

HALLOWEEN

No Trick! No Treat!

Rasulullah ﷺ said, ***“The Final Hour will not come until my followers copy the deeds of the previous nations and follow them closely, span by span, and cubit by cubit (inch by inch).”*** (Bukhari)

Origins of Halloween

Halloween originated as the Eve of Samhain, a celebration marking the beginning of winter and the first day of the New Year among ancient pagans of the British Isles. On this occasion, it was believed that supernatural forces gathered together, that the barriers between the supernatural and human worlds were broken and the lord of the dead gathered all the souls of the people who had died.

Islamic Perspective

Virtually, all Halloween traditions are based either on ancient pagan culture, or Christianity. From an Islamic point of view, they all are forms of idolatry (shirk). As Muslims, how can we worship Allah only, if we participate in activities that are based on pagan rituals, divination, and the spirit world? Many people participate in these celebrations without even understanding the history and the pagan connections, just because their friends are doing it, their parents did it, and because “it's fun!”

What should we do?

As Muslims, we should not participate in nor condone customs like Halloween. It is the duty of every Muslim parent to educate their children to refrain from practising falsehood and not to imitate others in their futile customs and festivals. If children are taught to be proud of their Islamic heritage, they will, Insha-Allah, abstain from Halloween and other impermissible celebrations.



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