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Witbank News

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Letter to the Editor

With reference to a letter published in the Witbank News entitled '**Halloween - Do you know what you are celebrating?**', I wish to respond to false and spurious allegations made by 'Concerned Resident'.

The author's deliberate fabrication of inaccurate, unproven and academically contested 'history' to justify open discrimination against the celebration of Halloween by South African citizens constitutes hate speech and defamation.

The celebration of Halloween - October 31 (an American invention) is derived from an original Irish Celtic feast of Samhain. Samhain is celebrated in South Africa by Pagans on April 30/1 May. This religious observance celebrates the start of the new spiritual year with the veneration of our ancestors and ancestral heritage.

Whilst this Alliance believes the author is entitled to his or her personal religious beliefs, we strongly object to the deliberate fabrication of fiction by the author in order to justify religious intolerance against Pagans and against citizens of this country who choose to celebrate Halloween.

It should be noted that author Doreen Valienti (b.1922 – d.1999), is regarded by Pagans internationally as one of the Mothers of Modern Witchcraft and was not a "satanic witch" as was alleged by 'Concerned Resident'. Valienti was a Pagan, not a Satanist. Satanism is not a Pagan religion. Paganism is a diverse reconstruction and resurgence of authentic European pagan religions. In South Africa Paganism includes syncretic neo-Pagan religions and includes Witchcraft and Wicca.

The deliberate fabrication of falsehoods in order to promote religious dissention and hatred of religious minorities in this country should never be tolerated!

Yours Sincerely

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Halloween - do you know what you are celebrating?

Concerned residents write:

An occult religious day, this is how one of the many websites on Halloween describes the festival.

One walk through Highveld Mall and many other shops makes you realise that Halloween is a serious occasion for many people (or not)? They go through a lot of trouble to take part in the celebration of Halloween.

Do they know what they are celebrating? Maybe they do. One satanic witch Doree Valiente describes it as follows: "Halloween is one of the four great sabbats of the witches that everyone has heard about. To witches Halloween is a serious occasion, however merrily celebrated."

Witches and satanists love Halloween; they get a lot of media coverage around that time of year.

Texte Marra, well known New Age researcher said this about the activities of witches on Halloween: "Our own research confirms that on this unholy night (Halloween) witches covens meet, drink, dance, spit out curses and spells, conjure up spirits, engage in sexual orgies, induct new members, and offer up animals and human sacrifices."

The Servamus, an informative magazine published by the SAPS, also confirms that Halloween is High Holy Day for satanists and one of their Sabbaths.

Now that you know what Halloween is all about do you really want to participate in it?

If you claim to be a Christian but still celebrate this evil day please take note of Ephesians 5:11 "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness."

If you are not a Christian please don't sell your soul to Satan for a few hours of so called 'fun' take those awful witches, bats and dark decorations off your shop windows and take a stand against evil.

We are daily confronted with murder, rape and crime, don't celebrate darkness and evil.

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