

THE ALEPH COURSE.

0 : WHAT IT'S ABOUT.

The OBJECT of the course :

NOT EVANGELISM as such - though if anyone should feel strangely warmed, I won't mind;

NOT a COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY.

Perhaps AN ATTEMPT TO SHOW THAT CHRISTIANITY MAKES SENSE HERE AND NOW.

Rather few people in our society know what Christianity is about. Perhaps a rather higher proportion of churchgoers know, but one sometimes wonders. (That doesn't mean that they're not Christians.)

Christianity is commonly depicted as oppressive, or manipulative, or evil, or comical, or naive, or stupid, or (worst of all ?) old-fashioned, or demonstrably false.

I'm a Christian. I'm not stupid, and I don't think I'm conspicuously more of any of the other things than most people. (Maybe old-fashioned ? - but that's not wrong.)

Neither do I find any of those things in Christianity - not even old fashion.

So I would like to explain my view.

The NATURE of the course.

(Perhaps necessarily) personal.

These are my opinions.

Some are commonplace;
Some are heterodox;
Some are heretical.

You have to make up your own mind.

The STRUCTURE of the course.

There are THREE TALKS on why anyone might want to bother with Christianity :

VALUES.
GOD ?
CHRISTIANITY ?

There are THREE TALKS on something like "Christianity now", intended to introduce a "modern" context for the subject :

EVIDENCE.
SOURCES.
THE CHURCH.

There are THREE TALKS on some aspects of Christian belief which seem to me to be important :

JESUS.
DOCTRINE.
GOD ACTS.

There is ONE TALK which is a sort of summary :

IMPLICATIONS.

I remark that I am less and less satisfied with this organisation as the course proceeds, and will probably change it.

