Subject: Halloween Satanic?

Posted by Aircraftkiller on Sat, 16 Oct 2004 19:21:29 GMT

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It's that time of the year again. Halloween is fast approaching and the usual banter from fundamentalist Christians (Not to be confused with the people we all know and love, our conservative Christian friends) is outracing Halloween this year - yet again.

I happen to be a conservative Wiccan Christian, so this sort of thing is important to me. As usual I'm being called a practicer of Satanic rituals and that I'm going to hell for observing Halloween, also known as Samhain. Yet these are the people who are supposed to love and care for everyone... Contradictive, or just plain hypocritical?

To me, they're no better than the liberals who whine for tolerance and do not tolerate what it is that annoys or disgusts them.

The proof that Halloween isn't Satanic should be known by everyone, to open your eyes to this world and expose the fundamentalist lies for what they are.

If you travel here you'll see exactly what I, and many others, have been saying for quite some time.

As a witch my primary goal in life is to worship God, the Goddess, and to live a good life. The

fundamentalists to learn... The basic message is in the Bible!

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Posted by DarkDemin on Sat, 16 Oct 2004 19:31:52 GMT

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Halloween started as people dressing up to ward off evil spirits. It has never had a satanic beginning, some stupid ass satanists decided to adopt it as their own therefore giving halloween a bad name. No one should ever call it satanic because that is just wrong.

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Posted by warranto on Sat, 16 Oct 2004 22:42:50 GMT

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Quote: I happen to be a conservative Wiccan Christian

Well, now there is an oxymoron if I ever saw one. It is impossible to be a christian while practicing magic. Just the same as you can not be a wiccan while believing in a Christian God.

Wicca is a belief that is a polytheistic "religion", while Christianity is a monotheistic one. Christianity outlaws the practice of magic, while Wicca endorses it.

You can not belong to one AND the other at the same time. Sure you can say you do, but that would just be hypocritical. And, of course, self-delusional to think otherwise.

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Posted by Javaxcx on Sat, 16 Oct 2004 23:00:08 GMT

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Well, I think he meant it on more of a contextual basis. As in, taking and applying certain beliefs of one and ignoring others because maybe the other religion makes a bit more sense on the issue.

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Posted by Aircraftkiller on Sun, 17 Oct 2004 00:18:04 GMT

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Javaxcx wins the prize!

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Posted by warranto on Sun, 17 Oct 2004 00:44:21 GMT

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JavaxcxWell, I think he meant it on more of a contextual basis. As in, taking and applying certain beliefs of one and ignoring others because maybe the other religion makes a bit more sense on the issue.

well duh.

The point I was making is that you can't profess one belief, while professing another of an opposite nature. Using the above as an example, ou can't say that You're a Christian while you profess to believe in more than one god. Contextual matters aside, its simply a matter labeling yourself what you're not. Take what you want from a religion, and leave what you think isn't explained fully. Heck, I di that. I believe that different Religions have a better understanding of certain issues. It doesn't mean I'm going to profess myself to be a Muslim Jewish Buddhist (to use an example, it's not an accurate description).

In all honesty, I'm very much a devout Roman Catholic, but that doesn't mean that I think it has everything correct, so I look to others for a potential answer. I just believe that the Catholic religion, with all its follies, is the best one available.

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Posted by Doitle on Sun, 17 Oct 2004 00:44:47 GMT

We take peices from each, and call ourselves Uber-tarians. That way you get every peice you want in your religion tailored to match exactly your belief structure. And instead of saying Yay god, we say. Yay to people, places, and things that should be Yay'ed towards.

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Posted by Aircraftkiller on Sun, 17 Oct 2004 00:53:17 GMT

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Yes, I can, and I did. I'll explain more later when I'm up to doing it.

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Posted by warranto on Sun, 17 Oct 2004 01:08:51 GMT

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well, I probably should have mentioned that you can say it all you want. It doesn't make it true, or remotely arguable. Heck, I could call myself the king of the world. It doesn't make it true, dispite the fact it may be what I call myself.

However, I'll wait for your explination before I comment further.

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Posted by Vitaminous on Sun, 17 Oct 2004 02:12:12 GMT

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AircraftkillerJavaxcx wins the prize!

Huh, why was I expecting that?

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Posted by Aircraftkiller on Sun, 17 Oct 2004 05:36:20 GMT

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Basically I see things like this. God exists, the Bible has correct parts in it, and Jesus came here to die for us. However I believe that it takes more than faith to do what God intended us to do.

I believe he put us here to think and understand the world around us, not to blindly follow other humans who mislead and destroy. Why would God put his entire faith in humanity into corrupted church officials and expect sin to lead us to him?

Now, using that logic, we look at what God did. He procreates with a woman and Jesus is born. Jesus, being the son of God, has magic abilities including healing, divination, and the ability to rise from the dead.

I believe in God and in Jesus. I believe both exist and that both are looking after our best interests. However, if God can create Jesus, why is it impossible for God to have created lesser gods as well?

I don't buy into the Bible completely. It's been translated too many times and there have been a lot of instances where people are prevented from reading it or are told something different than what was really in the Bible. For all I know the Bible could confirm Wicca as being something Jesus practiced.

I practice magic through prayer to God and thoughts of goodwill. All witches that believe in the Rede will tell you the same thing I am, that goodwill is what we all wish to bring to the world through our actions. We are obviously unable to do this in peace due to people being misled into thinking witches are bad people that cast evil spells to hurt others. As with all parts of humanity, witches are not immune to having evil influence their actions, and as such there are bad witches. There are also bad Protestants, bad Catholics (Molesting little boys, anyone?), and bad humans in general.

I believe that what I am following in life is my true calling. I was totally Christian for 18 years and found that Wicca has changed my life for the better. My belief in God is stronger than it ever was because I can see his actions in everyday life, and I can hear him talk to me and know that I'm doing the right thing.

That's how I justify mixing together Wicca and Christianity. Unlike what the fundamentalist Christians would have you believe, they are quite compatible if you open your mind and learn more about the world. Not all religions are correct, and not all religions are totally wrong. All have something to learn from that will better yourself and further your life.

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Posted by warranto on Sun, 17 Oct 2004 19:54:43 GMT

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Heh, thats sort of the type of explination I was expecting. (Not that taht's a bad thing).

My only concern is the label that you have given yourself. Before I continue, I just want to make clear that personally I could care less what you call yourself, but I've always tried to argue from a general-public point of view as personal beliefs can create too much confusion most of the time.

Basically the concern is this: Both views hold opposing beliefs (as I had pointed out prior), so to call yourself something that contains opposing viewpoints is hypocritical in the publics eye.

Now a point that you may find benificial. My brothers girlfriend has similar views as you do about Christianity, so she labels herself as a spiritualist rather than a full Christian. And combining things with something like that is usually accepted. Gotta love techicalities, huh?