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THE TRAGICAL HISTORY OF DOCTOR FAUSTUS BY CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE FROM THE QUARTO OF EDITED BY THE REV. ALEXANDER DYCE. The Tragicall History of the Life and Death of Doctor Faustus.

Why or why not? Doctor Faustus has elements of both Christian morality and classical tragedy. On the one hand, it takes place in an explicitly Christian cosmos: God sits on high, as the judge of the world, and every soul goes either to hell or to heaven. There are devils and angels, with the devils tempting people into sin and the angels urging them to remain true to God. Yet while the play seems to offer a very basic Christian message—that one should avoid temptation and sin, and repent if one cannot avoid temptation and sin—its conclusion can be interpreted as straying from orthodox Christianity in order to conform to the structure of tragedy. In a traditional tragic play, as pioneered by the Greeks and imitated by William Shakespeare, a hero is brought low by an error or series of errors and realizes his or her mistake only when it is too late. In Christianity, though, as long as a person is alive, there is always the possibility of repentance—so if a tragic hero realizes his or her mistake, he or she may still be saved even at the last moment. But though Faustus, in the final, wrenching scene, comes to his senses and begs for a chance to repent, it is too late, and he is carried off to hell. Marlowe rejects the Christian idea that it is never too late to repent in order to increase the dramatic power of his finale, in which Faustus is conscious of his damnation and yet, tragically, can do nothing about it. Doctor Faustus has frequently been interpreted as depicting a clash between the values of the medieval world and the emerging spirit of the sixteenth-century Renaissance. In medieval Europe, Christianity and God lay at the center of intellectual life: With the advent of the Renaissance, however, there was a new celebration of the free individual and the scientific exploration of nature. Indeed, famous scientists such as Isaac Newton dabbled in astrology and alchemy into the eighteenth century. In this speech, Faustus puts the medieval world to bed and steps firmly into the new era. This admonition would seem to make Marlowe a defender of the established religious values, showing us the terrible fate that awaits a Renaissance man who rejects God. But by investing Faustus with such tragic grandeur, Marlowe may be suggesting a different lesson. Perhaps the price of rejecting God is worth it, or perhaps Faustus pays the price for all of western culture, allowing it to enter a new, more secular era. How does Marlowe complicate his character and inspire our sympathy? Yet there is an odd ambivalence in Mephistophilis. Before the pact is sealed, he actually warns Faustus against making the deal, telling him how awful the pains of hell are. In a famous passage, when Faustus remarks that Mephistophilis seems to be free of hell at the moment, Mephistophilis retorts, Why this is hell, nor am I out of it. In this regard, his remark that hell is a myth seems particularly delusional. At the same time, these complications inspire a kind of pity for Mephistophilis and his fellow devils, who are damned to hell just as surely as Faustus or any other sinful, unrepentant human. Indeed, Mephistophilis and Faust are similar figures:

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Master Doctor Faustus, since our conference about fair ladies, which was the beautifullest in all the world, we have determined with ourselves that Helen of Greece was the admirablest lady that ever lived: Be silent, then, for danger is in words. Too simple is my wit to tell her praise, Whom all the world admires for majesty. Gentlemen, farewell—the same I wish to you. Enter an Old Man. Break heart, drop blood, and mingle it with tears, Tears falling from repentant heaviness 35 Of thy most vile and loathsome filthiness, The stench whereof corrupts the inward soul With such flagitious crimes of heinous sins As no commiseration may expel, But mercy, Faustus, of thy Saviour sweet, 40 Whose blood alone must wash away thy guilt. Where art thou, Faustus? Damned art thou, Faustus, damned; despair and die! Ah stay, good Faustus, stay thy desperate steps! Then call for mercy, and avoid despair. Ah, my sweet friend, I feel Thy words do comfort my distressed soul. I go, sweet Faustus, but with heavy cheer, Fearing the ruin of thy hopeless soul. I do repent; and yet I do despair; 60 Hell strives with grace for conquest in my breast: What shall I do to shun the snares of death? And with my blood again I will confirm My former vow I made to Lucifer. Do it then quickly, with unfeigned heart, 70 Lest greater danger do attend thy drift. Torment, sweet friend, that base and crooked age, That durst dissuade me from thy Lucifer, With greatest torments that our hell affords. I cannot touch his soul, But what I may afflict his body with I will attempt, which is but little worth. Her lips suck forth my soul; see, where it flies! Here will I dwell, for Heaven is in these lips, And all is dross that is not Helena. And I will combat with weak Menelaus, And wear thy colours on my plumed crest: Yea, I will wound Achilles in the heel, And then return to Helen for a kiss. Oh, thou art fairer than the evening air Clad in the beauty of a thousand stars; Brighter art thou than flaming Jupiter When he appeared to hapless Semele: And none but thou shalt be my paramour. Enter the Old Man. As in this furnace God shall try my faith, 5 My faith, vile hell, shall triumph over thee. To this pious man, Earth itself has been a Hell because he is so pure. Unlike Faustus, the Old Man was able to resist temptation and pride and will now be rewarded with Heaven. He twists these stories and conveys them falsely. This creates a melancholic tone to this speech to a lover: When Alpheus, the river god, saw her bathing naked, he became infatuated with her and began to pursue her all over the world. Arethusa, desiring to remain chaste, prayed to Artemis, the goddess of chastity, to save her. Artemis turned Arethusa into a stream to save her from the lecherous god. Notice again that Faustus gets this story wrong. He calls chaste Arethusa "wonton," suggesting that he does not know the story or he intentionally mistakes it. When his jealous wife Hera discovered the affair she disguised herself and befriended Semele. Hera pretended not to believe Semele about her lover, and convinced the young mortal to doubt her beloved. When Semele demanded that Zeus reveal himself to her, he was bound to an oath forced to give her anything she desired. Semele burst into flames as mortals cannot stare upon the gods. Zeus rescued their unborn son Dionysus before he burned with his mother. He is killed in battle, and with his death Helen is either returned to Menelaus or in some accounts ascends to Olympus. This suggests that Faustus either does not know the story, which is unlikely, or that he is intentionally rewriting the story to fit his means. He was invulnerable because as a child his mother had dipped him in the River Styx, holding on to him only by his heel. At the end of the Trojan war, Paris shot Achilles through the heel with an arrow and killed him. The "face that launched a thousand ships" is the mythological Greek character, Helen of Troy. Her seduction and subsequent abduction by Paris, the Prince of Troy, from her husband, Menelaus the king of Sparta, caused the Trojan War and brought about the downfall of Troy. To "clean" his thoughts should be to repent his sins. However, he uses "clean" to signify his desire to purge all thoughts of repentance. He is not repenting for his sinful actions but wondering how he can escape death all together and continue living. The Old Man reluctantly leaves because he knows that Faustus will not repent his sins. In the Christian tradition, suicide was considered blasphemous; whoever committed suicide was thought to go straight to Hell. Mephistophilis hands him a dagger so that he can end his life and fulfill his promise to Lucifer to suffer in Hell. The recognition of his damnation and

inevitable death does not make him repent. This suggests that Faustus cannot repent; he is predestined to die damned. While Faustus remains beautiful because of his magic pact with the Devil, his soul is black and rotten. The Old Man, on the other hand, has a hideous exterior but a soul so beautiful Mephistophilis himself cannot touch it. The B Text is much longer and has been altered by other writers to comply with censorship standards and elaborate on some of the characters. Notice that once again Faustus acts in service of someone else rather than to advance his own desires, power, or wealth. He seems to be serving, but he is not serving God so it will not redeem his soul. Faustus responds by briefly outlining the story of Helen of Troy and her lover Paris in order to remind the audience who the play is talking about. She was the daughter of Zeus and a mortal and the wife of Menelaus, the King of Sparta.

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i, john faustus, of wertenberg, doctor, by these presents, do give both body and soul to lucifer prince of the east, and his minister mephistophilis; and furthermore grant unto them, that,89 twenty-four years being expired, the articles above-written inviolate, full power to fetch or carry the said john faustus, body and soul, flesh, blood, or.

I have been all this day seeking one Master Fustian: Do you hear, sir? I have brought you forty dollars for your horse. I cannot sell him so: Alas, sir, I have no more! I pray you, let him have him: But I must tell you one thing before you have him; ride him not into the water, at any hand. Why, sir, will he not drink of all waters? O, yes, he will drink of all waters; but ride him not into the water: Thy fatal time doth draw to final end; Despair doth drive distrust into my thoughts: Confound these passions with a quiet sleep: Tush, Christ did call the thief upon the Cross; Then rest thee, Faustus, quiet in conceit. Doctor Fustian, quoth a? But yet, like an ass as I was, I would not be ruled by him, for he bade me I should ride him into no water: I was no sooner in the middle of the pond, but my horse vanished away, and I sat upon a bottle of hay, never so near drowning in my life. Why, sir, what would you? But I will speak with him. I tell thee, he has not slept this eight nights. See, where he is, fast asleep. Ay, this is he. Why, thou seest he hears thee not. O, my leg, my leg! Come, villain, to the constable. I have none about me: What, is he gone? Faustus has his leg again, and the Horse-courser, I take it, a bottle of hay for his labour: Sir, the Duke of Vanholt doth earnestly entreat your company. The Duke of Vanholt! Believe me, Master Doctor, this merriment hath much pleased me. My gracious lord, I am glad it contents you so well. I have heard that great-bellied women do long for some dainties or other: Thanks, good Master Doctor: Here they be, madam: Believe me, Master Doctor, this makes me wonder above the rest, that being in the dead time of winter and in the month of January, how you should come by these grapes. If it like your grace, the year is divided into two circles over the whole world, that, when it is here winter with us, in the contrary circle it is summer with them, as in India, Saba, and farther countries in the east; and by means of a swift spirit that I have, I had them brought hither, as you see. I am glad they content you so, madam. Come, madam, let us in, where you must well reward this learned man for the great kindness he hath shewed to you. And so I will, my lord; and, whilst I live, rest beholding for this courtesy. I humbly thank your grace. Come, Master Doctor, follow us, and receive your reward. I think my master means to die shortly, For he hath given to me all his goods: See, where they come! Master Doctor Faustus, since our conference about fair ladies, which was the beautifulest in all the world, we have determined with ourselves that Helen of Greece was the admirablest lady that ever lived: Be silent, then, for danger is in words. Too simple is my wit to tell her praise, Whom all the world admires for majesty. Ah, Doctor Faustus, that I might prevail To guide thy steps unto the way of life, By which sweet path thou mayst attain the goal That shall conduct thee to celestial rest! Break heart, drop blood, and mingle it with tears, Tears falling from repentant heaviness Of thy most vile and loathsome filthiness, The stench whereof corrupts the inward soul With such flagitious crimes of heinous sin As no commiseration may expel, But mercy, Faustus, of thy Saviour sweet, Whose blood alone must wash away thy guilt. Where art thou, Faustus? Hell calls for right, and with a roaring voice Says, "Faustus, come; thine hour is almost come;" And Faustus now will come to do thee right. Ah, stay, good Faustus, stay thy desperate steps! Then call for mercy, and avoid despair. Ah, my sweet friend, I feel Thy words to comfort my distressed soul! Leave me a while to ponder on my sins. I go, sweet Faustus; but with heavy cheer, Fearing the ruin of thy hopeless soul. Accursed Faustus, where is mercy now? I do repent; and yet I do despair: Hell strives with grace for conquest in my breast: What shall I do to shun the snares of death? Thou traitor, Faustus, I arrest thy soul For disobedience to my sovereign lord: Sweet Mephistophilis, entreat thy lord To pardon my unjust presumption, And with my blood again I will confirm My former vow I made to Lucifer. Do it, then, quickly, with unfeigned heart, Lest greater danger do attend thy drift. Torment, sweet friend, that base and crooked age, That durst dissuade me from thy Lucifer, With greatest torments that our hell affords. His faith is great; I cannot touch his soul; But what I may afflict his body with I will attempt, which is but little worth. Here will I dwell, for heaven is in these lips, And all is dross that is not Helena. Satan begins to sift me with his pride: As in this furnace God shall try my faith, My faith, vile hell, shall triumph over thee. Ambitious

fiends, see how the heavens smile At your repulse, and laugh your state to scorn! Ah, my sweet chamber-fellow, had I lived with thee, then had I lived still! Look, comes he not? Belike he is grown into some sickness by being over-solitary. A surfeit of deadly sin, that hath damned both body and soul. Ah, gentlemen, hear me with patience, and tremble not at my speeches! Though my heart pants and quivers to remember that I have been a student here these thirty years, O, would I had never seen Wertenberg, never read book! Sweet friends, what shall become of Faustus, being in hell for ever? Yet, Faustus, call on God. On God, whom Faustus hath abjured! Ah, my God, I would weep! Gush forth blood, instead of tears! O, he stays my tongue! I would lift up my hands; but see, they hold them, they hold them! Ah, gentlemen, I gave them my soul for my cunning! God forbade it, indeed; but Faustus hath done it: I writ them a bill with mine own blood: Why did not Faustus tell us of this before, that divines might have prayed for thee? Oft have I thought to have done so; but the devil threatened to tear me in pieces, if I named God, to fetch both body and soul, if I once gave ear to divinity: Gentlemen, away, lest you perish with me. O, what shall we do to save Faustus? Talk not of me, but save yourselves, and depart. God will strengthen me; I will stay with Faustus. Tempt not God, sweet friend; but let us into the next room, and there pray for him. Ay, pray for me, pray for me; and what noise soever ye hear, come not unto me, for nothing can rescue me. Pray thou, and we will pray that God may have mercy upon thee. O lente, lente currite, noctis equi! One drop would save my soul, half a drop: Yet will I call on him: O, spare me, Lucifer! Mountains and hills, come, come, and fall on me, And hide me from the heavy wrath of God! Then will I headlong run into the earth: O, no, it will not harbour me!

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Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. October Learn how and when to remove this template message Faust is bored and depressed with his life as a scholar. After an attempt to take his own life, he calls on the Devil for further knowledge and magic powers with which to indulge all the pleasure and knowledge of the world. He makes a bargain with Faust: During the term of the bargain, Faust makes use of Mephistopheles in various ways. Realizing this unholy act, she drowns the child, and is held for murder. However, in the early tales, Faust is irrevocably corrupted and believes his sins cannot be forgiven; when the term ends, the Devil carries him off to Hell. The Polish folklore legend bears many similarities to the story of Faust. Here, a saintly figure makes a bargain with the keeper of the infernal world but is rescued from paying his debt to society through the mercy of the Blessed Virgin. The Polish story seems to have originated at roughly the same time as its German counterpart, yet It is unclear whether the two tales have a common origin or influenced each other. The first known printed source of the legend of Faust is a small chapbook bearing the title *Historia von D. Johann Fausten* , published in . The book was re-edited and borrowed from throughout the 16th century. Other similar books of that period include: *Das Wagnerbuch Dr. Locations linked to the story*[edit] *Staufen* , a town in the extreme southwest of Germany, claims to be where Faust died c. These chronicles are generally considered reliable, and in the 16th century there were still family ties between the lords of *Staufen* and the counts of *Zimmern* in nearby *Donaueschingen*. This has led to a measure of speculation as to where precisely his story is set. Christopher Marlowe used this work as the basis for his more ambitious play, *The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus* published c. The first part, which is the one more closely connected to the earlier legend, was published in , the second posthumously in . It gathers together references from Christian, medieval, Roman , eastern, and Hellenic poetry, philosophy, and literature. The final version, published after his death, is recognized as a great work of German literature. Frustrated with learning and the limits to his knowledge, power, and enjoyment of life, he attracts the attention of the Devil represented by *Mephistopheles* , who makes a bet with Faust that he will be able to satisfy him; a notion that Faust is incredibly reluctant towards, as he believes this happy zenith will never come. In the first part, *Mephistopheles* leads Faust through experiences that culminate in a lustful relationship with *Gretchen*, an innocent young woman. Part one of the story ends in tragedy for Faust, as *Gretchen* is saved but Faust is left to grieve in shame. The second part begins with the spirits of the earth forgiving Faust and the rest of mankind and progresses into allegorical poetry. Faust and his Devil pass through and manipulate the world of politics and the world of the classical gods, and meet with *Helen of Troy* the personification of beauty. Finally, having succeeded in taming the very forces of war and nature, Faust experiences a singular moment of happiness. He produces works of increasing beauty to universal acclaim, even while physical illness begins to corrupt his body. In , when presenting his final masterwork *The Lamentation of Dr Faust* , he confesses the pact he had made: *Scratch* who offers him seven years of prosperity in exchange for his soul. *Jabez Stone* is eventually defended by *Daniel Webster* , a fictional version of the famous lawyer and orator, in front of a judge and jury of the damned, and his case is won. *Dance Poem* by *Heinrich Heine* Faust:

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Chapter 6 : SparkNotes: Doctor Faustus: Study Questions

Bored with study, Doctor Faustus looks for a short cut to infinite knowledge in his magic books -- and raises Satan's little helper, Mephistopheles, who joins the renegade scholar as they rampage.

In *Histriomastix*, his polemic against the drama, William Prynne records the tale that actual devils once appeared on the stage during a performance of *Faustus*, "to the great amazement of both the actors and spectators". Some people were allegedly driven mad, "distracted with that fearful sight". Bushnell transferred his rights to the play to John Wright on 13 September. The title page attributes the play to "Ch. It is merely a direct reprint of the text. The text is short for an English Renaissance play, only lines long. The quarto, published by John Wright, the enlarged and altered text; usually called the B text. This second text was reprinted in , , , , and as late as . Additions and alterations were made by the minor playwright and actor Samuel Rowley and by William Borne or Birde , and possibly by Marlowe himself. By the s, after influential studies by Leo Kirschbaum [5] and W. Kirschbaum and Greg considered the A-text a " bad quarto ", and thought that the B-text was linked to Marlowe himself. Since then scholarship has swung the other way, most scholars now considering the A-text more authoritative, even if "abbreviated and corrupt", according to Charles Nicholl. Another difference between texts A and B is the name of the devil summoned by Faustus. Text A states the name is generally "Mephistopheles", [8] while the version of text B commonly states "Mephostophilis". As an Elizabethan playwright, Marlowe had nothing to do with the publication and had no control over the play in performance, so it was possible for scenes to be dropped or shortened, or for new scenes to be added, so that the resulting publications may be modified versions of the original script. However, most scholars today consider the comic interludes an integral part of the play, regardless of their author, and so they continue to be included in print. Several soothsayers or necromancers of the late fifteenth century adopted the name Faustus, a reference to the Latin for "favored" or "auspicious"; typical was Georgius Faustus Helmstetensis , calling himself astrologer and chiromancer , who was expelled from the town of Ingolstadt for such practices. Subsequent commentators have identified this individual as the prototypical Faustus of the legend. He made three main additions: Structure[edit] The play is in blank verse and prose in thirteen scenes or twenty scenes. Blank verse is largely reserved for the main scenes while prose is used in the comic scenes. Modern texts divide the play into five acts; act 5 being the shortest. As in many Elizabethan plays, there is a chorus which functions as a narrator , that does not interact with the other characters but rather provides an introduction and conclusion to the play and, at the beginning of some Acts, introduces events that have unfolded. Along with its history and language style, scholars have critiqued and analysed the structure of the play. He stresses the importance of the soliloquies in the play, saying: The soliloquies also have parallel concepts. In the introductory soliloquy, Faustus begins by pondering the fate of his life and what he wants his career to be. He ends his soliloquy with the solution and decision to give his soul to the devil. Similarly in the closing soliloquy, Faustus begins pondering, and finally comes to terms with the fate he created for himself. Please help improve it or discuss these issues on the talk page. This section possibly contains original research. Please improve it by verifying the claims made and adding inline citations. Statements consisting only of original research should be removed. May This article needs attention from an expert in Literature. The specific problem is: WikiProject Literature may be able to help recruit an expert. May Faustus learns necromancy [edit] In the prologue, The Chorus introduces the reader to Faustus and his story. He is described as being "base of stock"; however, his intelligence and scholarship eventually earns him the degree of a Doctor at the University of Wittenburg. Faustus comments that he has mastered every subject he has studied. He depreciates Logic as merely being a tool for arguing; Medicine as being unvalued unless it allowed raising the dead and immortality ; Law as being mercenary and beneath him; and Divinity as useless because he feels that all humans commit sin, and thus to have sins punishable by death complicates the logic of Divinity. He dismisses it as "What doctrine call you this? Que sera, sera" What will be, shall be. Faustus instructs his servant Wagner to summon Valdes and Cornelius, a famous witchcrafter and a famous magician, respectively. Two angels, called the Good Angel and the Bad Angel, appear to Faustus and dispense their own perspectives

of his interest in magic and necromancy. Though Faustus seems momentarily dissuaded, he is apparently won over by the Bad Angel, proclaiming, "How am I gluted with conceit of this" "conceit" meaning the possibilities magic offers to him. The two scholars worry about Faustus being corrupted by the art of Magic and leave to inform the rector of the university. That night, Faustus begins his attempt to summon a devil in the presence of Lucifer and other devils although Faustus is unaware of their presence. After he creates a magic circle and speaks an incantation through which he revokes his baptism, a demon a representative of the devil himself named Mephistophilis appears before him, but Faustus is unable to tolerate the hideous looks of the demon and commands it to change its appearance. Faustus, seeing the obedience of the demon in changing its form, takes pride in his skill. He tries to bind the demon to his service, but is unable to because Mephistophilis already serves Lucifer, who is also called the Prince of Devils. Mephistophilis introduces the history of Lucifer and the other devils while indirectly telling Faustus that Hell has no circumference nor limit and is more of a state of mind than a physical location. The pact with Lucifer[edit] Using Mephistophilis as a messenger, Faustus strikes a deal with Lucifer: After cutting his arm, the wound is divinely healed and the Latin words *Homo, fuge!* Mephistophilis brings coals to break the wound open again, and thus Faustus is able to take his oath written in his own blood. Wasting his skills[edit] Faustus begins by asking Mephistophilis a series of science-related questions. However, the demon seems to be quite evasive and finishes with a Latin phrase, *Per inaequalem motum respectu totius* "through unequal motion with respect to the whole thing". This sentence has not the slightest scientific value, thus giving the impression that Mephistophilis is untrustworthy. Faustus then asks who made the world, a question which Mephistophilis refuses to answer Mephistophilis knows that God made the world. When Faustus announces his intention to renounce magic and repent, Mephistophilis storms away. The good and evil angels return to Faustus: This is the largest fault of Faustus throughout the play: Lucifer, accompanied by Beelzebub and Mephistophilis, appears to Faustus and frightens him into obedience to their pact. Lucifer then, as an entertainment, brings to Faustus the personification of the seven deadly sins. Faustus fails to see them as warnings and ignores their implication. From this point until the end of the play, although he gains great fame for his powers, Dr. Faustus does nothing worthwhile, having begun his pact with the attitude that he would be able to do anything. Instead, he merely uses his temporary powers for practical jokes and frivolous demonstrations to the nobility. Finally, with his allotted 24 years mostly expired and realizing that he has given up his soul for no good reason, Faustus appears to scholars and warns them that he is damned and will not be long on the Earth. He gives a speech about how he is damned and eventually seems to repent for his deeds. Faustus tries to repent and beg for mercy from those devils.

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The theological implications of Doctor Faustus have been the subject of considerable debate throughout the last century. Among the most complicated points of contention is whether the play supports or challenges the Calvinist doctrine of absolute predestination, which dominated the lectures and writings of many English scholars in the latter half of the sixteenth century. According to Calvin, predestination meant that God, acting of his own free will, elects some people to be saved and others to be damned—thus, the individual has no control over his own ultimate fate. At the time Doctor Faustus was performed, this doctrine was on the rise in England, and under the direction of Puritan theologians at Cambridge and Oxford had come to be considered the orthodox position of the Church of England. His rejection of God and subsequent inability to repent are taken as evidence that he never really belonged to the elect, but rather had been predestined from the very beginning for reprobation. To conclude, they which are most miserable of all, those climb a degree higher, that their fall might be more grievous: All these therefore because of necessity, and yet willingly, as they which are under the slavery of sin, return to their vomit, and fall away from faith are plucked up by the roots, to be cast into the fire. His damnation is justified and deserved because he was never truly adopted among the elect. We see therefore that it is no absurdity, that one self act be ascribed to God, to Satan, and to man: He claimed, in fact, that Calvinism created a theodical dilemma: What shall we say then? That this question so long debated of the Philosophers, most wise men, and yet undetermined, cannot even of Divines, and men endued with heavenly wisdom, be discussed and decided? And that God hath in this case laid a crosse upon learned men, wherein they might perpetually torment themselves? I cannot so think. For him, the Calvinists were overcomplicating the issues of

faith and repentance, and thereby causing great and unnecessary confusion among struggling believers. Faustus himself confesses a similar sentiment regarding predestination: Ay, we must die an everlasting death. What doctrine call you this? Che sera, sera, "What will be, shall be"? The following is from the Gutenberg project e-text of the quarto with footnotes removed. Here will I dwell, for heaven is in these lips, And all is dross that is not Helena. Another well-known passage comes after Faustus asks Mephistophiles how he Mephistophiles is out of Hell, to which Mephistophiles replies: Why this is hell, nor am I out of it. Themes and motifs[edit] "Ravished" by magic 1. According to Charles Nicholl this places the play firmly in the Elizabethan period when the problem of magic "liberation or damnation? Nicholl, who connects Faustus as a "studious artisan" 1. Readers initially feel sympathy for the demon when he attempts to explain to Faustus the consequences of abjuring God and Heaven. Mephistophiles gives Faustus a description of Hell and the continuous horrors it possesses; he wants Faustus to know what he is getting himself into before going through with the bargain: O Faustus, leave these frivolous demands Which strikes a terror to my fainting soul!

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- 2 - FAUSTUS. Settle thy studies, Faustus, and begin To sound the depth of that thou wilt profess: Having commenc'd, be a divine in show, Yet level at the end of every art.