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of the Alpha Course

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## The Alpha Curse

In many areas of life, people only see what they *want* to see. They interpret everything according to their personal whims and fancies (which they call their 'beliefs') and see everything through these very blinkered perspectives.

The Christian, however, *should* operate from a different perspective. *He should believe only what has been revealed to him by God in His word. But does he... do YOU?* Everything in life is then made subject to that word, NOT to the man's personally-achieved beliefs, which are really nothing more than a summation of his sinful opinions and desires, no matter how 'good'.

We learn what is true by reading scripture. But not just by reading it like a novel. We must discover what words really mean, by letting the texts speak for themselves. They do this by giving us specific meanings for Biblical words. These meanings alone can sometimes be confusing, until we place them into their correct setting, the context in which they are written. The context helps us to interpret the texts - *we are never free to 'interpret' any way we wish.*

Charismaticism, which grew out of the Pentecostal movement, developed *extra*Biblical ideas and used these man-made theories when interpreting certain texts – mainly those concerned with the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts, etc. Now, after 30 years of charismatic teaching, we have 'charismaticism', a distinct set of theories different from the host, Pentecostalism (however, Pentecostalism was the beginning), and which is now separate from it, being fully heretical.

It is this charismaticism that underlies and promotes the Alpha Curse now so prevalent in the churches, alongside, and promoting, the Toronto Blessing, in experience and/or thought. ('Curse' should be the correct spelling!). Most churches, including many Anglican and non-charismatic, teach the Course without understanding what is wrong.

It has already been said that charismatics diverge from Pentecostalism. Pentecostalism was already an askew religion, but, now, charismaticism is a cult. How can we say that, when so many charismatics are horrified by the Toronto Blessing and have distanced themselves from the 'excesses'? There are certainly different types of charismatics, but the question I ask is, "*So what?*" If charismatics who dislike the 'excesses' are truly of God, they would cast off their charismatic image and name, and get back to God's unadulterated word. Otherwise, they are essentially the same as their 'excessive' counterparts.

This is because they see the Toronto Blessing and similar activities merely as 'excesses'. But are they? If we say we have an 'excess' of something, it means we have too much. If we have excess weight, it means that a certain amount of weight is 'good', but when we go over the limit the extra weight is in excess and is 'not good'. This is entirely the wrong way to view the activities and beliefs of charismaticism. To say they are 'excesses' is to condone what is done, because it suggests that:

- (a) The basic premise is good and holy
- (b) The people involved are basically good and holy

(c) What they *do* is basically good and holy, but they have somehow 'gone too far'. Thus all that is needed is to remove the 'extras' and to get back to 'basics'. But what are these basics?

## Preaching

Charismatics believe we can choose Christ. This is highly significant. The Bible tells us that **God chooses us**, because we are *unable* to find Him. Charismatics tell us that all men seek after God. But God says that *no* man seeks after God; they only chase after some 'idea' of Him based on human theory. Charismatics say all we need do to be saved is to 'make a decision', but scripture tells us we *cannot* decide for Christ because we are dead in our sins. **Christ chooses** who will be saved.

Many leaders of the Alpha Course think that if a person attends the Course and agrees with everything in it, then he is saved. The above facts deny this flatly! The most marked sign of a cult is the way it denies and defies God's way of salvation; it exalts and teaches Man's ability to reach God by his own efforts. This is a direct lie and is anti-God.

## Gifts

The spiritual gifts are also given freely by God, to whomsoever He chooses. Thus we may not demand them - especially not separate from salvation. Yet, those who attend an Alpha Course are taught otherwise. They are told to speak in an 'heavenly' language not known to them. In other words, to vocalise garbage; words that do not make sense. *Anyone* can do this, including psychiatric patients!

It is taught that we can 'get tongues' simply by beginning with this garbage. From these halting attempts, we are told, will come a beautiful heavenly language, and a growth in 'genuine vocabulary'! Yet, **God** defines 'tongues' as being simply 'foreign languages' (of this earth) and He says He gives the gifts to people as **He** sees fit, and for His own purposes. We do not have to entice a gift out of God by speaking garbage!! Nor do we get gifts that way.

## Fruit

People are being taught that God sends His 'fruit' upon people suddenly and without any special requirements. This is another fallacy and a lie. The 'fruit' of the Spirit only attend those who are saved, and those whose lives have been given over to God in truth. Fruit are not separate from truth (proper doctrine), and are never given suddenly to people who have not previously sought and practised righteousness. These are laws of spiritual life, but charismaticism overturns all this and rejects it.

## The Holy Spirit

According to charismaticism, we can call on the Holy Spirit to give us salvation, gifts and fruit, whenever we wish. We can '*call Him down*' to do our bidding, whenever we wish. In the section of the Alpha course that deals with the Spirit, this is exactly what is taught!

Often, in the final weekend session, it is all put into practice, so that Toronto-style manifestations are sought, and often evidenced. (Some claim not to have this session, but it does not thereby make the Course acceptable!).

With all these facts observed in the Alpha Course, we can say that it is charismatic, although some leaders try to deny it. They say it is a good introduction to Christian faith and doctrine. This must be challenged, given the above facts. There is no such thing as an '*introduction to faith.*' We either have faith, or we do not. We cannot manufacture it just by attending a course. Faith is a gift from God, and it is heavily linked with righteousness and true doctrine.

The Course is NOT true doctrine at all. Some of the Course teachings are truthful, and that is a big danger, for it lulls people into thinking that because *one* part is true, then so must be the *other* parts! But the sections on the Holy Spirit are highly dangerous. Satan is more than willing to teach truth, to a point. Then, he will use this as a springboard for his own agenda, which is a lie. By basing much of his heresy upon truth, he deceives Christians and unbelievers alike. The Course does just that.

The degree of error depends partly on who the teachers are. For example, many Anglican churches teach the Course. We know that the majority of Anglican clergy are unbelievers anyway, so they do not have a clue when it comes to teaching doctrine. And of those clergy who are 'evangelical', only a small number believe scripture to be authentic and inerrant. So, teaching by Anglicans is bound to be very patchy and mainly in error.

The same can be said for charismatic leaders, *because* they are 'charismatic' rather than 'Christian'. A true Believer simply believes scripture and is content to be called a Believer or a Christian. He has no need of labels that somehow make him a different 'brand' of believer. Many other, dead, churches also teach the Course. The aim of them all is to cover their own deficiencies with the Course and to gain numbers.

By the use of 'love', dinners, and informality, people are drawn into a web of deception created by excellent marketing. Even the *teachers* do not understand or are aware of it. When God calls a man to the pastorate, or to be an evangelist, He gifts that man accordingly. God 'succeeds' NOT through men's clever courses or activities, but by His own design, and through faithful preachers. The current Alpha Curse (sorry - *Course*) was devised by a leading charismatic. Much of what he teaches is true, but even Satan knows what truth is and he will use it to deceive, through the mouths of false teachers.

If we get it wrong concerning the Spirit, and we are taught that God moves in ways that are marvellous and outside of His past ways, then we are open to the suggestion that we cannot '*put God in a box*'. Once we believe that, we start to believe God can act even outside of His own word. Then we start to believe *anything* we experience in a 'spiritual' setting must be 'good' and from God. When we believe *that*, we are set to believe *anything at all*.

Hence my judgement that the Alpha course is just one ploy amongst many being used in an attempt to 'theologise' charismatic heresies, and to prepare people for more, future, charismatic sins (NOT 'excesses'). Oppose it, friends, or be duped.

## The Alpha Heresy

### *Reasons for Christians to Oppose it*

The Alpha Course is now being offered in all parts of the UK, and overseas. There is even a Roman Catholic version! Enthusiastic reviews and reports say it is the main means of reaching the unsaved and converting them, causing many to be saved. Using easy listening techniques and refreshments, the course is taken over ten weeks and toward the end there is usually a weekend devoted to the 'Holy Spirit'.

There's nothing wrong with being informal and making things easy to understand, but here we are talking about a formula for success, designed just to fill church seats, NOT true Biblical evangelism. Every Course is taught exactly as Holy Trinity church, Brompton, wishes it to be taught. This is because the formula has proved to be successful. Thus it is based on psychological inducement and Arminian heresy, not on Holy Spirit prompting.

Arminianism is further shown in the *content* of the course, which clearly teaches we can choose salvation, directly rejecting the Biblical teaching, that *God chooses us*. That is, He predestinates those who are to be saved, by electing them. Once elected no man or woman can *refuse* to be saved, or *choose* to be saved. Therefore the course teaches a lie. It preaches a false gospel and is to be rejected by all who love God's truth.

The so-called 'Holy Spirit' part of the course follows on from the iniquitous Toronto Blessing and concentrates on charismatic-style gifts and fruit etc. This part is also heretical, as charismatic teaching on the subject is peppered with grave errors that lead thousands astray throughout the world.

The Course claims thousands are being saved by it. This is a lie. If anyone is saved at all, it is NOT *because* of the Course, *but in spite of it!* There are times when Almighty God will, in His mercy, allow a man or woman to come to Him even though they are in the midst of error. This shows His mercy and grace, NOT the worthiness of the Course! It means He had elected them before the world began, and the Course had nothing at all to do with their salvation. Do not be deceived by the many claims for the Alpha course, just remember who offers it and its pedigree, which is Satanic.

It was devised by a team at Holy Trinity, Brompton, the Anglican church that led the wicked charismatic movement known as the 'Toronto Blessing', within the UK. This terrible evil ruined many churches and the lives of thousands of Christians. The effects are still with us today. The Alpha Course aims to strengthen the grip of charismatic teaching on the churches. By using many ordinary Biblical phrases and texts, it easily dupes large numbers of Christians and those who are unsaved.

Charismatic teaching, in its purest form, *is completely unbiblical and cannot lead to salvation*. Churches that imbibed the Toronto Blessing are, mainly, of this type. 'Toronto' leaders and preachers are guilty of mass deception

and gross heresy. Even though this 'Blessing' is so obviously false, these leaders and preachers have not apologised to their churches, nor have they been brought to book. Now, they are spreading further heresy in the form of the Alpha Course.

## DO NOT BE DECEIVED! OPPOSE THIS COURSE WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR AREA

[Based on a tract published by BTM 1996]

### Is Alpha Really the Omega?

Bible Theology Ministries (BTM) had been producing Christian literature since 1985. Then along came the Toronto Blessing. It proved to be a significant time for BTM and we were constrained with a burden to proclaim the truth concerning the heinous, Satanic, origins of the so-called 'Blessing'.

Although I knew, without a shadow of doubt, that I had to speak out against the vile wave of evil, I also knew that opposition would bring attacks upon myself as well as upon the ministry of BTM. Even so, the work began, and we produced many articles showing (from scripture) that charismaticism, the root of the 'Blessing', was not of God. Then, the Toronto Blessing began to subside and casual observers (even reformed ministers) thought that *'yet another fad had passed'*. *But, the 'Blessing' was not a fad; it continues today!*

Even before the sinful 'Blessing' hit the world, another theological evil was launched. It began its work quietly, but as soon as the 'Blessing' subsided, this work came to the fore and took over as a driving force behind the charismatic lie. It was called the *Alpha Course*. And, once again without a doubt, we knew we had to oppose it. But why? What is wrong with it?

The Pentecostal movement proper began in the early years of the 20th century in a church on Azusa Street, USA. Time has a way of dimming memory, and Azusa Street is now revered amongst Pentecostals. But, sadly, the beginnings of Pentecostalism were based in the deepest occultism.

*The meetings at Azusa Street that started off Pentecostalism were attended by witches and spiritualists from miles around. They held seances during meetings! They did so because they recognised the spirit behind the manifestations and tongues was exactly the same as the spirit behind their own beliefs and activities!*

*The movement that has become known as 'charismatic', and which emerged in the 1960's, came out of this Pentecostal body. It was, and is, Satanic. Its tongues, healings and other manifestations are all of Satan, making a mockery of true Biblical gifts.*

And that is why we oppose the movement with all our strength, even though such opposition has brought us great hardship and trouble from many

quarters. We are intelligent people. Do you think we would deliberately put ourselves in the 'firing line' without good reason? Our reason for doing so is that charismaticism is an evil lie, destroying the faith and lives of millions, many of whom are our brethren. But above all, it desecrates the word of God and blasphemes His holy Name.

The Toronto Blessing came at a time when charismaticism was desperate\*. It was losing its members in huge numbers\*. At its conferences leaders discussed the problem and they knew something had to be done to keep their churches together\*. In itself this was a sign that God was not with them. (\* These facts were given to me by an ex-charismatic leader).

It was when they were looking for something novel that the Toronto Blessing came along. Satan did not let them down! He gave them a brand new toy, and it was far more dangerous than anything he had given them before! It swept through churches that were *not* charismatic, and it claimed many more members for Satan's army. But, this time, Satan prepared the ground well.

He began the work of the Alpha course, *in the very church (Holy Trinity, Brompton) that propelled the UK into the Toronto Blessing*. This was no coincidence, then. Once the Blessing had done its job of ruining the church scene in the UK for ever, leaving only a remnant to stand true and faithful, it began to subside. It did not fade away or run out of steam (indeed, there are now countless thousands of charismatic schemes and movements in the world)!

No, Satan had something more effective, a false theology to back up the false signs and wonders! Alpha, then, is the beginning of that false theology. It must not be underestimated. Even now it is being reinforced by other charismatic courses.

There is a common belief amongst many Believers that Alpha is a Biblical course bringing people into the churches. This is another lie. Alpha actually teaches an Arminian Gospel. That is, a doctrine of works, in which men and women choose Christ and command Him to give them gifts and signs and wonders. The churches they now attend (if they do not leave again soon after their 'conversion') are all pro-charismatic and unbiblical. So, they are certainly brought into the churches – but not genuine ones.

In scriptural terms, this makes it a false gospel, which must be both shunned and opposed. *But very few are opposing it!* The land is under the curse of spiritual darkness and only a handful stand true. Are YOU one of the faithful? Or, are you, too, deceived by the great lie cast by Satan? *We promise that another wave of evil will soon sweep over this land. And it will be far worse than the last.* If you do not make your stand now, you *will* fall when it comes.

So, recognise the Alpha Course for what it really is: the advance guard of a vicious movement of the anti-Christ. Will it claim *your* life, too? Oppose it with all your mind, heart and soul, friends, or fall to its lure. As those who have fought this deception for some years now, we have watched thousands of lives being ruined. We have also counselled many thousands. If you require more information on Alpha, or on its harlot mother, charismaticism, do not hesitate to write to us for details.

Alpha is not the beginning. Rather it is the Omega - the end! It spells the

death~knell for churches everywhere, unless they heed the alarm. Heed that alarm and flee, to rally around the standard-bearer Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ, crying out "*As for us, we are the Lord's!*"

*[Based on a tract published by BTM in 1996. Amended April 2000]*

## Have You Been Invited?

Churches throughout the UK have sent out millions of invitations to householders, to attend something called the 'Alpha' Course. They claim the Course is a way of learning about the Christian faith. They also say it is great fun! This leaflet is given to you as a sincere warning. We don't have the vast resources of Alpha, so the message is brief.

### What Is Alpha?

It is NOT just another Bible course! It is a propaganda tool used by the charismatic movement, and part of the Course teaches you to indulge in a 'Holy Spirit' session. In effect this shows you how to have an occult (e.g. demonic) experience. Sadly, the churches have come to believe this is Biblical and safe. But it is neither. It is a psychological, or an occult, experience, or both.

What *actually* happens is that you experience an occult 'gift', a demonic fake. You might speak in so-called 'tongues', or suddenly get a 'gift' of healing, etc. Whatever 'gifts' you get, they are NOT Biblical gifts! Even if the leaders of the course don't encourage you to indulge in the 'gifts', they will unwittingly teach you wrongly from scripture.

Like any fake gifts, they have their down-side. In this case, the down-side is that those who experience them are led into the ecumenical-charismatic movement, which is neither scriptural or Christian. Its 'Bible' teaching is heretical (that is, not true Christian teaching), even though its teachers genuinely believe in it and they use the Bible.

Many think they have become Christians simply by attending the Course, or by '*asking Jesus into their hearts*'. They might even get a 'warm glow' inside, and a feeling of peace. But this is all false. Satan, a very real person who opposes all things scriptural, including the real Christian Gospel, loves to deceive people. The Alpha Course is a deception designed to *lead you away* from God's truth.

Those who offer you the Course might sound plausible. That's because they genuinely believe they are right. The only answer is to check out what *God's word*, the Bible, says! So, I'm not asking you to just listen to me. Far from it! Those who attend an Alpha Course do so because they know nothing, or very little, about the Bible. Unfortunately, neither do the leaders. That is how people can be deceived.

Our advice to you is very simple: DO NOT ATTEND an Alpha Course. If you do, you will NOT be learning about the authentic Christian faith at all,

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