



# CAN SOULS "CROSS OVER" ON HALLOWEEN?

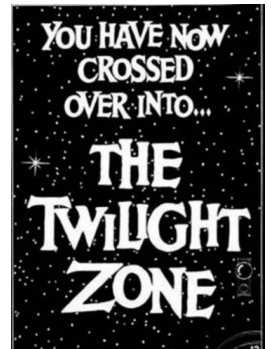
**Psalm 121:7-8:** (NASB) *<sup>7</sup>The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever.*



What is Halloween about anyway? Is it all about the costumes, the candy and the parties? Is it all about the social connections of people actually seeing and talking to other people or the excited grade school kid who gets to dress up like a video game hero? Or is Halloween all about the dead? Is it all about communication with the spirit world, fire festivals and the dark arts? Can dead souls really cross over the boundary of our physical world on this unique night? What is real and what is not? Where did this all start and what has it become?

 **Introduction, *The Twilight Zone* (television show), Rod Serling**

- (Rod Serling) *There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man. It is a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and a summit of his knowledge. This is the dimension of imagination. It is an area which we call "The Twilight Zone."*



What if we were to tell you that the whole concept of "The Twilight Zone" had its roots in factual and sociological principles which have existed even longer than the human race? We will put the "Halloween puzzle" together.



The first piece of the puzzle is THE TWILIGHT ZONE.

The second piece of the puzzle is THE DESCRIPTION OF GOD'S CREATIVE PROCESS.

**Genesis 1:5:** (NASB) *God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.*

Evening (first) and morning (second) was the first day. Even today in the Jewish tradition, a new day starts in the evening.



The third piece of the puzzle is the physical groundwork for the whole Halloween thing:

**Psalms 104:19-24:** (NASB) *<sup>19</sup>He made the moon for the seasons; the sun knows the place of its setting. <sup>20</sup>You appoint darkness and it becomes night, in which all the beasts of the forest prowl about. <sup>21</sup>The young lions roar after their prey and seek their food from God. <sup>22</sup>When the sun rises they withdraw and lie down in their dens. <sup>23</sup>Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until evening. <sup>24</sup>O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of Your possessions.*





What elements do we see as parts of the third piece of the puzzle? THE EARTH, SEASONS and PEOPLE. Halloween's origin is based on the earth, the transition of fall to winter and people preparing for the darkness of winter.

 **Samhain, Why Halloween's Really British, Anglophenia**

- *(Kate Arnell) It's believed that the origins of what we call Halloween can be traced back to the ancient festival of Samhain which was celebrated by the Celts on November 1st. Samhain translates into "summer's end" in Gaelic and marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. The Celts also believed that on the night before Samhain the veil between the worlds of the dead and living was at its thinnest, and that spirits, ghouls and fairies would visit.*



The fourth piece of the puzzle is THE ACTUAL ROOTS OF THE HALLOWEEN TRADITION:

(Source: The Ancient Celtic Fire Festivals [www.neopagan.net](http://www.neopagan.net)) There appear to have been four major holy days celebrated by the Paleopagan Druids, possibly throughout the Celtic territories: ...These four major holy days have been referred to as "fire festivals..." Whether in Ireland or India, among the Germans or the Hittites, sacred fires were apparently kindled by the Indo-European Paleopagans on every important religious occasion...

There were four cyclical "holy" days marked by the seasons and the moon.

Samhain or "Samhuinn" is pronounced "sow-" (as in female pig) "-en" (with the neutral vowel sound) — not "Sam Hain"...is often said to have been the most important of the fire festivals, because (according to most Celtic scholars) it may have marked the Celtic New Year.

This New Year celebration came when the harvest was over.

...Being "between" seasons or years, Samhain was (and is) considered a very magical time, when the dead walk among the living and the veils between past, present and future may be lifted in prophecy and divination.

 **First two steps, Defining Liminal, Richard Schechner**

- *"Liminal" is a term first used by Arnold van Gennep, a Belgian folklorist at the turn of the century. He wrote a book which was published in 1908 called, "Les Rites de Passage (The Rites of Passage)," and that's a term that everybody kind of knows. And in this book he said that rituals, especially rites of passage - rights which change people's status - have three phases. The "separation phase" where a person is taken from their old status but also taken from their old place, taken from their old time, their accustomed place in time - you have to do it in a special enclosed place in time - and the liminal period which means "limen," like on a door frame. That which is not in this room or in that room but between rooms, so this "in between" time and space.*

It all has to do with being "in between." Halloween is built on the idea of being in a liminal state - a time between fall and winter, between the old and the new year and when the dead are neither really dead or alive and can communicate with the living.

**What does this "liminal" thing have to do with the human soul?**

 **Third step, Defining Liminal, Richard Schechner**

- *Where, during this in between time and space, the work of the ritual takes place. In other words, whatever it is the ritual is going to do in an African or*



*native Australian society, maybe the person is going to be circumcised or tattooed or marked. In our society, maybe they are going to wear a ring or they're going to, let's say, in the long range liminal space, they're going to go to college and get a degree. But the work of the liminal period is to change them and it is bounded off from ordinary life. College does function that way for us. It is supposed to be on a campus, separate from regular life. You're no longer living with your parents, but you're not yet living alone, I mean the traditional view of it, so you're in between. You're really from one point of view, you're alone and on your own. From another point of view, you're still parentally protected and the job of education is literally to lead you out - that's what it means in Latin; to lead from one place to another, lead you out of one way of thinking to another and to prepare you for participation in so-called mature or developed social life.*

The idea of being in college is a good example of being in a liminal state.

Adam and Eve were in a liminal period in the Garden after they were created.

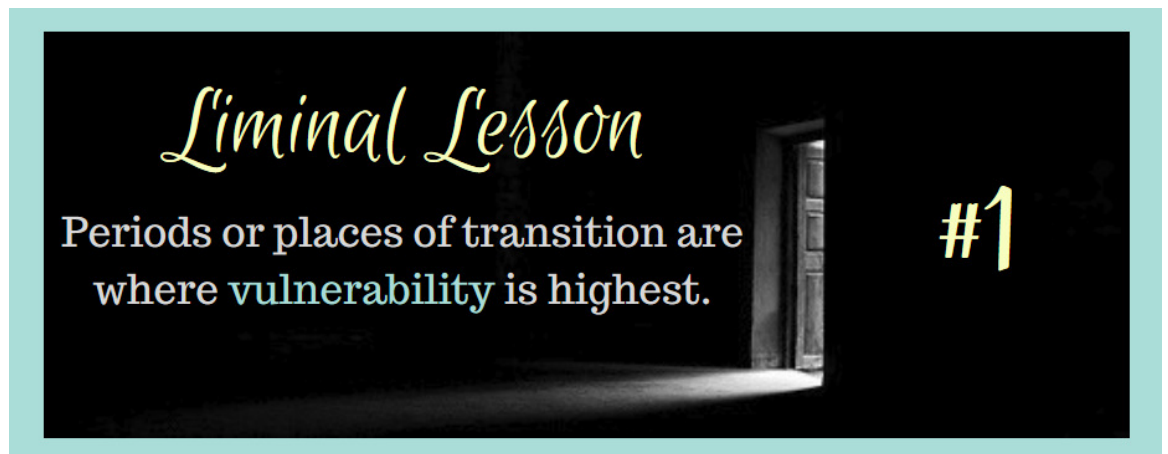
**They were in the Garden with the named animals, their guidelines were in place and their life together was just beginning under the blessing of God:**

**Genesis 1:27-28:** (NASB) <sup>27</sup>God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them; and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

Why were their lives not complete? They entered this new situation in the Garden learning about life, but they had not yet become parents. Their blessings and purpose to multiply the human race was not yet completed.

**They needed to, by God's grace, go through the learning curve and tests of their life responsibilities:**

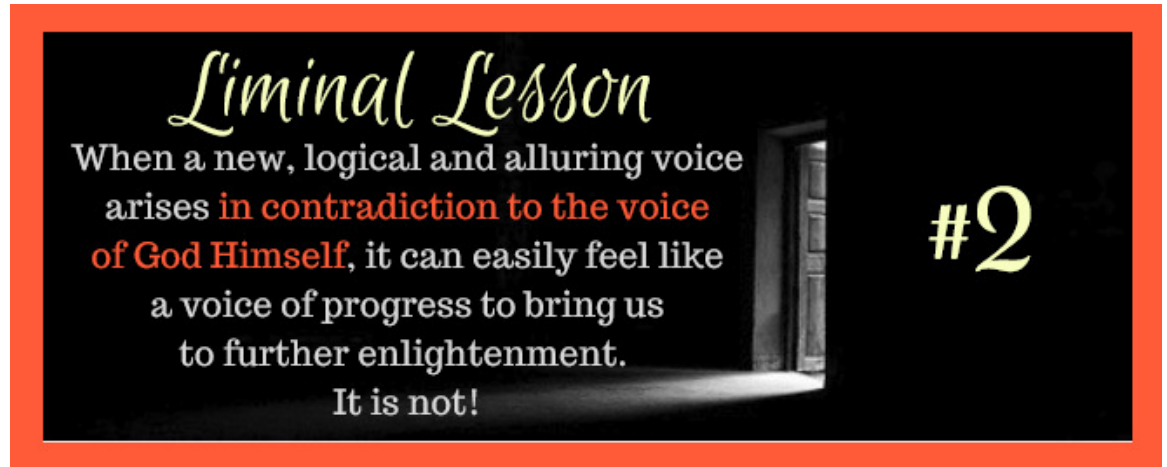
**Genesis 3:1-5:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, Indeed, has God said, You shall not eat from any tree of the garden? <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; <sup>3</sup>but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die. <sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, You surely will not die! <sup>5</sup>For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.





When changing from one place to another or one state of being to another, in the midst of that transition we are most vulnerable. Doubt and uncertainty can be prevalent.

Eve, in her period of transition, was susceptible to Satan's lies. This is where Satan earned his title as the "Father of Lies." More on this soon.



Periods of transition (such as going from one job to another or being a new parent) can draw us away to something not scriptural. Test what is happening during the experience: Does it contradict the voice of God? In Eve's case, the suggested path was out of harmony with God's ways, but it sounded better.

Think about "subliminal advertising" - it involves vulnerability on a subconscious level without you realizing it! It makes suggestions you will not necessarily notice while in the "in between" state, not conscious but not unconscious.



A CQ App message from Florida asked: Can you explain the difference between the Bible's sorcery and how it was used against others and the sorcery that some are using in some of these religious organizations? Thanks.

We assume the "Bible sorcery" referenced is about Saul going to the witch of Endor trying to summon up the dead Samuel. That was a heresy in the sight of God and was not tolerated. Any type of sorcery has no place for a Christian.



### Samhain and Christianity, *Why Halloween's Really British, Anglophenia*

- (Kate Arnell) *By the seventh century, pagan Celts had been successfully converted to Christianity. The church had found that the best way to convert pagans was to come up with a similar but not quite the same alternative to an already existing calendar celebration. So, the Christian "All Saints Day" was moved to November 1st which, yep you guessed it, just happened to be the same day as Samhain. Interestingly, by 1550 Samhain had been absorbed into the Christian festival of All Saints, also known as "All Hallows Day." The celebrations contained much of the same pagan character offering both joyful celebration and somber contemplation of death. In fact the word "Halloween" itself might sound like it has pagan roots, but the etymology is actually Christian and is a contraction of "All Hallows Eve."*



(Source: Wikipedia) Samhain is believed to have Celtic pagan origins and there is evidence it has been an important date since ancient times.... It is mentioned in some of the earliest Irish literature and many important events in Irish mythology happen or begin on Samhain. It was the time when cattle were brought back down from the summer pastures and when livestock were slaughtered for the winter. As at Beltane, special bonfires were lit. These were deemed to have protective and cleansing powers and there were rituals involving them. Like Beltane, Samhain was seen as a **liminal time**, when the boundary between this world and the Otherworld could more easily be crossed.

### Lost spirits, Help a Spirit Move Into the Light, MarVeena Meek

- *Hi there. This is MarVeena Meek and I'm the ghost queen from Dallas, Texas. Today we are going to talk about how to help a ghost to move on to the other side. Believe it or not, sometimes when a spirit dies they may have been so traumatized by the death or they may have fears about what they may find on the other side that they actually don't follow through with the complete transition journey. And when this happens they are lost like the astral plane and they're sort of in no-mans land. They can't make any progression at all on their soul's path, and they're not of any value to themselves or anyone else.*

This meant the Aos Sí, the 'spirits' or 'fairies', could more easily come into our world. At Samhain, it was believed that the Aos Sí needed to be propitiated to ensure that the people and their livestock survived the winter. Offerings of food and drink were left outside for them. The souls of the dead were also thought to revisit their homes seeking hospitality. Feasts were had at which the souls of dead kin were beckoned to attend and a place set at the table for them.



Jonathan: We invited our very own Julie from the CQ Team to share on our subject. Welcome, Julie!

Julie: I am enjoying this Halloween program, which is a surprise because I don't usually enjoy them! But this word "liminal" is new to me. I hadn't thought before about watching carefully my transition periods so I am looking forward to the rest of the program and learning what we should be doing.

I recently read an article about the Academy Award winning 1937 movie, Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. What made the movie special was it was done in a Gothic style, new for the time, along the lines of Mary Shelley's novel *Frankenstein*. To the audiences in the 1930's, this was terrifying. Disney intentionally and purposefully frightened them.

In 1930, the British Board of Film Censors and Mussolini's censors in Italy had banned horror movies altogether. Yet, as a cartoon, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* was allowed to play in its entirety without censorship. It shocked the audience and many young people who grew up with censorship had never experienced this level of terror. Even among American audiences, no one expected the terror of those scenes to feel so real.





Fast forward to the opening of Disneyland in California in 1955. They created the Snow White ride in Fantasyland. By the 1950s, more sophisticated audiences were taking in low-budget monster movies and the old Gothic storytelling style was considered quaint and even boring. So, Disney had to ramp up the scares in the 1955 ride to capture audiences who had grown immune to the horror of the 1937 film. The ride had to be yet again redesigned in 1971 when Disneyworld opened in Florida.

Quoting from the article, "What scared film audiences in 1937 was passé by 1955, and what frightened a generation of original attraction riders was old hat by 1971. Every generation is a bit more sophisticated and a bit more jaded than the one that came before."

Fast forward to now - where it seems like each generation is getting more and more desensitized to murder, torture, pain, death - these are all demanded in our entertainment which is so odd because I call that "the 6 o'clock news." It IS all real and happening all around us, but people are demanding it go further and be more graphic and horrifying in order to be satisfying. There is no line that won't be crossed.

What was once shocking and unthinkable is now mainstream and in direct contraction to Philippians 4:8 to think on things that are lovely, noble and pure. What I personally would find to be soul scarring, my 12-year old nephew would call "just another Tuesday" with all he has already seen in video games and movies. I hate this day!

Every generation is another transition and we are transitioning further and further away from godliness. We become desensitized over generations.

**Can we REALLY help a "lost soul" to cross over?  
(No! This is a satanic deception!)**



**Rebellious results, *Defining Liminal*, Richard Schechner**

- *Now Victor Turner, a very great theorist of ritual and happily a friend of mine, he took van Gennep's ideas and he elaborated them in a series of books and developed the notion of the liminal and what he called the "anti-structural" work of ritual. In other words, we often think of ritual as enforcing social norms, of continuing that which is conservative. But Turner showed by analyzing Haight-Ashbury, which was the hippy section of San Francisco during the early 60's, and analyzing in Ndembu or rights of African people that he lived with in Uganda and others, that ritual can have an anti-structural or a creative process, that it can break down accepted norms and it can be used in revolutionary, rebellious ways.*

Satan is the father of "revolutionary and rebellious ways." He revolted against God and then sought to get the human race to follow him in that rebellion.

**He lied and couched that lie in a bed of truth:**

Genesis 3:4-7: (NASB) <sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, you surely will not die! <sup>5</sup>For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.



What was the true part? That their eyes would be opened and they would be like God in that they would have knowledge. What was the lie? That they would not die.

### What was Eve's reaction?

*<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.*

Have we taken this lie of Satan, *you will not surely die*, and mainstreamed it, making it the truth of our day?

 **Inform them, *Help a Spirit Move Into the Light, MarVeena Meek***

*So, when this happens it is a special gift to be able to help that spirit to move on to the appropriate astral plane. So, what you can do to help them is communicate to them that they are without a body. Sometimes they don't know, because they may have died so quick or not have seen it coming at all that they didn't quite know that they are no longer living in a physical body. So, you just want to very gently communicate to them that you don't have a physical body to move around in anymore and on the earth we really need a physical body, because otherwise it's just not the same.*

A whole sector of our society is focused on their perception of this liminal existence! These are all very dangerous lies. Do NOT try communicating with spirits.

### What is the consequence, the full consequence of disobedience for Adam, the father of us all?

Genesis 3:17-19: (NASB) *<sup>17</sup>Then to Adam He said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat from it; cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. <sup>18</sup>Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field; <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

God is saying: You (mankind) will return to the elements. That is where you came from and that is where you are going. That applies not just to your body but "you" - your essence. Death is defined here as simply going back to the pre-life state, the absence of life, not life in a different way.

Do you know what is popular now? The *undead* - zombies - where did they come from?

(Source: History Channel Documentary) Zombies first appeared in one of the earliest works of literature - The Epic of Gilgamesh - "I will raise up the dead and they will eat the living - the dead will outnumber the living."

Here we have a fictional story that sows the seeds of a new perception of reality.





(Source: Wikipedia) The story centers on a friendship between Gilgamesh and Enkidu. Enkidu is a wild man created by the gods as Gilgamesh's equal to distract him from oppressing the people of Uruk. Together, they journey to the Cedar Mountain to defeat Humbaba, its monstrous guardian. Later they kill the Bull of Heaven, which the goddess Ishtar sends to punish Gilgamesh for spurning her advances. As a punishment for these actions, the gods sentence Enkidu to death.

Many people now believe zombies are real. We have become so desensitized that all of these things are a part of our lives.

Now we can see how this being "in between," this liminal place or circumstance, plays a significant role in what we perceive to be true. Paganism took the transition of a season and applied it to life and death.



**Reintegrated, Defining Liminal, Richard Schechner**

- *At any rate, this liminal period is where the work of the ritual takes place. Then at the end of the liminal period, you're reintegrated or re-aggregated into the society but as a different kind of person. You're either an adult when you were a child or you're married when you were single or you're dead when you were alive or you're the king when you were just the crown prince or what have you. All of these things are the work of the ritual which effects that change - the liminal period.*

The result of the liminal period is the person coming out somehow changed on the other end. Another example of liminal is a person in a coma, hanging on between life and death.

Interestingly, Jesus himself had to deal with the "liminal" aspects of life. As a human being he waited until he was 30 years of age and at the appropriate time presented himself to be baptized. The Scriptures say he immediately went off to fast and pray, spending this transitional time to focus on what was now to be required of him.

### Who else shows up at this vulnerable time?

Matthew 4:2-11: (NASB) <sup>2</sup>And after he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he then became hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. <sup>4</sup>But he answered and said, it is written, man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.



Jesus was physically weak at this time from fasting for this long. **Transition times are ripe for testing our physical fortitude.** An example of this might be someone with cancer undergoing treatment. The experience tries your physical, emotional, mental and spiritual strength. Satan is there to push us just a little off to encourage us to start listening to other voices.

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him into the holy city and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, he will command his angels concerning you; and on their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, On the other hand, it is written, you shall not put the Lord your God to the test.



Satan quoted Scripture to Jesus, and Jesus answered likewise. Just because someone quotes a Scripture does not mean they have the authority of Scripture behind them. Jesus' faith was not in one scriptural phrase taken out of context. **Transition times are ripe for testing how and to whom we apply our own faith and trust.**



<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, All these things I will give you, if you fall down and worship me. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, Go, Satan! For it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only. <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to him.



Jesus came through his time of transition victoriously! **Transition times are ripe for testing our deepest loyalty.**

This reminds us of Moses' reaction to the people when he struck the rock to get water. He had the attitude of, "Do we have to do everything for you?" Moses started to take credit for what God was doing *through* him.



 **Holy guardian angels, Help a Spirit Move into the Light, MarVeena Meek**

- *The first thing that I do whenever I start to assist a spirit to cross over is, if it's in my home, then I would just communicate to them that I'd like to help them to move to the astral planes that are an appropriate place for them to live now in their astral body, and I call in their most holy guardian angel. And I call all of their spirit guides. Just mentally send out a voice that you would like for them to come and to be present. And I call my most holy guardian angel, and I also call in my spirit guides and my angels.*

Back to life and death - death is the simple absence of life, so there is NO crossing over.

Ecclesiastes 9:5: (KJV) *For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.*

Ecclesiastes 9:10: (KJV) *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*

Psalms 6:5: (KJV) *For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?*



Psalms 115:17: (KJV) *The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.*

The Bible tells us bluntly what death is like - a cessation of life. What is the purpose of resurrection if we never actually die? Some like MarVeena may think they are dealing with disembodied spirits of human beings, but they are actually dealing with demons, fallen spirits against God.

### How does God show us protection at times of transition?

#### Subversive outcomes, *Defining Liminal, Richard Schechner*

- ...also Neil Durkheim, who also had a kind of constitutive or conservative view of the functions of rituals. So, Turner didn't deny those but said there is a whole other part where illicit, subversive, subjunctive behaviors are allowed and encouraged, and where the persons can critique the dominant social discourse. And he said that when this occurs in developed, industrial societies they should be called "liminoid" rather than "liminal;" like liminal but not exactly like liminal. And he included in these the genres of arts - theater, dance, music - which he called "liminoid phenomena." They are related in liminal phenomena; they may be even elaborations of things performed during the liminal phase in earlier cultures, but now they take on their own life and they can be critical.

All of these end results are possible. We need to understand what we are listening to during the periods of transition. Subversive behavior is an attractive default for imperfect humanity.

Each time there was a new king in Israel, there was a new transition - a new doorway to go through. This meant new vulnerability.

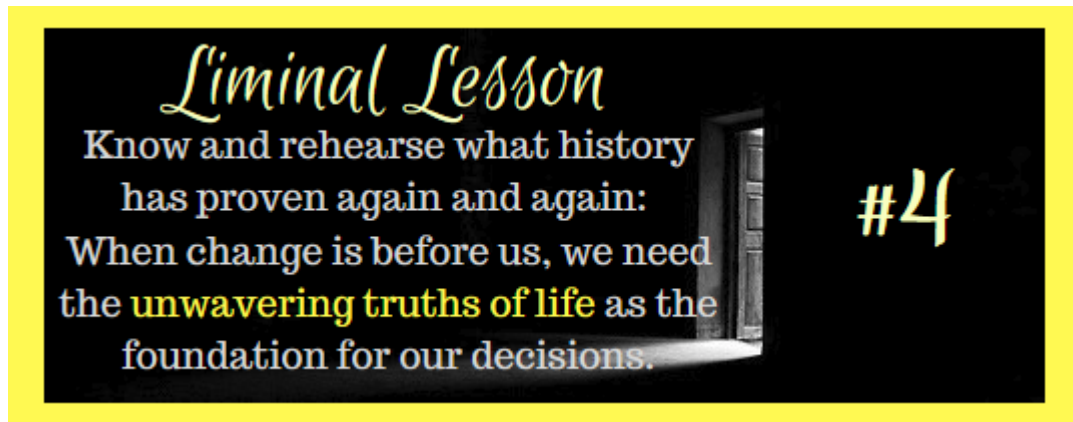
#### Some of these kings who came into power were deeply evil and dark:

2 Chronicles 33:1-6: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>He did evil in the sight of the LORD according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel. <sup>3</sup>For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; he also erected altars for the Baals and made Asherim, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. <sup>4</sup>He built altars in the house of the LORD of which the LORD had said, My name shall be in Jerusalem forever. <sup>5</sup>For he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>He made his sons pass through the fire in the valley of Ben-hinnom; (he had his own sons burned to death as offerings) and he practiced witchcraft, used divination, practiced sorcery and dealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger.

Paganism and its practices held a very obvious attraction, as there were several kings of Israel - Saul, Manasseh and even the (formerly) wise Solomon - who all obliterated the sanctity of worshiping God by allowing Paganism a foothold in their nation. Notice the trend - *wherever there is an allowance for unfettered behavior, things always become darker!*

The passage of time + entertaining idolatry = destruction of life!

Paganism is an obvious attraction because it worships things you can physically touch and see - the earth, people, the sun, etc. We are to worship only the Creator, not the created.



Manasseh should have known this Liminal Lesson #4! Ask yourself: Is where I am going and what I am thinking in harmony with foundational truths?

#### The context of our theme Scripture:

**Psalm 121:1-8:** (NASB) *<sup>1</sup>I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come? <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup>Behold, He who keeps Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade on your right hand. <sup>6</sup>The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever.*

We can be protected if we turn our hearts to the Creator.



A caller from Connecticut tells us that Google says there are 4,200 religions in this world. The master of confusion is Satan. Based on 2 Corinthians 11:14, we know he can appear in different ways to different people to misguide, misrepresent and confuse. There is a saying, "To learn what is good, 99 years are not long enough. To learn what is evil, one hour is too long." Satan is the god of this world.

On the issue of transition, for those who are truly seeking clarity and God's ways, we have Isaiah 30:21: (NIV) *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, This is the way; walk in it.* God's word is our guidance and leads to clarity and the end of confusion.

We need to continually go back to God's word, because Satan is the author of confusion. He excels in periods of transition.



**Visualize and assure, Help a Spirit Move into the Light - MarVeena Meek**

- *Then I just try to center myself and get very grounded and just come from a heart place. Visualize, and I always like to visualize like a 45 degree angle. Visualize like a beautiful door that fills with white light, and either talking to yourself or out loud you can just communicate to that spirit that this is appropriate to move on into the light and that it is very safe. I also like to tell them that they are not going to be punished, and I don't believe in hell so I tell them there is no hell if you were worried about not going to heaven. And so, I relay that to them, and then I mentally just see them moving into the light.*



Because she visualizes these things do not mean they are there. She is saying her imagination comes true. None of this is sensible from what we know to be true. These are the kinds of things we need to run away from.

**Here are texts that not only verify all we have been saying but is also a prophecy of the grace of Jesus:**

**Psalms 49:5-9:** (NASB) <sup>5</sup>Why should I fear in days of adversity, when the iniquity of my foes surrounds me, <sup>6</sup>even those who trust in their wealth and boast in the abundance of their riches? <sup>7</sup>No man can by any means redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for him <sup>8</sup>for the redemption of his soul is costly, and he should cease trying forever <sup>9</sup>that he should live on eternally, that he should not undergo decay.

Only Jesus could pay the ransom to bring people from the dead to life. Notice - *the foes of the righteous* are subject to - what? Death and decay!

**Romans 5:12:** (NASB) Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned....

Death was defined in Genesis by God to Adam as part of the penalty - returning to the dust from whence you came. He was not alive before and would not be alive after.

**As this world crumbles around us,  
what should we be especially protecting ourselves from?**

Our world has become one oversized doorway of transition! It has all become mainstream!



**The pattern of godlessness ALWAYS produces the same results. We want to accelerate the light faster than the darkness:**

**2 Timothy 3:1-4:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>But realize this that in the last days difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup>For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

Doesn't this sound like today?!? All of this can be summed up as idolatry. Paganism is deeply rooted in the worship of self and the rituals/beliefs of the Halloween season are all tied in together.

 **Soul clearing or ghost busting, Help a Spirit Move into the Light, MarVeena Meek**

- *If you find that you have a spirit situation that can't really be handled in a simple way and you need to have professional help, there are other people like myself who can lend you a hand. Sometimes they call it "soul clearing," but I guess it's just another way of saying "ghost busting."*



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What about this idea of soul clearing?

Here is the present condition of Satan's followers:

2 Corinthians 11:14-15: (KJV) <sup>14</sup>And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. <sup>15</sup>Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

If the spirit guides are NOT from God (and they are not) then that only leaves one other very uncomfortable option!



"Ghostbusters," Theme song from the movie "Ghostbusters" (1984), Ray Parker, Jr.

The last audio clip talked about moving spirits into the light as "ghost busting." The movie, Ghostbusters, was about that very thing. They took a sinister, dark thought and made it mainstream. Then it gets made into a movie we laugh at because it is a comedy. We end up desensitized to darkness.

Here are three simple things to keep us alert as Christians:



1 John 1:5-8: (NASB) <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

This presents a series of plain, opposing statements: God is light with no darkness. If we say we have fellowship with Him but walk in darkness, we are lying.

Do not be afraid to change what we believe if we find we were going in the wrong direction.



Exodus 12:21-24: (NASB) <sup>21</sup>Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup>You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning. <sup>23</sup>For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the

door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you. <sup>24</sup>And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever.



And apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts - The Passover lamb's blood was put on the lintel, the top of the doorway, and the two doorposts. They lined the entranceway to and from their houses. God could have said put it outside or inside the house, but instead it was to be put on the lintel - a transition point from outside to inside.

(Remember, the word *liminal* is from the Latin word *līmen*, meaning "a threshold" or lintel.)

The Lord passed over the door. The transitions of our lives are where we are most tested. We can be protected all the times life changes because the blood of Jesus surrounds those transitions. The liminal experience is scripturally protected.



Each time your life changes, think about a mental image of going through a doorway. Some transitions are quick and some take years. Each time and each way, think about how the doorposts and lintel of our transition times are protected by Jesus.



1 Corinthians 5:6-8: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? <sup>7</sup>Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

*A little leaven leavens the whole lump* - Leaven is a picture of sin. We are to avoid sin, be pure and holy; follow in Jesus' footsteps. Sin always finds its way

back into what we say, do, think and feel. Physical leaven expands and grows. If we allow something to expand and take root, we have a lot more to clean. We need to continually reassess the purity of our intentions.

Focus on God's word, be surrounded by those of like precious faith and have a full prayer life to keep our focus with our Heavenly Father.

We can always build more strength from our failures in life and move forward and higher, a stepping stone closer to the Lord.

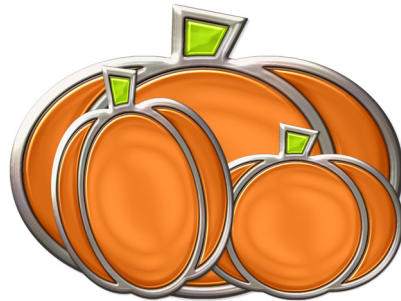


The key is realizing the depth of the degradation of the demonism that surrounds us. Halloween is a great example of that. We want to understand its origins about death, dying and a veil between two worlds.

Remember, during the transitions of our life, we are protected by the blood of Christ if we are faithful to it.

*So, can souls "cross over" on Halloween?  
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A little bit more on "liminality" from Wikipedia:

"Between-ness"

In anthropology, liminality (from the Latin word *līmen*, meaning "a threshold") is the quality of ambiguity or disorientation that occurs in the middle stage of rituals, when participants no longer hold their pre-ritual status but have not yet begun the transition to the status they will hold when the ritual is complete. During a ritual's liminal stage, participants "stand at the threshold" between their previous way of structuring their identity, time, or community, and a new way, which the ritual establishes.

Example: A rite of passage into adulthood, like a graduation ceremony.

In the simple example of a college graduation ceremony, the liminal phase can actually be extended to include the period of time between when the last assignment was finished (and graduation was assured) all the way through reception of the diploma. That no man's land represents the limbo associated with liminality. The stress of accomplishing tasks for college has been lifted, yet the individual has not moved on to a new stage in life (psychologically or physically). The result is a unique perspective on what has come before and what may come next.

Example: Certain ritual observances that occur between death and burial.

The temporal dimension of liminality can relate to moments (sudden events), periods (weeks, months, or possibly years) and epochs (decades, generations, maybe even centuries).



Twilight serves as a liminal time, between day and night - where one is 'in the twilight zone, in a liminal nether region of the night'. The title of the television fiction series *The Twilight Zone* makes reference to this, describing it as "the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition" in one variant of the original series' opening. The name is from an actual zone observable from space in the place where daylight or shadow advances or retreats about the earth. Noon and, more often, midnight can be considered liminal, the first transitioning between morning and afternoon, the latter between days.

Within the years, liminal times include equinoxes when day and night have equal length, and solstices, when the increase of day or night shifts over to its decrease. Where the Quarter days are held to mark the change in seasons, they also are liminal times.

### **Blessings and cursings when you come in and when you go out:**

**Deuteronomy 28:1-6:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>*Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.* <sup>2</sup>*All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God:* <sup>3</sup>*Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.* <sup>4</sup>*Blessed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.* <sup>5</sup>*Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.* <sup>6</sup>*Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.*

**Deuteronomy 28:15-19:** (NASB) <sup>15</sup>*But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:* <sup>16</sup>*Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.* <sup>17</sup>*Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.* <sup>18</sup>*Cursed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.* <sup>19</sup>*Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.*

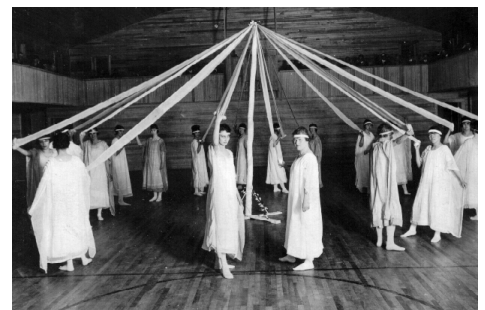
### **A little more on the pagan attachments regarding ancient Israel:**

**Deuteronomy 12:1-4:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>*These are the statutes and the judgments which you shall carefully observe in the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess as long as you live on the earth.* <sup>2</sup>*You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.* <sup>3</sup>*You shall tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and burn their **Asherim** with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods and obliterate their name from that place.* <sup>4</sup>*You shall not act like this toward the LORD your God.*

**KEY POINT:** Destroy all vestiges of idolatry, do not absorb them or transform them!

### **So, what is this **Asherim**?**

(Source: From Outside the Camp, Volume 1, No. 4)  
...The Old Testament mentions a pagan goddess from which the festival of Easter is derived. This goddess was the goddess of fertility and sexual lust, known as Ashtaroth or Ashtoreth...Each spring, the pagans would set up phallic poles called Asherahs under trees on high hills and celebrate their fertility festival with unbridled sexual perversion. This is how the May Pole originated.





The origins of Pagan worship are recorded EARLY in the Scriptures.

A little more on the mortality of the human soul according to history and Scripture:

(Source: <https://www.ucg.org/bible-study-tools/booklets/what-happens-after-death/the-history-of-the-immortal-soul-teaching>)

Immortal soul: The concept of the soul's supposed immortality was first taught in ancient Egypt and Babylon. "The belief that the soul continues in existence after the dissolution of the body is...speculation...nowhere expressly taught in Holy Scripture...The belief in the immortality of the soul came to the Jews from contact with Greek thought and chiefly through the philosophy of Plato, its principal exponent, who was led to it through Orphic and Eleusinian mysteries in which Babylonian and Egyptian views were strangely blended" (*Jewish Encyclopedia*, 1941, Vol. 6, "Immortality of the Soul," pp. 564, 566).

Plato (428-348 B.C.), the Greek philosopher and student of Socrates, taught that the body and the "immortal soul" separate at death. *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* comments on ancient Israel's view of the soul: "We are influenced always more or less by the Greek, Platonic idea that the body dies, yet the soul is immortal. Such an idea is utterly contrary to the Israelite consciousness and is nowhere found in the Old Testament" (1960, Vol. 2, "Death," p. 812).

Early Christianity was influenced and corrupted by Greek philosophies as it spread through the Greek and Roman world. By A.D. 200 the doctrine of the immortality of the soul became a controversy among Christian believers.

*The Evangelical Dictionary of Theology* notes that Origen, an early and influential Catholic theologian, was influenced by Greek thinkers: "Speculation about the soul in the subapostolic church was heavily influenced by Greek philosophy. This is seen in Origen's acceptance of Plato's doctrine of the preexistence of the soul as pure mind (*nous*) originally, which, by reason of its fall from God, cooled down to soul (*psyche*) when it lost its participation in the divine fire by looking earthward" (1992, "Soul," p. 1037).

Secular history reveals that the concept of the immortality of the soul is an ancient belief embraced by many pagan religions, but it is not a biblical teaching and is not found in either the Old or New Testaments.

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