

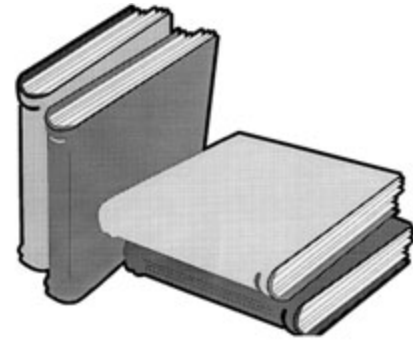
The Rock and Pit

*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



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On Church History.

History has always been **one of the great loves of my life**. It is something I learned from my father while I was a very small boy. ... I admired the tough-minded, rational, disciplined piety of the reformers and saw in them a generation of Christian men who combined rugged courage with a profound conviction that

an intellect
that is not used to promote the glory of God
is wasted.

J. Philip Arthur, *Why Read Church History?*
Banner of Truth booklet, 2015.

**To those of my friends and family
not interested in church history
(and I regret that there are some),**

thank you for tolerating and encouraging my enthusiasm.

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Andrew T. N. Muirhead, From the Acknowledgements section of
*Reformation, Dissent and Diversity:
The Story of Scotland's Churches, 1560-1960,*
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