

French Pacts with the Devil (cited in *Witchcraft, Magic & Alchemy* by Grillo de Givry)

1. Theophilus' pact as written by the troubadour Ruteboeuf in "The Miracle of Theophilus" (13th century), p. 117

"To all who shall read this open letter I, Satan, let know that the fortune of Theophilus is changed indeed, and that he has done me homage, so might he have once more his lordship, and **that with the ring of his finger he has sealed this letter and with his blood written it, and no other ink has used therein.**"

2. The formula of the pact with the Devil as in "The Red Dragon," a popular French transcription of the sorcerers' handbook, "The Keys of Solomon" (17th century), pp 117-18

"Emperor Lucifer, master of all the rebellious spirits, I beseech thee be favorable to me in the calling which I make upon thy great minister LUCIFUGE ROFOCALE, having desire to make a pact with him; I pray thee also, Prince Beezlebub, to protect me in my undertaking. O Count Ashtoreth! be propitious to me, and cause that this night the great LUCIFUGE appear unto me in human form and without any evil smell, and that he grant me, by means of the pact which I shall deliver to him, all the riches of which I have need. O great Lucifugé, I beseech thee leave thy dwelling, in whatever part of the world it may be, to come and speak with me; if not, I will thereto compel thee by the power of the mighty words of the great *Keys* of Solomon, whereof he made use to force the rebellious spirits to accept his pact. Appear, then, instantly, or I will continually torment thee by the mighty words of the *Keys*!"

Spirit's reply: **"I cannot grant thy demand but on condition thou give me thyself at the end of twenty years, so that I do with thee, body and soul, what shall please me."**

Advice on what to do: **"Then you shall throw him your pact, which must be written in your own hand on a little piece of virgin parchment; it shall consist of the few words given below and shall be signed with your veritable blood:**

PACT

I promise great LUCIFUGE to repay him in twenty years for all he shall give me, In witness whereof I have signed.

X..."

3. Grandier's Vow (early 17th century, France, after Faust's pact), pp 118-19

"My Lord and Master, I own you for my God; **I promise to serve you while I live, and from this hour I renounce all other gods and Jesus Christ and Mary and all the Saints of Heaven and the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Church,** and all the goodwill thereof and the prayers which might be made for me. I promise to adore you and do you homage at least three times a day and to do the most evil that I can and to lead

into evil as many persons as shall be possible to me, and heartily I renounce the Chrism, Baptism, and all the merits of Jesus Christ; and in case I should desire to change, I give you my body and soul, and my life as holding it from you, having dedicated it for ever without any will to repent. **Signed Urbain Grandier in his blood.**”