

Difference between Halloween and a Costume Party

- *A costume party pays no homage to any one or any thing*
- *It can be held at any time of the year*
- *Dressing up as ghosts is not necessary*

Even if you do, know that dead people don't roam the earth.

Cleanse yourself from superstition

Islam came to cleanse all ignorant and superstitious practices

Bats and cats can't communicate with the dead -nor huse their souls!

Follow the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

What is the Harm in Celebrating Halloween?

It is a celebration that rejoices in things magical and evil

Whereas, Allah says in the Quran: *magic only harms and brings no benefit* (Surah Al Baqarah, ayah 102)

Islam propagates the idea of conscious and purposeful living that is beneficial for mankind

Allah says in the Quran: *You have indeed in the life of Rasool Allah, the 'Best Model'...* (Surah Al-Ahzab, ayah 21)

AND

The Prophet (PBUH) said:

"Be different from the Jews and the Christians." [Bukhari & Muslim]

The Prophet (PBUH) said:

"Whoever imitates a people is one of them." Narrated by Abd-Allah ibn 'Umar [Abu Dawood]

For further information

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Celebrations have roots in religious beliefs

What is the root of
Halloween?



Origin of Halloween

Dates back to the Celts

They celebrated their New Year on November 1st

On October 31st they celebrated *Samhain*

They believed ghosts roamed the earth

They believed their priests could communicate with the dead and tell the future

The priests built large fires

Dressing up in Costumes

People burned crops & animals as sacrifices to their gods

They wore animal heads and skins as costumes so that the "spirits of the dead" would not recognize them

Also done to imitate supernatural beings

The priests would go from house to house demanding food to calm the spirits



Trick-or-Treating

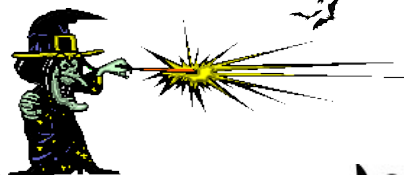
Those who did not give to them were believed to be cursed

Good luck was promised to those who donated generously

Hence, the phrase: "trick-or-treat"

Bats and Black Cats

These animals were believed to communicate with the dead.



It was also believed that black cats can house souls of witches



How Halloween came into Christianity

By 800 AD Christianity came to the Celts

In the 7th century, Pope Boniface IV, declared November 1st as "All Saints Day" to honor saints and martyrs

The celebration was also called All-Hallows or All-Hallowmas

The night before began to be known as All-hallows Eve or Holly Eve

It then became **Halloween**



Halloween Today

People spend billions of dollars on candy and costumes



Devil worshippers and occult groups observe Halloween as the Devil's Day