



## Longfellow's Golden Legend and Goethe's Faust (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Longfellow's Golden Legend and Goethe's Faust The obvious literary descent of The Golden Legend from Hartmann's Middle High German epic Der arme Heinrich was confirmed by Longfellow. No direct acknowledgment is made for Faust, which figures pre-eminently among sources exhaustively listed by Friedrich Munzner, Paul Morin, and others, but an affinity was noted as early as 1853. Yet the relationship, generally assumed and partially indicated (the most incisive comparisons being those of Thomas Moody Campbell and James Taft Hatfield), still awaits definitive treatment. The present study seeks to determine the extent of Faustian elements in Longfellow's The Golden Legend, whether patent borrowings or features suggesting spiritual kinship with Goethe's Lebenswerk. Essential facts of previous investigations are included for completeness and re-examination, being supplemented by whatever new data seems pertinent. Divergencies between Longfellow and Hartmann need little emphasis here; they have been conclusively set forth by Alexander Baumgartner, Campbell, John T. Krumpelmann, et al. The researches of Orie W. Long, Hatfield, and Lawrance R. Thompson make readily available the fascinating story...



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