

# THE ALEPH COURSE.

## 10 : IMPLICATIONS.

This is the last meeting, and I'll try to condense what I think are the important points into a few paragraphs.

### BASICS.

I'm not entirely sure that I know where the bottom is, but I think it must contain these bits :

I CAN'T PROVE TO YOU THAT GOD EXISTS -  
BUT YOU CAN'T PROVE TO ME THAT HE DOESN'T -  
AND YOU CAN'T PROVE THAT ANYTHING ELSE EXISTS EITHER.

That being so, everything we think or believe has to be based on assumptions. If our reasoning keeps going, we come to accept our assumptions, even though we *still* can't prove them.

Science starts from a set of assumptions which lead to a model of the physical universe. It works very well. But it includes ( and can *never* include, by its nature ) any values.

IF THERE ARE NO VALUES  
THEN EXISTENCE IS FUTILE.

There is no reason why we shouldn't accept that there are values. We all have them, we all use them. They might not be as hard as wood and bricks and concrete, but they are probably more important for any sort of human society.

A SEARCH FOR SIGNIFICANT VALUES  
LEADS US TO GOD.

That also leads us to some assumptions we can make as the basis for our values, but we have to make more before we can get anywhere useful.

### CHRISTIANITY -

- is one set of assumptions about God. The most important are

GOD IS A LOVING GOD.  
WE ARE TO LOVE GOD  
AND TO LOVE OTHER PEOPLE.

Love - not power. Love and power are opposites. We are naturally attracted to power, but that's a mistake.

Historically, all manner of doctrine has grown up about Christianity.

In fact, it doesn't have to be complicated. A few assumptions ( those above + "God made the universe" get you a long way ) are sufficient to begin the journey.

Then you keep going.

## EXPERIENCE.

"Eternal life" is a Christian notion about quality of life rather than unendingness ( which is a different topic ).

Christian experience is that one can enjoy that quality of life now.

## ACTION.

Then what do we do ? There are many callings - evangelism, social service, political action. Someone also has to do the work, so it isn't surprising that many Christians simply carry on with whatever their ordinary jobs might be.

We're all different, so different people will do different things, have different ideas, urge different causes. They will engage in different forms of worship services, and even have different beliefs.

Part of the job is to accept these differences, not be drawn into fighting each other. We are to love God, and love one another; put that first. The differences are less important.