

# "Who Doubts Now That Our Fool's Full Of Wit?"

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## The Goethe Faust II project

This small scene from Goethe's epic 'Faust', which we are introducing here, is the opening of a great new project. In the next years new editor Dieter Beller will launch a total of five series in 30 mm size under the brand name **Bellazinnfigur** on the topic of 'Faust - The Tragedy, Part Two'. The figures can be combined with the well-known 'Faust I' series by Franz Karl Mohr. The master engravers Werner Otto and Martin Andrä, who have already engraved Faust I figures based on Mohr's drawings, will, as excellent connoisseurs of these figures, engrave the first two Faust II series; the burial of Faust and the so-called paper money scene. The little figure presented here will then join the 21 other figures of the paper money scene.

## Mephisto and the Fool

Disguised as a fool, Mephisto persuades the Emperor to introduce paper money in order to overcome the crisis of the Empire. Like all members of the court, the Emperor richly presents the reappeared real court jester with the new paper money. The fool enthusiastically swings it in the air. But in contrast to all the others who just squander the money, the clever court jester immediately invests the new paper money in real estate. "Who doubts now that our Fool's full of wit", Mephisto comments diabolically ambiguously when he gives him back the Gugel, the fool's cap.



A scene from 'Faust. The Tragedy, Part Two' by Johann Wolfgang Goethe. Inspired by a xylography of Franz Xaver Simm from 1899. Drawing and engraving by Werner Otto. The painted example is by Philippe Fouquet. Editor Bellazinnfigur.

The 54mm figure comes with a free 30 mm figure that can later be integrated into the Faust paper money scene with the 21 other figures.

A double-sided flyer (English version digital) and a nice postcard with background information and painting suggestions are included. The package can be ordered for €9.50 plus €5 for shipping to the UK by email to the editor: [dieter@beller.info](mailto:dieter@beller.info).

