

Halloween in America, an Excellent Example of Liberty, Christmas, Not so Much



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The concept of liberty is getting more and more convoluted as the years roll on here in America. The idea that you can live freely, speak freely, think freely, build a home and raise a family without interference, move freely, assemble freely, and worship according to conviction – these all seem to be under constant threat.

The US Constitution was incomplete until the Bill of Rights was added. The founding fathers were very concerned that the US Constitution on its own stand was enough government-centered that it could be commandeered for a tyranny or dictatorship. They did not rest until the Bill of Rights was added, because the individual liberty of the individual was the intention of the newly formed United States of America.

It's a little shocking, a lot alarming, that we have mouthpieces today advocating for restrictions on speech, assembly, adherence to religious convictions, etc. The truth is, we have laws against slander and libel. This means that while speech is free, there are still consequences for malicious speech. It doesn't mean you can't say it; it means you will pay the damages for saying it if it lies about another person and brings damage.

To be clear, stating opinions – even uncomfortable opinions or opinions that are inflammatory – is protected by law. I can say I think a foreign intelligence operation killed Charlie Kirk, and that is well within my protected right to do. It's my opinion. I have the right to express it. I can say certain demographics dominate specific crime statistics. Some want that kind of talk restricted under the misnomer of hate speech. The US Constitution gives me the right to say it. To be clear, I can even hate and express that in my speech (e.g. "I hate red-bellied toads." or "I hate jihadists."). You don't have to like it. You don't have to agree with it. But according to the US Constitution, you cannot restrict me from saying it. It is my freedom. It is my expressed right.

Halloween, for instance, is an excellent example of liberty in America. The "holiday" that celebrates death and darkness, with imagery of witchcraft and satanic symbols, is widely accepted across America. According to some, it is fast approaching the highest profit holiday in regards to purchase for celebratory merchandise, expected to topple even Christmas in the next few years.

Some could argue the proliferation of dark imagery celebrating or adulating occult origins of spells, witchcraft, torment, suffering and horror create an atmosphere for darkness to thrive. Some could argue the elevating of dark spirits could increase the embodiment of dark spirits. The argument could continue that the role-playing of haunted houses that create scenes of horror and cause fear could open doors for actual demonic possession in unwitting participants.

With such serious possible ramifications for opening and even inviting dark spirits into society, culture, and even homes, it would stand to reason that a fair argument could be made for the restriction of such expressions. There are warning labels on alcoholic beverages and cigarette packages so the willing participants of such are aware there could be consequences for the consumption. Couldn't an argument be

made for the danger to the human soul for participating in acts of darkness, even if only in role play, and thus the need for fair warning to potential participants?

Yet here we are in America, and the liberty with which we have allowed worshippers of darkness and expressions of death and darkness is a true testament to the concepts of liberty. No one has banned Halloween, Halloween parties or "decorations". No one has forbidden wishing another "Happy Halloween". No one has insisted that the commercialization of Halloween is forcing the Satanic religion on an unwilling population. No, here in America, anyone is able to partake of the Satanic expressions of death, darkness and torment without consequence or restriction. In fact, for the most part there is not even ridicule or societal pressure to abandon such ideology.

The same cannot be said for Christmas. Think about it. For several years now there has been a concerted effort to ban the very phrase "Merry Christmas" because Christmas contains the word Christ. Nativities are desecrated, and the imagery of the Christ-child is openly mocked and scorned. [Not even a Christmas song but popular at Christmas, "Baby it's cold outside" came under assault for alleged sexual inappropriateness (#metoo) at the same time the number one Billboard song was Wet A** Pu**y.]

Halloween-ists have open liberty while Christmas celebration expressions face restrictions

It appears that the liberty that can be found for darkness is not equal in comparison to the demand for restriction (or even complete removal) of a holy day celebration for the Savior of the world. One of these things is not like the other, according to adversaries of "liberty for all". Regardless of whether or not you see Christ as a savior, the very celebration of Christmas is a celebration of light and goodness. There is no darkness in the celebration of the Son of God coming to earth to reconcile humanity with their

Creator. Angels announced His arrival. A star led foreigners to His home. The mystery of God incarnate is shrouded in glory. The incarnation celebrated at Christmas removed the curse from mankind and gave hope of salvation instead. It promised victory over death. Yet this is the holiday deranged individuals are demanding be restricted or even withdrawn.

If you think about it, it seems that the ones insistent on restricting speech, expression, and freedom in general, are the ones that have no consequences for their own expressions. [As an aside, I've walked the same neighborhoods for two decades. It is an interesting observation that the same ones with liberal political signs are usually the same ones with abundant Halloween decorations – not a hard fast rule, but generally true.]

They're the ones who burn down cities and get charges dropped, but throw election fraud protesters in infinite jail without due process. They're the ones who demanded ZERO liberty for people who conscientiously objected a foreign substance be pumped through their veins, even going so far as to demand denial of healthcare, arrest, or even death. No, the adversaries of liberty do not seem to see or care for their own hypocrisies in the realm of liberty.

We're barreling down the dystopic road to some bizarro twist of 1984/Brave New World/Terminator and the Bill of Rights is one of the thinning membranes between us and it. The lie is we need restrictions for security, and every fear-based person falls for this same deception. The truth is most people have no real concept of what true freedom is and they're afraid of it. They want a controlled world without understanding that such control is prison, and once the doors shut the recourse for the freedom given up comes at the high cost of blood – yours and/or your children's.

Freedom is weighty. It requires responsibility and the upper moral ground. It's the difference between growing your own

healthy food and eating the convenient cheap toxic byproducts of the American dining and grocer industries. It's the difference between practicing mental health through self-control, self-healing, and self-learning or the *pharmakeia* world of popping pills to manipulate internal chemistry. Freedom comes at a cost, and is kept by vigilance and exercise. And once it is lost (or given away), it is very, very hard to get back and usually costs far more than it would to keep it in the first place.

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God stands in stark contrast to the systems of this world or the kingdom of darkness. In God's kingdom there is liberty. You can accept or reject His tenets, His principles, His ways. You're not demanded to adhere to anything. [This in no way negates cause and effect or actions and consequences, even actions of ignorance. We still pay the consequences for our thoughts, beliefs and actions regardless of how we choose.] Is it any wonder that the kingdom of darkness will be fueled by anti-liberty actions and ideology? It is counter-God. Man must rule over man and dictate terms of living in the anti-Christ systems of this world, that many, many Christians ignorantly parrot.

There is a better way, if we would just seek truth and the heart of God. If we can't manage that, at least adhere to the WHOLE Constitution. True liberty in God's kingdom is a far cry from the fake freedom of the dystopic world they keep thrusting upon us.

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