

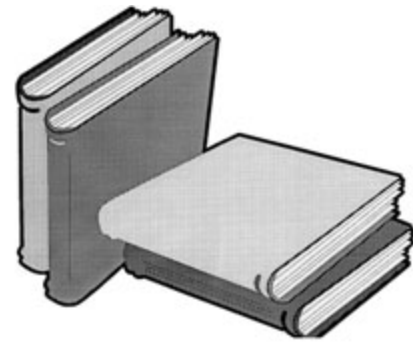
The Rock and Pit

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

Isa 51:1

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Synod of Dort, 2. Nov 13, 1618 - May 9, 1619.

Observe that the 400th anniversary of the
closing of this Synod was last Thursday.

The Solemn Oath Taken By All Members.

I promise before God,
in whom I believe,
and whom I worship,
as being present in this place,
and as being the searcher of all hearts,
that
during the course of the proceedings of this Synod,
which will examine and decide not only the five points*,
and all the differences resulting from them,
but also any other doctrine,
I will use no human writing,
but only the word of God,
which is an infallible rule of faith.
And during all these discussions I will only aim at
the glory of God,
the peace of the Church,
and especially the preservation of the purity of doctrine.
So help me, my Savior, Jesus Christ!
I beseech him to assist me by his Holy Spirit!

The Articles of the Synod of Dort. Tr. by T. Scott. Presbyterian Board of
Publication 1856. Quoted in Peter DeJong, ed, *Crisis in the Reformed
Churches: Essays in commemoration of the great Synod of Dort, 1618-1619.*
Reformed Fellowship, Inc., Grand Rapids, 1968.

***The five points** of controversy brought up by the opponents of Calvinism, the
corrections of which from this Synod became "The Five Points of Calvinism."