

1 The Faustian Bargain

2 Inspiration of these Works?

- Faust (Book)
- The Devil & Daniel Webster (Book)
- Damn Yankees (Play/Movie)
- Bedazzled (Movie)
- Rosemary's Baby (Movie)
- The Little Mermaid (Movie)
- O Brother, Where Art Thou? (Movie)
- Ghost Rider (Movie)
- The Devil Went Down to Georgia (Music)
- Friend of the Devil (Music)
- Shout at the Devil (Music)
- Star Trek: Voyager (TV)
- Star Trek: The Next Generation (TV)

3 The Faustian Bargain

- According to German legend, Faust a highly successful scholar makes a deal with the devil to satisfy his boredom and disappointments.
- In exchange for his soul, Faust receives knowledge and magical powers to indulge in all kinds of worldly pleasures.
- However, in the end, Faust comes to realize what all his worldly pursuits have done to himself and others and is filled with remorse.
- Nevertheless, it is too late, the Devil has come for his soul and there is nothing Faust can do to stop him.
- He is carried away to hell.

4 The Faustian Bargain

- The meaning of the word and name (Faust) has been reinterpreted throughout the ages in various forms and kinds of stories.
- As an adjective, Faustian, is most often portrayed to describe an arrangement in which an ambitious person surrenders moral integrity in order to achieve power and success.
- It is popularly known as the proverbial “deal with the devil.”

5 The Little Mermaid

- In Disney's (1989) animated movie much of the plot is based on the Hans Christian Andersen story “The Little Mermaid.”
- Ariel the mermaid, makes a deal with the sea witch Ursula to sell her voice for a chance to meet the human prince she loves from afar.
- If Ariel cannot get the prince to fall in love with her after three days, she is to become Ursula's slave.

- In the Disney version, the Little Mermaid, gets her prince and all is well, yet not without trials.
- But in the original story by Hans Christian Andersen, the Little Mermaid doesn't get the prince and is swallowed up by the sea.

6 Deal with the Devil

- History is full of people who have made a deal with the devil.
- Musicians are especially associated with the Faustian Bargain.
- Niccolò Paganini, the late 18th–early 19th century violinist who many still believe was the greatest who ever lived, played the violin with such force and velocity that one Vienna concert goer swore that he saw the devil helping Paganini play.
- The violinist's fiercely difficult works led others to believe that he was the son of the devil himself.

7 Deal with the Devil

- Two legendary, early–20th century, Mississippi–delta guitarists, Tommy Johnson and Robert Johnson (not related), are similarly associated with making a deal with the devil down at a crossroads, exchanging their souls for a wicked good ability to play the blues.
- In the 2000 movie, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* there is a character named Tommy Johnson who also sells his soul to the devil down at the crossroads.

8 O Brother, Where Art Thou

9 Dealing with the Devil

- The Faustian Bargain, “Selling our Souls,” and “Making a Deal with the Devil,” is when we make an alliance with an evil person or entity for personal gain and pleasure.
- However, as the story goes, there is always a day of reckoning, when the party is over and we have to pay up on our end of the bargain.

10 Lets Make a Deal

- In the Bible, there is a story about how the devil tried his hardest to make a deal with Jesus.
- In fact, he made Jesus multiple deals suggesting in all of them that the hard parts of life can be skipped.
- But Jesus had nothing to do with any of them and remained loyal to God.
- He knew that life is nothing but “hard parts” and wasn't going to skip them no matter what glory the devil promised.
- Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” (Matt 4:10 NIV)
- When the time of testing was finished, Jesus was given great power and authority to begin his ministry.

11 Skip the Hard Parts

- When we think of the devil we most often picture him in the form of a horned creature, half-man, half-animal with cloven hooves, tail, and a pitchfork.
- However, Satan can work through anyone—that is if they don't have their mind on the things of God.
- When Jesus began to tell his disciples of the hardships he was going to have to suffer in Jerusalem, Peter took him aside.
- “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” (Matt 16:22 NIV)
- Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” (Matt 16:23 NIV)

12 Angel of Light

13 The War Inside

- So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. (Gal 5:16–17 NIV)
- There is a war going on inside of us all.
- Our flesh is seeking to control our will and is fighting with the Spirit of God.
- The devil comes along in the form of lies that tells us to skip the hard parts and give in to our flesh.
- Just as Satan used Peter to keep Jesus from going to the cross, so the devil can use our friends, people we respect, and even preachers to keep us from carrying our cross as well.

14 Do not be Deceived

- Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor 6:9–10 NIV)
- Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Gal 6:7 NIV)
- The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. (1 Tim 4:1 NIV)
- Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. (James 1:16 NIV)

15 The Things of God

- Peter was a sitting duck to be used by Satan because he didn't have in mind or understand the things of God.

- Suffering for the good of others as the road to abundant blessings was no doubt a foreign concept to him, just as it may be for many of us.
- This is probably why not everyone is rushing to take on the role of a servant. However, in the mind of God and in the example of Christ it has supremacy.
- This is why if we want to be his disciple, we too must take up our cross and become a servant as well.
- However, this is not easy, and Satan—using our flesh and others who don't have the mind of Christ will do everything he/they can to stop us.

16 The Tempter

- We make a deal with the devil when we take the bait of Satan and compromise our walk with God in order to please our passions and lusts.
- We do this when . . .
 - We fail to be self-controlled in the things we say and do.
 - We make happiness our goal in life instead of being faithful—to God, in our marriages, and service in the church.
 - We withhold love, mercy, and compassion because our pride has been wounded.
 - Focus on self and not the needs of others.

17 What to say to Satan

- So when the devil comes to you and tells you to “skip the hard parts,” this is what you are to say to him . . .
 - I'm an overcomer because he who is in me is greater than he who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)
 - I'm an overcomer because I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Phil 4:13 NIV)
 - I'm an overcomer because Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me (Gal 2:20 NIV)
 - I'm an overcomer because of Christ in [me], the hope of glory. (Col 1:27 NIV)
 - I'm an overcomer because I've been set free from sin and have become a slave to righteousness. (Rom 6:18 NIV)

18 Overcomers

- To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (Rev 2:7 NIV)
- He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death. (Rev 2:11 NIV)
- To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it. (Rev 2:17 NIV)

- To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations. (Rev 2:26 NIV)
- He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. (Rev 3:5 NIV)
- Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. (Rev 3:12 NIV)
- To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Rev 3:21 NIV)

19 Inheriting the Kingdom

- He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
- He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (Rev 21:5-7 NIV)