

4 DOCTOR FAUSTUS Safely assume that Doctor Faustus derives from The Damnable Life, and that everything it owes to the German Faust-Book has reached it through the agency of P.F. P.F.'s own contribution to the legend went beyond supplying additional detail to the record of Faustus sightseeing. He also gave a distinctly stronger emphasis to the intellectual ardour of his hero. We must be careful not to exaggerate here. P.F. was, after all, a translator, and the tale he tells is in the main part that told in its original.