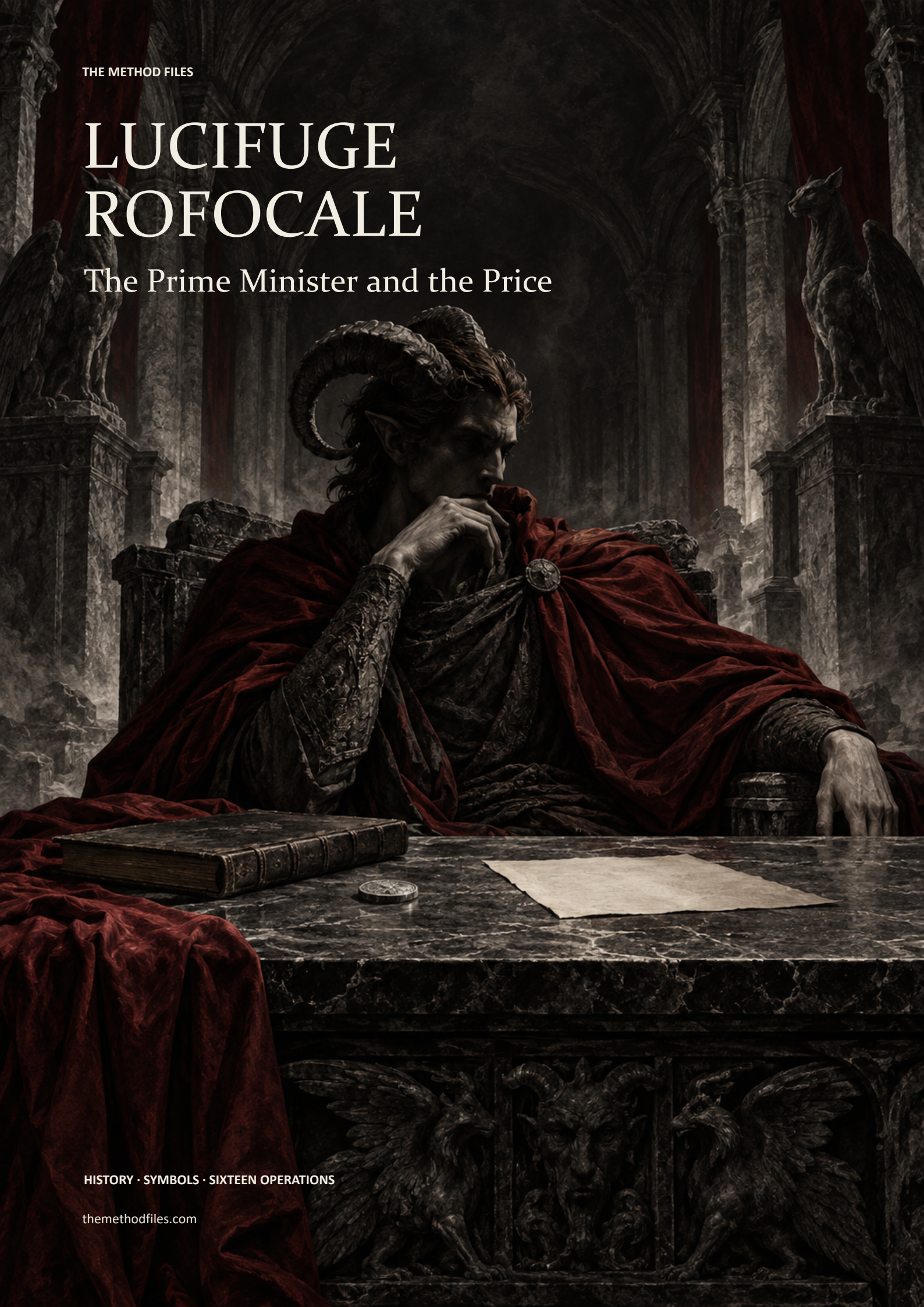
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LUCIFUGE ROFOCALE

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Before Calling the Prime Minister

Lucifuge Rofocale takes his place at a negotiating table. In the Grand Grimoire tradition, he bears the title of infernal prime minister, administers riches by Lucifer's delegation and responds to a demand that eventually becomes a pact. The figure is recognised by that office: he asks for conditions, restricts access, promises treasure and demands something in return. [5, book II; 13, pp. 49-52 and 61-64]

This volume brings together his documentary history and sixteen contemporary operations. The study distinguishes the text of the printed editions, its interpretation and the ceremonies composed for this book. References allow readers to return to the passages; the images show pages from an identified historical copy. The repertoire's formulas are English translations of The Method Files' contemporary Spanish compositions.

The practice may be read in a ceremonial, devotional or symbolic register. It does not require mental images to be regarded as external presences or subsequent events to be attributed to a session. The operations examine a request, its measure, its conditions and its closure. None promises enrichment, physical manifestation or inevitable fulfilment.

The historical pact includes coercion, blood, sacrifice and personal surrender. Those elements are studied as part of the document and are excluded from the operations. The dedications in this book are voluntary and open to revision; readers retain the option of ending them at any time.

The question running through the grimoire is specific: if you know what you desire, do you also know what price you would accept and which condition should make you leave the table?

Three Ways to Read a Ceremony

The same formula may be read as devotion, symbolic representation or ceremonial practice. Those perspectives do not make the claims someone makes about what occurred identical. It is advisable to state the perspective before attributing results to the session.

Choose an operation and describe what you would physically do: write, place a card, speak words or remain silent. Then explain the meaning you give it from your perspective. The description of actions should remain recognisable even to someone who does not share your spiritual interpretation.

Add a sentence about what the exercise cannot demonstrate. You can acknowledge personal value without asserting a physical manifestation or a grant of wealth. When reviewing, separate what you did, what you experienced and the explanation you favour. This distinction allows interpretation to change without erasing the session's record or turning a difference in beliefs into a disagreement about the facts recorded.

Actions and chosen perspective

Scope of my interpretation

The Name and Its Witnesses

1. A Word That Predates the Figure

The French word lucifuge means ‘fleeing the light’. The TLFi documents it in 1532, in Rabelais's Pantagruel, and relates it to the Latin lucifugus. The word therefore has a linguistic history predating the demonological name of interest here. That earlier lexical history does not demonstrate the existence of a cult or a figure called Lucifuge Rofocale in Antiquity. [1]

This volume's main documentation belongs to grimoires and their printed reception. Its starting point is a figure named within a specific hierarchy. Working backwards from that name to any Latin use of an adjective would produce a continuity the sources consulted do not establish. The resemblance to Lucifer invites a comparison of the names. The Grand Grimoire does, however, establish a difference in rank: Lucifer is emperor; Lucifuge is minister. That written relationship supports the historical reading more firmly than a metaphysical opposition constructed from light and darkness. [5, book II; 13, pp. 47 - numbered thus- and 49-52]

In the contemporary repertoire, reserve, private work and hidden resources are interpretative associations. They enrich the name's ceremonial meaning without thereby becoming historical attributes of the spirit.

2. Rofocale: an Uncertainty Retained

The second half of the name has no established etymology in the sources consulted. Papot-Libéral records proposals connecting it with Focalor and with a reversal of Lucifer; these are hypotheses. Moreover, Rofocale contains an e that prevents it from being an exact anagram of Focalor. Similarity of letters does not establish identity between figures. [6, p. 63]

A spelling variant first requires a reading of the witness: which letters were printed, where and beside which function. Not every change in spelling is an esoteric key. The book retains Lucifuge Rofocale as the usual form in the original Spanish text and this English edition; the facsimiles preserve the forms and visible errors of their copy.

The Age of a Word

The lexical entry for lucifuge records a use predating the printed editions studied. A summary turns that information into ‘Lucifuge Rofocale was venerated at that date’. The conclusion adds a figure, a practice and a continuity that the documentation of the adjective does not establish.

Write down separately the word's meaning and the figure's office in the grimoire. Add the kind of source supporting each piece of information: a historical dictionary for the vocabulary and a textual witness for the hierarchy. Sharing letters does not turn both records into a single piece of evidence.

Write a sentence that retains the earlier linguistic history without extending it to worship. Then formulate which document you would need to investigate that second question. The question may remain open. A rigorous history loses none of its interest by recognising that the origin of a name and the formation of a literary figure require different evidence.

Lexical information and information about the figure

Document needed for another conclusion

Signs, Objects and Preparation

21. What a Plate Shows

The Method Files' historical reproductions come from an identified copy of Le Véritable Dragon rouge held at Wellcome Collection. The frontispiece, title page, hierarchy's characters, attributed signature and pact passages are distinguished. Their captions indicate what can be checked in each image. The Method Files' cover, for its part, belongs to the collection's contemporary artistic interpretation.

The signs are reproduced from the facsimile. A historical character loses information if a line is smoothed, a stroke completed or a combination with another made without acknowledgement. The page itself also has value: neighbouring names and the label explain the function the printed edition attributes to the drawing.

The documentary plates accompany the study. Practice instructions are in the worksheets for the sixteen operations. A French formula visible in a facsimile does not enter the contemporary repertoire by that fact alone.

22. The Contract Table

The common preparation brings together four functions: name, demand, price and resource. A card names Lucifuge; the paper allows conditions to be written; a coin represents the cost; a box bounds the treasure. The book, stones and additional sheets are used only where the worksheet requests them.

Choose a stable surface, sufficient light and a period in which you can read without interruptions. A lamp serves as the session's light. Fasting, night vigils, smoke and coercive instruments are not required. Material simplicity corresponds to these operations' design; it does not seek to reconstruct the old grimoire's implements.

Read the whole operation before arranging the materials. Prepare the cards and dates the sequence presupposes. The indicated duration is a guide; the record captures the actual time. If you alter a step, note the change. Useful fidelity consists in being able to explain what you did and for what purpose.

Greeting the Prime Minister

CONTEMPORARY OPERATION · 01

To present yourself before Lucifuge Rofocale without a request or pact and recognise his documented rank before entering negotiation.

15-20 minutes

· Card bearing LUCIFUGE ROFOCALE, steady light, glass or bowl of water, notebook, pen and clock.

BEFORE · EXPECTATIONS

Write what draws you to this greeting and your state as you begin the session, without formulating a request.

PREPARATION

Place the name at the back of the table. Write one sentence explaining why working with Lucifuge interests you and another defining what you are not seeking today. In this first operation there is no money, treasure, contract or request.

INVOCATION · BEFORE STEP 01

Lucifuge Rofocale, prime minister in the architecture of the Grand Grimoire, I open this time to present myself. I bring no demand yet. I acknowledge your name, the rank the text grants you and the limit of this session. I come with attention and will close with clarity.

SEQUENCE

01

Say “Lucifuge Rofocale” three times, with normal pauses.

02

Read your reason for approaching and the sentence defining what you are not seeking.

03

Move the water towards the name and say: “I offer time and attention; I do not buy an answer”.

04

Remain silent for three minutes. If an impression arises, do not pursue it.

05

Say the title “infernal prime minister” once and remember that it belongs to a specific source.

06

Read the central words and the farewell. Then remove the water.

Read the central words and farewell →

Operation 01 · Words and Closing

01 · GREETING THE PRIME MINISTER

At step 6, before the farewell.

Lucifuge Rofocale, I receive a name that I need not claim is older than it is in order to take it seriously. I recognise a minister, not an emperor; a negotiator, not a promise of automatic wealth. My attention begins here, and my will retains the right to continue or end.

FAREWELL · STEP 06

Lucifuge, the greeting has been spoken. I withdraw my call and return this place to its ordinary use. No obligation remains open because I have said your name.

AFTERWARDS

Put the card away. Do not look for monetary signs, coincidences or “proof” during the rest of the day.

SPECIFIC RECORD

Date, duration, reason, dominant impression and decision whether to repeat.

ACTUAL PERFORMANCE

Actual duration; steps performed, omitted or modified, and why; what happened; interpretation recorded separately; difference from your expectations; subsequent review where appropriate.

PROVENANCE

The title “infernal prime minister” and the hierarchical relationship with Lucifer are documented in the Grand Grimoire and its nineteenth-century reception. The ceremony is contemporary. [5][7][8] Comparison of the motif in the Wellcome copy: [13, p. 52].

SCOPE

It does not reproduce conjurations, instruments or coercion from the Grand Grimoire.

← Back to the sequence

A Greeting That Does Not Open an Account

You have chosen to present yourself before the name without a request or pact. During the silence, you remember a desire and wonder whether you should offer something for the greeting to have value. That offer was not part of your chosen function.

Retain the greeting as a complete activity. You can note the desire afterwards and decide at another time whether to examine it. The operation does not oblige you to progress towards negotiation or turn use of the name into a debt.

In the record, identify your reason for approaching, the duration and the farewell. Distinguish the sentence you had prepared from associations arising during the session. If you decide not to repeat, write the reason as clearly as you would if you wanted to continue. The closing criterion belongs to the activity performed, rather than a supposed obligation to complete the entire repertoire to justify the first contact.

Reason for the greeting

Subsequent decision without obligation

The Starting Point of Each Operation

The sixteen operations are contemporary compositions. This list identifies the historical motif and the development created for the present volume; it does not attribute the original Spanish formulas or their English translations to the old printed edition.

01 · Greeting the Prime Minister.

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02 · The Triple Chamber · Baël, Agares and Marbas.

The Sanctum Regnum hierarchy places Baël, Agarès and Marbas under Lucifuge. [7][8] The ritual arrangement is new. Comparison of the motif in the Wellcome copy: [13, pp. 50 and 52].

03 · Rofocale · The Word of the Book.

In the first book of the Grand Grimoire transcribed by Peterson, approval of the book includes the signature attributed to Lucifuge and his appearance through opening the volume and the word Rofocale. [5] The present ceremony is contemporary. Comparison of the motif in the Wellcome copy: [13, pp. 30-31].

04 · In Human Form.

The Sanctum Regnum call requests Lucifuge's appearance ‘in a human form’, according to the text reproduced by Collin de Plancy. [7] The guided scene is contemporary. Comparison of the motif in the Wellcome copy: [13, p. 59].

05 · The Great Call to Lucifuge.

In the second book of the Grand Grimoire, the great call of the pacts is directed first to Lucifer, Belzébut and Astarot and requests Lucifuge's appearance in human form. [5][7][8] This operation's invocation is an English translation of an original Spanish composition. Comparison of the motif in the Wellcome copy: [13, pp. 59-60].

06 · The Demand for Treasure.

In the source, Lucifuge receives power over riches and treasures, and the pact requests the nearest treasure. [5][7][8] The contemporary demand is original. Comparison of the motif in the Wellcome copy: [13, pp. 52 and 63].

07 · The First Refusal.

Both pact procedures show resistance and extreme conditions before agreement. [5][7] The refusal exercise is contemporary. Comparison of the motif in the Wellcome copy: [13, pp. 61-63].

08 · The Prime Minister's Counteroffer.

The historical pact retains Lucifuge's responses and counterproposals, with specific obligations. [5][7] The work with an offer, counteroffer and a third sheet of provisional agreement is contemporary. Comparison of the motif in the Wellcome copy: [13, pp. 62-63].

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