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October 2021 brings forth an abundance of in-person and on-line events. Best known for Halloween festivities, October is also associated with the Hindu festival of Durga Puga and the Jewish holiday of Pesach.

The True, Lost Meaning of Halloween.

By Christian Hummel

By whatever name it has been called (Hallow's Eve, Hallow E'en, Halloween, Day of the Dead, Samhain) this special night preceding All Hallows day (November 1st) has been considered for centuries as one of the most magical nights of the year, a night of power when the veil that separates our world from the Otherworld is at its thinnest. As ubiquitous as Halloween celebrations are throughout the world, few of us know that the true origin of Halloween is a ceremony of honouring our ancestors and the day of the dead. A time when the veils between the worlds were thinner, and so many could "see" the other side of life, presenting a greater potential for magical creation.

In ancient times, this day was a special and honoured day of the year. In the Celtic calendar, it was one of the most important days, representing a mid point. Samhain, or "summer's end" occurred opposite the great Spring Festival of May Day, or Beltain. Samhain represents the turning point of the year, the eve of the Celtic New Year which begins with the onset of the dark phase of the year. The origin of this day also has connections to other cultures including Egyptian and Mexican (Dia de la Muerta, or the day of the dead).

The Celts believed that the normal laws of space and time were held in abeyance during this time, allowing a special window where the spirit world could intermingle with the living. It was a night when the dead could cross the veils and return to the land of the living to celebrate with their family, or clan. As such, the great burial mounds of Ireland were lit up with torches lining the walls, so the spirits of the dead could find their way.



Out of this ancient tradition comes one of our most famous icons of the holiday: the Jack-o-lantern. Originating from Irish folklore, the Jack-o-lantern was used as a light for the lost soul of Jack, a notorious trickster, stuck between worlds. Jack is said to have tricked the devil into a trunk of a tree and by carving an image of a cross in the tree's trunk, he trapped the devil there. His pranks denied him access to Heaven, and having angered the devil also to Hell, so Jack was a lost soul, trapped between worlds. As a consolation, the devil gave him a sole ember to light his way through the darkness between worlds.

Many cultures have ceremonies to honour their dead. In so doing, they complete a cycle of birth and death, and keep in line with a harmony and order of the universe, at time when we enter into the cycle of darkness for the upcoming year. As the Church began to take hold in Europe the ancient Pagan rituals were co-opted into festivals of the Church. While the Church could not support a general feast for all the dead, it created a festival for the blessed dead, all those hallowed so, All Hallow's, was transformed into All Saints and All Souls day.

As you light your candles this year, keep in mind the true potency of this time, one of magical connections to the other side of life, and a time to remember those who have passed before us a time to send our love and gratitude to them, to light their way back home.

IN PERSON EVENTS

2 Oct **London**

Michaelmas Festival
rsh.anth.org.uk

2 Oct **Worcester**

British Society of Dowisers
Conference and AGM
britishdowisers.org

3 Oct **Pewsey**

17th Convention of Archaeology
and Earth Mysteries
stoneseeker.net

9 Oct **London**

the Foundation Stone Meditation
Conference
rsh.anth.org.uk

12 Oct **Stroud**

Hawkwood Circle Convention
How Do We Make Education Fit for
Future Purpose
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

23 Oct **Glastonbury**

Fairy Fayre and Ball
faeryevents.com

30 Oct **Grimpsargh**

Mysterious Earth Conference 2021
megalithictours.com

IN PERSON TALKS

4 Oct **London**

Karmic Relationships Vol 2
Trevor Dance
rsh.anth.org.uk

5 Oct **North Chingford**

Introduction to Meditation
FISU.org

5 Oct **London**

Initiation, Eternity and the Passing
Moment
Brendan McQuillan
rsh.anth.org.uk

7 Oct **Staplehill**

Virus - Friend or Foe?
Luzia Barclay
dorsetmysteries.org

7 Oct **London**

Human Constitution Beyond
the Physical
Alex Wright
rsh.anth.org.uk

8 Oct **London**

Exploring the Mysteries of
the Earth in Times of COVID
Dr Peter Selg
rsh.anth.org.uk

8 Oct **Chingford Hatch**

Introduction to Meditation
FISU.org

10 Oct **Spreyton**

Albion Dreamtime
Re-enchanting the Isle of Dragons
Sue Wallace & Peter Knight
devondowisers.org.uk

10 Oct **Stroud**

Woodland Movement Performance
Jemima Bennett
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

12 Oct **Basildon**

Introduction to Meditation
FISU.org

13 Oct **Glastonbury PLG**

the Heart Knows what the
Mind Cannot See. Divining the
Divine Self an Exploration into the
Power and Perception of the Heart
Toby Negus
glastonburyplg.com

15 Oct **London**

From Self Development to World
Development. Introduction to
Anthroposophical Meditation
Inessa Burditch
rsh.anth.org.uk

15 Oct **Bristol**

Bright Catalyst
An Evening with
Lisa Fullbright Cossey
bristoldowisers.co.uk

15 Oct **London**

the Challenge of Polarities
Andrew Wolpert
rsh.anth.org.uk

20 Oct **Bexley**

Introduction to Meditation
FISU.org

21 Oct **London**

Human Evolution Past and Future
Alex Wright
rsh.anth.org.uk

22 Oct **Bracknell**

Introduction to Meditation
FISU.org

28 Oct **London**

Spiritual Forces Active in
Humanity Today
Alex Wright
rsh.anth.org.uk

29 Oct **Morayshire**

Growing in the Darkness
Bringing in the Light
Robert Holden
findhorn.org

IN PERSON WORKSHOPS

3 Oct **North Hill**

Earth Energies
David Lockwood
Tamar Dowisers

3 Oct **Glastonbury**

Divine Union Soundbath
Dean Carter
centreforpuresound.org

4 Oct **Stroud**

Further Journeys in the
Mastery of the Gong
Aidan McIntyre & Tim Byford
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

8 Oct **Stroud**

the Art of Giving and Receiving
Adam Wilder
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

9 Oct **Oborne**

Shakti Mantra Yoga
Pure Sound Therapy Course
Module 2
Dean Carter
centreforpuresound.org

10 Oct **Spreyton**

Albion Dreamtime
Re-enchanting the Isle of Dragons
Peter Knight & Sue Wallace
devondowisers.org.uk

12 Oct **London**

Baby and Child Massage
Sylvie Hetu & Mary Beattie
rsh.anth.org.uk

17 Oct **Bridport**

Divine Union Soundbath
Dean Carter
centreforpuresound.org

23 Oct **Glastonbury**

the Template
Sacred Geometry Workshop
Claudie Planche
stargaia.com

23 Oct **Stroud**
Movement in Nature
Connecting through Natural
Movement
Jemima Bennett
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

23 Oct **Glastonbury**
Divine Union Soundbath
Dean Carter
centreforpuresound.org

24 Oct **Yeovil**
Divine Union Soundbath
Dean Carter
centreforpuresound.org

29 Oct **Stroud**
Writing the Wild Season
Helen Moore
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

30 Oct **Stroud**
Deep Ecology: Samhain
Into the Darkness
Jenni Horsfall & Mark Graham
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

31 Oct **Oborne**
Divine Union Soundbath
Dean Carter
centreforpuresound.org

IN PERSON WALKS & TOURS

2 Oct **Wales**
Mystical and Historical
South Wales
megalithictours.com

14 Oct **Scotland**
Orkney Shetland and Aberdeen
megalithictours.com

16 Oct **Wiltshire**
Day Trip to Avebury
Peter Knight
thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk

17 Oct **Wiltshire**
the Wonders of
Savernake Forest
stoneseeker.net

30 Oct **London**
Samhain Pilgrimage
Gatekeeper Trust

ON-LINE CONFERENCE

14 Oct
Facilitator Development Conference
Chris Bourne
openhandweb.org

ON-LINE TALKS

1 Oct
Extraordinary Awakenings
When Trauma Leads to Spiritual
Transformation
Dr Steve Taylor
scientificandmedicalnetwork.net

1 Oct
An Evening of Mediumship
with Q&A
Anthony Kesner
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

3 Oct
the Sacred Dance
Ifigeneia Kastamoniti
theosophicalsociety.org.uk

5 Oct
Conan Doyle. The Spirits and the
Mysterious World of Light
Matt Wingett
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

6 Oct
A Case of Mistaken Identity
Philip Wade
scientificandmedicalnetwork.net

8 Oct
Messages from the
Animal Spirit Realm
Alexander King
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

10 Oct
An Exploration into Consciousness
Dada Gunamuktananda
theosophicalsociety.org.uk

11 Oct
Death, Near Death, DMT and
Discarnate Entities
Dr David Luke
scientificandmedicalnetwork.net

12 Oct
the Science Behind Meditation,
Healing, Crystals and Visualisation
Dr David Hamilton
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

13 Oct
Mary Magdalene Unveiled
A New View Based
on Recently Discovered
Source Texts
Dr Annine van Der Meer
scientificandmedicalnetwork.net

19 Oct
Libra
Meditation Transforming Planetary
Consciousness Webinar
aquaac.org

19 Oct
the Ghost
A Cultural History
Susan Owens
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

20 Oct
Meditations and Mantra to
Clear and Seal Your Aura
Gemma Bliss
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

20 Oct
Community Meditation
findhorn.org

26 Oct
the Enfield Poltergeist
Untold Stories Unseen Images
Alan Murdie
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

29 Oct
Pluto
Totnes Astrology Group
Tel. 01803 867145
dave@starlynx.plus.com

29 Oct
Tales from Britains Haunted
Theatres
Geraldine Beskin
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

29 Oct
Growing in the Darkness
Bringing in the Light
Robert Holden
findhorn.org

31 Oct
the Spiritual Path
Gary Kidgell
theosophicalsociety.org.uk

SHARED ON-LINE TALKS

24 Oct
Garden Geomancy
Alanna Moore
devondowsers.org.uk

tamar-dowsers.org
thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk

ON-LINE WORKSHOPS

1 Oct
Living the New Normal
Sue Peat
rsh.anth.org.uk

2 Oct
An Immersion into the Runic Oracle
Learn About Runes and the Norse
Tradition
Andreas Kornevall
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

2 Oct
Resilience and Self Care
Graham Kennish
rsh.anth.org.uk

2 Oct
the Psychic Workout
Maria Antoniou
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

3 Oct
Holistic Ways of Grounding and
Protection
Martha Brett &
Maryrose Moses O' Brien
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

3 Oct
Shamanic Sundays
Mandy Pullen
ecoshamanism.org.uk

3 Oct
Rise of the Female Archangels
Mary, Aurora and Amethyst
Liesl Duffy
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

3 Oct
Soul Power
Daniel Pitt
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

8 Oct
Journey Practitioner Business
Training
Daniel Wagner & Kevin Billett
thejourney.com

9 Oct
Redefining Listening
the Gift of "Being Rock"
Mandy Preece
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

9 Oct
Could You Be a Psychic Medium?
Denise Pia
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

9 Oct
Kriya Yoga Teachings
Swami Aliananda Mahansa
worldpeacemission.com

9 Oct
Ascension Exchanges
Chris Bourne
openhandweb.org

9 Oct
Introduction to Eco-Shamanism
Mandy Pullen
ecoshamanism.org.uk

13 Oct
the Leader Within
Discovering Your Leadership
Potential
Trevor Bentley
hawkecollege.co.uk

16 Oct
Mastering Mediumship
Hernan Cotroneo
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

16 Oct
Living the New Normal
Sue Peat
rsh.anth.org.uk

16 Oct
Crystal of Light and Transformation
Nicholas Pearson
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

16 Oct
Shamanic Psychopomp
Guiding the Departing Souls
Itshak Beery
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

16 Oct
Pluto in Aquarius
Prometheus Prevails
Jackie Henry
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

17 Oct
Mediumship at its Best
Anthony Kesner
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

18 Oct
Dreaming Practice Group
Mandy Pullen
ecoshamanism.org.uk

23 Oct
Anatomy & Physiology for Healers
Part 2
Doe Warnes
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

23 Oct
Guidance: Soul or Higher Self
Sarah Tyler Walters
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

24 Oct
Tarot and Mediumship
Avril Price
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

24 Oct
Divine Being Activation
Chris Bourne
openhandweb.org

30 Oct
Animal Healing
Elizabeth Whiter
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

30 Oct
Journeying with Spirit Guides and
Power Animals
Claire Broad
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

30 Oct
Celebrating the Wheel
of the Year -Samhain.
Honouring Our Ancestors and the
Celtic Dark Goddesses
Sarah Jane Dennis
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

30 Oct
Listening With Your Eyes
Scott Alexander King
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk



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