

## SHOULD A BIBLE BELIEVING CHRISTIAN CELEBRATE HOLI?

“Holi, also referred to as the Festival of Colours, is celebrated across the length and breadth of the Indian subcontinent. The festival is also a very significant event in the life of the people of subcontinent heritage residing in various parts of the world. Holi is celebrated to signify the new start in life by ridding oneself of past errors by forgiving and starting fresh in life like the spring season! Holi brings together individuals from various backgrounds to rejoice in unity, love, and happiness! Our Holi festivities are designed to encourage cultural diversity and cultivate community cohesion. We would like to inform you that Orana Gujarati Samaj NSW is extending an invitation to everyone to partake in the Holi Milan celebrations on Saturday, 23rd March 2024. The event will feature free entertaining activities for children, a live DJ and Dhol (Indian Drum), and colour powders available through gold coin donations. Food stalls will also be set up for your convenience.”

<https://dubbo.com.au/events/holi-milan-festival-of-colours>

Holi is a popular and significant Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love, and Spring. It celebrates the eternal and divine love of the deities **Radha** and **Krishna**. Additionally, the day signifies the triumph of good over evil, as it commemorates the victory of Vishnu as Narasimha over Hiranyakashipu. [Wikipedia](#)



Read 1 Corinthians 10:27ff. Matthew Henry “Note, the apostle does not prohibit their going to a feast upon the invitation of those that believed not. There is a civility owing even to infidels and heathens. Christianity does by no means bind us up from the common offices of humanity, nor allow us an uncourteous behaviour to any of our own kind, however they may differ from us in religious sentiments or practices. And when Christians were invited to feast with infidels they were not to ask needless questions about the food set before them, but eat without scruple.” “Yet, even at such an entertainment, he adds, if any should say it was a thing that had been offered to idols, they should refrain: Eat not, for his sake that showed it, and for conscience' sake.”

Another article notes ‘It is by such “all roads” sophistry that Hinduism has gained its reputation for tolerance toward all religions. Hinduism does indeed embrace all faiths, but in the process they are absorbed into Hinduism by the “embrace that smothers.” “Whatever the Hindu in his proverbial broad-mindedness seems to accept loses its former identity and is recast in a Hindu mold. Hinduism is quite willing, for example, to embrace Christ. After all, with 330 million gods, adding one more changes nothing.’ [thebereancall.org/](http://thebereancall.org/)

### A few QUESTIONS to ask yourself:

1. As a born-again Christian why am I attending this festival?
2. Will I witness for the Lord (like handing out Christian literature) while attending this festival?
3. Will attending this festival help me in my walk with the Lord?
4. Will the Lord be pleased with my attending this festival?
5. Does 1Corinthians 10:20 saying *the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils* have any relevance to my attending this festival?
6. Does Revelation 2:14 saying *But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication* have any relevance to my attending this festival?
7. Will my attending this Hindu festival be obeying 1Corinthians 10:31 *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God* or not?