic and sorcery is not permissible and so we should stay away from it.

Trick or Treating is against Islamic teachings as we are taught not to ask for things, not to force anyone and not to harm or trouble anyone.

To help us against anything which may harm us we should regularly....



- A) Make Du'a
- B) Perform Salah
- C) Refrain from Sin
- D) Give Sadaqah
- E) Recite Ayatul Kursi,
- F) Recite Surah Ikhlas and Surah Mu'wadhatayn three times

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The history behind some modern day practices of Halloween

Dressing up in scary costumes:

In the Celtic tradition, they believed, on new year's eve (31st October) the spirits of the dead were let free and ghosts and spirits wandered the earth and returned to their homes. So the people dressed up in scary costumes hoping to scare the ghosts away!



Carving Pumpkins (Jack-o-lantern):

This practice come from an Irish tradition about a man named Jack who they believe wasn't allowed into Heaven or Hell. They believed for this reason his ghost travelled the world in search of a resting place. To keep him away they carved scary faces out of turnips and pumpkins on Halloween.

