

# Old School Evangelicalism

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So, I am having a conversation the other day with one of the most celebrated Evangelical theologians in the world (written too many books to count). A pretty gracious guy to just drop everything and chit-chat via email with a former student. This went on for days, and eventually we came to the subject of Evangelical history and prayer. I was a bit flabbergasted to find that he knew almost nothing about the great Evangelical tradition of prayer. He seemed totally unaware of authors like E.M. Bounds and Andrew Murray, and missionary heroes like John Hyde and Jonathan Goforth. This brilliant scholar, whom thousands of aspiring young pastors look to, seemed wholly ignorant about the entire heaven-shaking tradition of Bible-believing Evangelicals from 1700 through the early 1900s. Andrew Murray, for instance, was a Dutch Reformed pastor in South Africa who wrote something like 240 books. But, even better than that he knew how to shake the heavens. In 1860 his church was literally, actually shaken repeatedly by the presence of God (Check out the testimonies). The gospel then shook the country and thousands poured into the kingdom. I am finding that ignorance about such great Evangelicals is something of a pandemic--no one with influence seems to know much about the people who made the movement great. Among other things, this is one reason why I have created this website. There is a whole library of jaw-dropping literature out there telling us about when our Evangelical forbears turned the world upside down. Why have we abandoned it? That is a subject for another day.