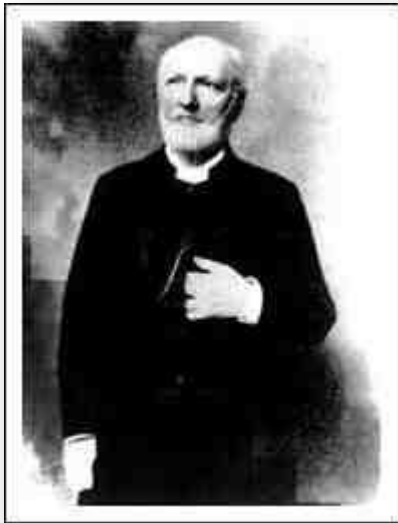


## PHILIP SCHAFF, (1819-1893)

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**Philip Schaff** (January 1, 1819 – October 20, 1893), was a Swiss-born, German-educated Protestant theologian and a historian of the Christian church, who, after his education, lived and taught in the United States.<sup>1</sup>



Philip Schaff “..strove earnestly to promote Christian unity and union” and was challenged for being “too Catholic” at one point as a young man, and put of trial, but acquitted. What better theologian and worker for Christ’s cause to spend a life-time seeking to heal the wounds of division and misunderstanding between Protestants and Catholics?

He was a founder of the Evangelical Alliance in the USA, and served as president of the committee that translated the [American Standard Version \(ASV\) of the Bible](#), (available to read or download free [HERE](#)) though he died some years before it was published in 1901.

Working with the Evangelical Alliance and the Chicago (1893) World's Parliament of Religions, and in Germany, through the monthly *Kirchenfreund*, he strove earnestly to promote Christian unity and union. It was his hope that the pope would abandon the doctrine of infallibility and undertake the reunion of Christianity. He recognized that he was a “mediator between German and Anglo-American theology and Christianity.”

Philip Schaff wrote in both German and English, and we are privileged to present here at the [“D. H. Ruffle Memorial Library”](#) 18 of his English volumes, gathered from a variety of sources and easily accessible for the student of Christian history and follower of Jesus, Son of the Living God, Amen.

- J. Ruffle, 27 December 2011

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<sup>1</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip\\_Schaff](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_Schaff)