

## A Discourse of the most famous Doctor

*John Faustus of Wittenberg in Germanie, Coniurer,*

and Necromancer : wherein is declared many strange things that he himselfe hath scene, and done in the earth and in the Ayre, with his bringing vp his trauailes, studies, and last end.

*Of his Parentage and Birth. Chap. 1.*



John Faustus, boyme in the town of Rhode, lying in the Province of Weimer in Germanie, his father a poore Husbandman, and not well to bying him up : but having an Uncle at Wittenberg, a rich man, & without issue, took this I. Faustus from his father, & made him his heire, in so much that his father was no more troubled with him, for he remained with his Uncle at Wittenberg, where he was kept at

the Uniuersitie in the same cite to study diuinitie. But Faustus being of a naughty minde & other wise addicted, applied not his studies, but took his selfe to other exercises: the which his Uncle often times hearing, rebuked him for it, as Eli oft times rebuked his children for sinning against the Lord: euen so this good man laboured to haue Faustus apply himselfe to his study of Diuinitie, that he might come to the knowledge of God & his lawes. But it is manifest that many vertuous parents haue lost their children, as Cayn, Ruben, Absolon, and such like haue bin to their parents : so this Faustus hauing goodly parents, and seeing him to be of a reuerend wit, were very desirous to bying him up in those vertuous studies, namely, of Diuinitie : but he gaue himselfe secretly to study Necromancy and Coniuration, in so much that few or none could perceiue his profession.

But to the purpose : Faustus continued at study in the Uniuersitie, & was by the Rectors and sixteene Masters afterwards examined howe he had profited in his studies; and being found by them, that none for his time were able to argue with him in Diuinitie, or for the excellency of his wisdom to compare with him, with one consent they made him Doctor of Diuinitie. But Doctor Faustus within thort time after he had obtained his degree, fell into such fantasties and deepe cogitations, that he was marked of many, and of the most part of the Students was called the Speculator; and sometime he would thow the Specter