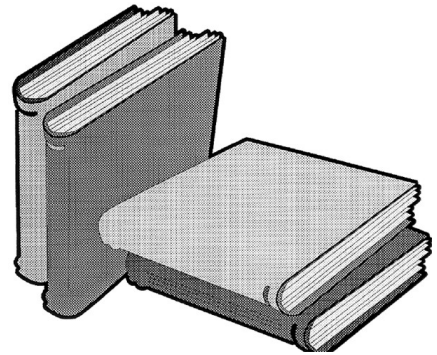


The Rock and Pit

*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,
collected by Dean Brown



Issue 3011

The Wonderful Works of God¹, II

There is a **lack of desire and opportunity** for the investigation of Scripture and the study of old theological works.

These **older works**, incidentally, are no longer of our time. The difference in language and style, in fame of mind and manner of speech, make them strange to us. ...

We are children of a new time and live in a different era. And the desire to maintain these older forms, and to persist with the old simply because it is old, is troublesome and pointless. ...

It is precisely because **the Christian faith is the recognition of a work of God**—a work that began in the dawn of time and continues in this era—that its essence is a fruit of the ages, while its form is the fruit of this age. ...

They [the older books] can no longer be brought to new life. They do not speak to the younger generation, and **they involuntarily give rise to the thought that Christianity no longer fits in this present era.**

Thus, there is an urgent need for a work that takes the place of these works of the fathers and **brings forth old truth in a form that corresponds with the demands of this era.** ...

The teaching of the Christian religion that is offered to the congregation in this book tries to fill that gap.

From the Foreword to Bavinck's book titled *Magnalia Dei*, 1909, for the Dutch, and translated to English by Henry Zylstra, as *The Wonderful Works of God*, Eerdmans, 1956. Republished Westminster Seminary Press, **2019.**

TO BE CONTINUED.

1 "... we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God."
Acts 2:11 KJV.