

Lost Library

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One of the greatest tragedies in the Evangelical church is that we have lost an entire library. Well, we haven't really lost it--the books are still out there--but, for all intents and purposes, it is as if these books never existed. What I am talking about are the amazing works written by (and written about) spiritual giants from the years 1700 through the early 1900s. Are you, reader, aware of a little book called "Power from on High" by a guy by the name of John Greenfield? Probably not. Well that is a crying shame. He tells the story of one of the greatest works of God on earth since the days of Pentecost, among the Moravians in what is now Germany. This little group, led by one Nicholas Von Zinzendorf shook the planet for a century with their prayers and bold testimony for Jesus (they actually led the great John Wesley to Christ). It all began when God showed up in power one day ...

Exactly what happened that Wednesday forenoon, August 13, 1727, in the specially called communion service at Bethelsdorf, none of the participants could fully describe. They left the house of God that noon, hardly knowing whether they belonged on earth or had already gone to heaven. (pp. 3-4)

Have you sampled John Wesley's Journal, especially beginning in the year 1738? Wesley, of course, is the father of the Methodist Church. Sadly, the denomination bears little resemblance to its father anymore. The journal is full of miracles, power, answered prayer, tens of thousands pouring into the kingdom. Do you know about the army of circuit riders (little John Wesleys) who took over the American frontiers for Jesus (see picture above)?

What about the Welsh Revival of 1904, and a book like "I Saw The Welsh Revival" by David Matthews? Most people don't even know about the phenomenal event that had the world's attention. One reporter claimed that the devil had been driven out of Wales:

Perhaps the name of Evan Roberts is the most fascinating of all our honoured revivalists because of both worldwide publicity and strange happenings reported to have occurred in his meetings. From the ends of the earth, men and women in all ranks of life, representing different religions, came to Wales to witness personally the strange phenomena. Some criticized, and carnally minded sceptics scoffed. People thronged the churches day and night, far beyond the registered capacity of such buildings, without any decrease for months on end. Mr. W T. Stead, the intrepid editor of Review of Reviews, followed the revivalist for a whole week, attending every service. Writing to one of London's periodicals, he declared

in all seriousness that he "could find no trace of the devil in Wales at the present time."

The ineffective Evangelical church of our day runs around like the Athenians in Acts 17 looking for some new fad to spice up our churches: "Now all the Athenians and the strangers living there used to spend their time doing nothing other than telling or hearing something new." (v.21) Why don't we go back to our roots and listen to our forbears who lit the world on fire for God? We need to recover our lost library!

Who has read E.M. Bounds seven classics on prayer? Who has even begun to tap into Andrew Murray's works--two hundred and forty of them? Who has read Wesley's "Christian Perfection", or R.A. Torrey on the Holly Spirit? What about Christian biography--"Praying Hyde", "Jonathan Goforth", "C.T. Studd", "Brainerd's Journal", etc., etc? Who knows about the Clapham Sect--educated Calvinistic Methodists (mostly) who rocked Britain (Wilberforce was one of them)? Who knows the real story about William and Catherine Booth--founders of the Salvation Army? These people "upset the whole world." We need to recover this lost library! (Did I already say that?)

So ... I am going to start compiling a list here. Many of these books are "public domain"--which means you can download them for free! (I will just keep adding on to this as time goes on ...)

William Allen

The History of Revivals of Religion (1951)

William Boardman (1810-1886)

The Higher Christian Life (1858)

He That Overcometh: or the Conquering Gospel (1869)

Gladness in Jesus

Faith Work under Dr Cullis, in Boston 1873 (biography of Charles Cullis)

In The Power of The Spirit, or, Christian Experience in The Light of The Bible (1875)

The Great Physician (Jehovah Rophi) (1881)

E.M. Bounds (1835-1913)

Power Through Prayer

Prayer and Praying Men

Purpose in Prayer

The Essentials of Prayer

The Necessity of Prayer

The Possibilities of Prayer
The Reality of Prayer
The Weapon of Prayer
Preacher and Prayer
Satan: His Personality, Power and Overthrow
Heaven: A Place - A City - A Home
The Ineffable Glory: Thoughts on the Resurrection
The Collected Works of E. M. Bounds

Charles Finney (1792-1875)

Memoirs
Lectures on Revival

Rosalind Goforth

Goforth of China (1937)
How I Know God Answers Prayer (1921)

A.J. Gordon (1836-1895)

A Faithful Past; An Expectant Future
Congregational Worship
Ecce Venit: Behold He Cometh
The First Thing in the World, or, The Primacy of Faith
The Holy Spirit in Missions
How Christ Came to Church
In Christ, or, The Believer's Union with His Lord
Journal of Our Journey
The Ministry of Healing, or, Miracles of Cure in All Ages
The Ministry of the Spirit
The Ministry of Women
A School of Christ
Shaping A Heritage
The Twofold Life, or, Christ's Work for Us and Christ's Work in Us
Yet Speaking: A Collection of Addresses

John Greenfield

Power from on High (1927)

J.E. Hutton ()

History of the Moravian Church (1909)
History of Moravian Missions (1922)

David Matthews ()

I Saw the Welsh Revival ()

Francis McGaw

Praying Hyde

F.B. Meyer ()

G. Campbell Morgan (1863-1945)

The Teaching of Christ

God's Last Word to Man

The Westminster Pulpit

The Practice of Prayer

God's Perfect Will

An Exposition of the Whole Bible

"The Crises of the Christ " (1903)

"The Ten Commandments"

The Minor Prophets

(Also see book The Welsh Revival, written with W.T. Stead)

John R Mott (1865-1955)

The Evangelization of the World in this Generation (1900)

Andrew Murray (1828-1917)

Abide in Christ

Absolute Surrender

Be Perfect

Divine Healing

God's Will: Our Dwelling Place

Holy in Christ

How to Raise Your Children for Christ

Humility: The Beauty of Holiness

Let Us Draw Nigh

Like Christ

Money

The Deeper Christian Life

The Lord's Table

The Holiest of All: An Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews

The Master's Indwelling

The Ministry of Intercession
The Power of the Blood of Christ
The Prayer Life
The Spirit of Christ
The Spiritual Life
The True Vine
The Two Covenants
The Secret of God's Presence
Thy Will Be Done
Waiting on God
With Christ in the School of Obedience
With Christ in the School of Prayer
Working for God!
Humility & Absolute Surrender

James Edwin Orr (1912-1987) (perhaps the most knowledgeable historian of revival who ever lived)

Evangelical Awakenings in India. 1970.[10]

The Eager Feet. Evangelical Awakenings. 1790 - 1830. 1975.

The Fervent Prayer. The Great Awakening of 1858, and its Worldwide Impact. 1974.

The Flaming Tongue. Evangelical Awakenings in the Early 20th Century. 1973.

Evangelical Awakenings in Southern Asia. 1975.

Evangelical Awakenings in Eastern Asia. 1975.

Evangelical Awakenings in Latin America. 1978.

Evangelical Awakenings in Africa. 1975.

Evangelical Awakenings in the South Seas. 1976.

The Faith that Persuades. (1977) Harper & Rowe

The Re-study of Revival and Revivalism. 1981.

Can God? 1934.

Prove Me Now. 1935.

The Promise Is To You. 1935.

Times of Refreshing. 1936.

All Your Need. 1936.

If Ye Abide. 1936.

Such Things Happen. (Combined volume.)

Telling Australia. (with other Authors.)

The Church Must First Repent. 1937.

Always Abounding. (biography of Oswald J. Smith.)

The Second Evangelical Awakening in Britain. 1949.

Full Surrender. 1951.

The Second Evangelical Awakening in America. 1952.
Through Blood and Fire in China.
Good News in Bad Times. 1953.
The Inside Story of the Hollywood Christian Group. 1955.
Faith That Makes Sense. 1960.

A.T. Pierson (1837-1911)

The Crisis of Missions (1886)
Many Infallible Proofs: Chapters on the Evidences of Christianity (1886)
Evangelistic Work in Principle and Practise (1887)
Keys to the Word: or, Helps to Bible Study (1887)
The Divine Enterprise of Missions (1891)
Miracles of Missions (4 vols., 1891–1901)
The Divine Art of Preaching (1892)
From the Pulpit to the Palm-Branch: Memorial of Charles H. Spurgeon (1892)
The Heart of the Gospel (sermons; 1892)
New Acts of the Apostles (1894)
LifePower: or, Character Culture, and Conduct (1895)
Lessons in the School of Prayer (1895)
Acts of the Holy Spirit (1895)
The Coming of the Lord (1896)
Shall we continue in Sin? (1897)
In Christ Jesus: or, The Sphere of the Believer's Life (1898)
Catharine of Siena, an ancient Lay Preacher (1898)
George Muller of Bristol and his Witness to a Prayer-Hearing God (1899)
Forward Movements of the last half Century (1900)
Seed Thoughts for Public Speakers (1900)
The Modern Mission Century viewed as a Cycle of Divine Working (1901)
The Gordian Knot: or, The Problem which baffles Infidelity (1902)
The Keswick Movement in Precept and Practice (1903)
God's Living Oracles (1904)
The Bible and Spiritual Criticism (1906)
The Bible and Spiritual Life (1908)
Godly Self-control (1909)

John Pollock

Moody

Henry Scougal (1650-1678)

The Life of God in the Soul of Man

A.B. Simpson (1844-1919)

A Larger Christian Life
Missionary Messages
Service for the King
The Challenge of Missions
The Fourfold Gospel
The Gospel of Healing
The Lord for the Body
Walking in the Spirit
Wholly Sanctified

Phillip Jacob Spener (1635-1705)

Pia Desideria (1675) (English translation called "Pious Desires")

John Sung (1901-1944)

The Journal Once Lost (2008)
The Journal of John Sung (2011)

W.T. Stead (not an Christian leader, but a journalist who lived 1849-1912) **with G.C.**

Morgan (1863-1945)

The Welsh Revival (1905)

Hudson Taylor (1832-1905)

China: Its Spiritual Need and Claims (1865)
China & the Chinese an address to the Young (1865)
China's Millions[16]
Union & Communion (1893)
A Retrospect (1894)
After Thirty Years (1895)
Separation and Service (1898)
A Ribband of Blue (1899)

R.A. Torrey (1856-1928)

How I Bring Men to Christ (1893)
Baptism with the Holy Spirit (1895)
How to Study the Bible with Greatest Profit (1896)
How to Pray
What the Bible Teaches, (1898)

Divine Origin of the Bible, (1899)
How to Promote and Conduct a Successful Revival, (1901)
How to Work for Christ, (1901)
Revival Addresses, (E-text) (1903)
Studies in the Life and Teachings of our Lord, (1909)
The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit
The Holy Spirit: Who He Is and What He Does & How to Know Him in All the Fulness of His Gracious and Glorious Ministry
The Importance and Value of Proper Bible Study
The Power of Prayer and the Prayer of Power (1924)
How to Succeed in the Christian Life
Talks to Men About the Bible and the Christ of the Bible, (1904)
Difficulties in the Bible (1907)
The Gospel for Today
Real Salvation and Whole-Hearted Service