

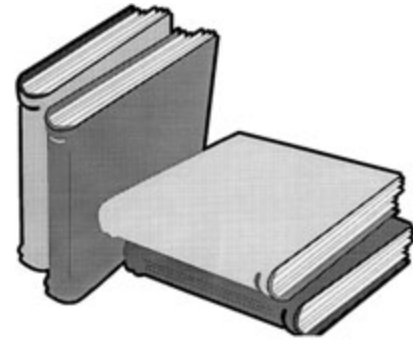
The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

Selections from the Christian's heritage in print,

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The Great Idol Speciously Called Liberality.

It is not Atheism I fear so much in the present times as Pantheism.

It is not the system which says nothing is true, so much as the system which says everything is true.

It is the system which is so liberal, that it dares not say anything is false.

It is the system which is so charitable, that it will allow everything to be true.

It is the system which is so scrupulous about the feelings of others that we are **never to say they are wrong.**

What is it but a bowing down before a great idol speciously called liberality?

What is it all but a sacrificing of truth upon the alter of a caricature of charity?
Beware of it if you believe the Bible.

J. C. Ryle, "Only One Way", in *Home Truths*, First Series.

1860.

Quoted in the biography by Iain Murray,
J. C. Ryle: Prepared to Stand Alone, 2016.

Your collector encountered this quotation on August 1, 2016, within minutes of hearing news about a man who intends to sue his insurance provider for not covering sex change surgery. The underlying attitude of the news note was that this indeed was *unfair*. This quotation was then 156 years old. Where will we be 156 years from now? How prescient was this Englishman John Charles Ryle!