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Heavy Metal Has Often Been Associated With Satan And An Intolerance For Mainline Religions. Is The Exclusive Distinction Called For? Let Us Examine The Evidence

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Hotel California by The Eagles

The 1976 album Hotel California by American rock band Eagles contained the song Hotel California. The song famously referred to Anton LaVey's Church Of Satan, which was located on San Francisco's California Street. The album and single have sold 32 and 6 million copies respectively.



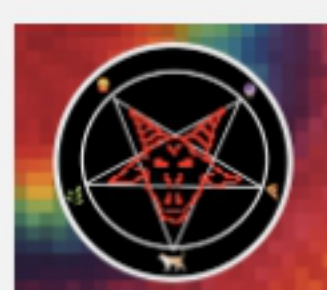
Sympathy For The Devil by The Rolling Stones

Kings of pop music, The Rolling Stones released Sympathy For The Devil (originally called Fallen Angels) in 1968 on the Beggars Banquet album. The band's singer was rumoured to be inspired by the Church Of Satan. A previous band album was called Their Satanic Majesties Request.



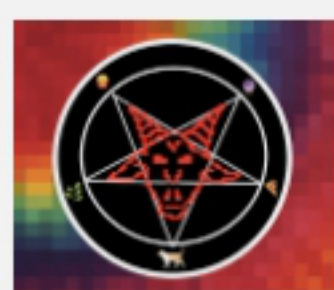
Let's Have A Satanic Orgy by Twin Temple

Doo-wop is not famous for heralding Lucifer often, but the "satanic doo-wop" band with songs like Sex Magick And Satan's A Woman has other ideas.



Sheep by Pink Floyd

One of the biggest pop and rock bands ever Pink Floyd has dished out lyrics like, "With Bright Knives He Released My Soul" when referring to Lucifer.



Jesus Christ Pose by Soundgarden

Grunge stars Soundgarden came to the attention of millions through the 1991 album Badmotorfinger and a single called Jesus Christ Pose. Depicting Jesus on the cover as a cadaver that is crucified matched the lyrics.



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Suck by Nine Inch Nails

The song Suck came from Nine Inch Nails leader's previous act Pigface and featured the line "There Is No God Up In The Sky Tonight/No Sign Of Heaven Anywhere In Sight." It then sold a million copies for the industrial band.



Hymn 43 by Jethro Tull

Aqualung from 1971 is likely British folk rock band Jethro Tull's best-selling and most acclaimed album. It solved seven million copies thanks to songs like Hymn 43 that states, "If Jesus Saves, Well He's Better Save Himself."



Snakes Of Christ by Danzig

Former Misfits and Samhain punk singer Glenn Danzig has espoused Satanism through many lyrics and interviews, had albums like 6:66 Satan's Child and has lyrics like, "Serpent Jesus, Snake Of Christ/Gonna Build You A World Of Lies."



Dear God by XTC

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... It Is Called The Devil's Music After All

Entire non-metal acts have espoused the opposite of God, religion and mainstream worship. Anton LaVey, the founder of Church Of Satan, was a musician himself. Psychedelic 1960s' band Coven, The Electric Hellfire Club, Diamanda Galas, Twin Temple, Cake and Garbage on the song As Heaven Is Wide, among many others, have sung of evil perhaps approvingly.



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