

# Should Epicureans Celebrate Something Else Instead of Celebrating Halloween?

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I don't know about this. In my country, we don't have Halloween, but I truly wish we did. I like the aesthetics of it, with the Celtic-Pagan vibes being way more interesting than the old, boring Catholic holidays that are common where I live.

I think people are just having fun, and I am glad for it. I don't see it as promoting supernatural beliefs. I doubt anyone would be more inclined to believe in demons and ghosts just because people cut pumpkins and party dressed as monsters every October. Actually, I am happy whenever we have an ancient tradition that has not been fully replaced by Christian mythology.

When it comes to mocking death, I don't see it as harmful. When you mock death, it doesn't mean you don't take it seriously. On the contrary, if you didn't take it seriously, you would not mock it at all, but only be indifferent to it. Everyone knows they will die, so it is good to have a relief once in a while. Ideas on how to deal with death have existed since humans started realizing they would die. The oldest story known, The Epic of Gilgamesh, is about this very subject. Epicureanism has presented its ideas on the subject, and even though they may be effective, they are not the only good ones.

So, responding to the (edited)title of your post, I'd say "nah". Halloween seems fun. Here in my region, especially in rural areas, there are a lot of small church parties that happen. As Catholicism has an almost endless supply of saints, we have festivities honoring them every other weekend. I like to go there sometimes. Do I believe in any of that stuff? No. Do I attend mass? No. But the food is good, the music is nice, there's a lot of dancing, and good company to enjoy.

As far as I am concerned, ancient Epicureans still participated in civic religion, even though they believed the gods didn't care about such matters, so I don't think Halloween would be harmful to any Epicurean.