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tr.v. **af·fi·anced**, **af·fi·anc·ing**, **af·fi·anc·es**

To bind in a pledge of marriage; betroth.

[From Middle English *affiaunce*, assurance, from Old French, from *affier*, to trust to, from Medieval Latin *affidāre* : Latin *ad-*, *ad-* + Latin *fidus*, faithful; see **bheidh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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