

ALPHA

OR WHY ROMAN CATHOLICS LOVE IT

A FEW YEARS AGO THERE WAS AN OUTBREAK IN AMERICA CALLED THE
“TORONTO BLESSING”.

NICKY GUMBEL IMPORTED IT INTO HIS CHURCH AT BROMPTON HOLY TRINITY,
ENGLAND.

NOW, BECAUSE OF THE UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES THAT ACCOMPANIED THIS
“BLESSING” - animal noises, uncontrollable laughing, convulsions & body sensations, A
MORE MARKETABLE APPROACH FOR “THE BLESSING” WAS SOUGHT.

GUMBEL DEvised THE “ALPHA COURSE” TO GIVE IT RESPECTABILITY.

When “getting filled with the spirit” and “speaking in tongues” grew legs in the 60’s
and invaded Christian churches, the Catholics saw it as an ideal opportunity to bring
the “separated brethren” (those not Roman Catholics) back into the fold.

ALPHA IS SIMPLY A “ONE WORLD
CHURCH” TOOL TO DRAW ALL CHURCHES
UNDER ONE BANNER.

ALPHA TEACHES ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE REGARDING SALVATION –
(faith and works) - THE ONE LEADING
A BILLION SOULS TO HELL!

Unfortunately many people have fallen for
the “whore of Babylon’s” latest “two-card trick” protesting that she really has
changed since Vatican II in the 60’s.

“Getting the spirit” will take many to hell!

ROME ENDORSES ALPHA:

*Roman Catholic Bishop of Hexham, Ambrose Griffiths, describes the Alpha Course as
“the most powerful evangelistic tool ...” (Alpha News July 1997, p1)*

*Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, David Konstant: “The Alpha course is a valuable
contribution to our commitment to evangelisation ... it will be of **great benefit to the
church’s mission.**” (Alpha News July 1997 p3). “...and it **doesn’t contain anything that
is contrary to Catholic doctrine.**”
(Alpha News 1997 p1)*

QUESTION:

Did the countless millions of Christian martyrs who died cruel and horrible deaths at Rome’s hands
get it all wrong? Were they mis-interpreting their Bibles?

WHO IS GOD?

Alpha tells us nothing of God - His purposes, character, being, righteousness or holiness;
with no mention that He is the self-existent, eternally glorious, great and mighty Creator of
heaven and earth. Alpha’s God does not require man to adjust to the knowledge of Him and
His requirements. Alpha believes that God exists to address our problems, our fears, our
confusion and our need for direction in life.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

***There is one and only one living and true God, infinite in being, perfect, pure spirit,
unchangeable, great, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, wise, holy, free, absolute,
just, hating all sin, punishing the sinner, rewarder of those who diligently seek Him,
merciful and gracious.***

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(See Westminster Confession of Faith for Scriptures too numerous to mention)

Comment: God is presented as a “frantic Santa Claus” in heaven, at his wits end trying to accommodate a modern complex man entering the new millennium. The Alpha God’s requirements are secondary to man’s.

WHO IS MAN & WHAT IS SIN?

Alpha presents man as basically good but is separated from God because he’s “messed up and done wrong”.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:” (Mark 7:21-22)

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jer 17:9)

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” (Isaiah 64:6) “Every man at his best state is altogether vanity.” (Ps 39:5)

Comment: Alpha fails to present man as God sees him. Alpha sees that man is a sinner because he sins. The Bible says that man sins because he is a sinner. Alpha’s man has only done wrong, “messed up” and got into trouble. God says man is incurably corrupt by nature.

THE ALPHA CHRIST

Alpha’s Christ comes to rescue us from the CONSEQUENCES OF OUR SIN ONLY.

Alpha’s Christ comes to meet our needs, fears and existential (life) questions. Christ comes to rescue us from the consequences of our sin; save us from our lost & confused worlds; comes to remedy our fears. Christ comes to rescue us out of the “mess we’ve got ourselves into”.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, (not just people who commit sins) Christ died for us.”Romans5:8

“...as by one man sin (not sins) entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men.” Romans 5:12

Comment: Alpha fails to mention that Christ came to meet the requirements of God’s holy law. Alpha’s Christ was crucified “...to pay the penalty for all the things that we have done wrong.” Alpha fails to distinguish between sin and sins. Alpha completely misses the point of Christ’s work on the cross. The Bible says that Christ died to satisfy the requirements of God’s law. Gumbel talks about the seriousness of sin and the need to be cleansed but never reveals what that is. Alpha misses the point completely. Death is required by God’s law having being broken.

WRATH & JUDGEMENT

The wrath and judgement of God is an alien concept in Alpha.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” John3:36

“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”Hebrews10:31

“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...shall be punished with everlasting destruction ...”2Thess 1:8-9

Comment: Alpha doesn’t makes us aware of God’s eternal wrath abiding on us. The torments of hell and judgement are watered down to being “eternally isolated from God”. Having failed to tell us what God is like, Alpha can’t tell us what sin is and why it is subject to the wrath of God.

LOVE

Alpha’s God of love is not the Biblical God of love. It is a love that is sickly sweet and emotional.

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“while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

“...he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” John 3:18

“...the fearful..unbelieving..abominable..murder- ers...sorcerers...idolaters...all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire...” Rev21:8

Comment: Alpha can't tell us who God is, so His love is reduced to sentiment and emotion. Unless we are conscious of how sinful we are, we'll never understand God's great act of mercy. People aren't told that their greatest enemy is God Himself and it's because of their sin that He has nothing but wrath and hatred toward sinners.

BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Alpha completely misunderstands what the New Testament teaching is on baptism by the Holy Spirit and adopts Pentecostal doctrine.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism.” Eph 4:5

“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...” 1Cor 12:13

“...be filled with the Spirit” Eph 5:18

Comment: You can't get another filling of the Holy Spirit if saved. When a person is saved, the Holy Spirit baptizes that person into the body of Christ. To be filled means to be controlled by. They get “filled” alright - by another spirit that counterfeits the Holy Spirit.

THE BIG CRUNCH - ALPHA'S SALVATION!

Alpha doesn't teach the gospel of trusting in the work of Christ on the cross by **FAITH ALONE!**

ALPHA NEVER SAYS THAT SALVATION IS BY FAITH ALONE! This is why Rome loves the Alpha Course! Rome's doctrine of faith + works is taking a billion Catholics to hell & those who have disagreed with Rome have been slaughtered in countless millions.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS?

“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but BELIEVETH ON HIM THAT JUSTIFIETH THE UNGODLY, his faith is counted for righteousness.” Romans 4:4-5

Comment: PUT ROMANS 4:4-5 IN THE ALPHA COURSE AND WATCH ROME FLEE!

This is why Rome has 100 curses on those who say that salvation is by faith alone.

GET THE SPIRIT TO GET SAVED?

You can search the Scriptures for a trillion years before you'll find that unbelievers get the Holy Spirit before they're saved. **Salvation is a legal act** whereby a sinner is given right standing with God with no internal change at the point of salvation. God declares the sinner righteous and then the Holy Spirit enters the person and the process of sanctification ('being changed') begins.

If after the first couple of Alpha sessions people don't get saved they're encouraged to stay for the “Holy Spirit Weekend” - which is just another name for the unscriptural “Toronto Blessing”.

Roman Catholic doctrine regarding salvation is not by faith alone and that's why they endorse Alpha because it teaches the same.

ALPHA IS A TOOL THAT ROME USES TO GET A FOOT IN THE DOOR.

Alpha is just a liberal, weak, wishy-washy, 'feel good' course - strong on socialising and the incorporation of Rome's doctrines. Currently being used by churches who've thrown in the towel and have their necks on Rome's chopping block!

Toronto roots produce Toronto fruits! FALSE CONVERSIONS ARE THE RESULT!

“For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.” (Jeremiah 2:13)

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