

CH 610 Alliance History and Thought (3)

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Course Objectives

1. Students will be able to explain selected historical themes affecting the Christian and Missionary Alliance from the late nineteenth century to the present.
2. Students will have an interpretive grid for analysing the history of the Christian and Missionary Alliance through its central continuities and changes.
3. Students will be able to identify the Alliance distinctives which have shaped its historical and doctrinal experience. Particular attention will be paid to sanctification, healing, eschatology, and missions.
4. Students will have a broadened understanding of the work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada and throughout the world.

Course Requirements

1. Participation 10%
 2. Two book reviews 2 @ 25% 50%
 3. Exam 40%
- 100%

Textbooks

Required

1. Draper, Kenneth L. "Readings in Alliance History and Thought."
2. Reynolds, Lindsay. *Rebirth: The Redevelopment of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*. Willowdale, ON: Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, 1992.
3. Simpson, Albert B. *The Fourfold Gospel*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1984.

Textbooks (cont'd)

Recommended

1. Niklaus, Robert L., John S. Sawin, Samuel J. Stoesz, *All for Jesus*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1986.
2. Reynolds, Lindsay. *Footprints: The Beginnings of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*. Toronto: Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, 1982.

◆ It is also recommended students purchase the books they choose to review should they still be in print. This is **not** the case for all texts.

(See Book Review Selections on page 4).

Course Requirements

Participation (10%)

Each student is expected to attend, be prepared for and to **participate** in each class session. This is reflected in the percentage of the final mark assigned to participation. To be credited for one's class attendance, the student must be present for and suitably

participate in the *whole* class session. (This latter policy applies to both the participation portion of the final grade as well as the larger attendance policy outlined in the latest College catalogue.)

Critical Book Reviews (50%)

In addition, each student will write **two critical book reviews**. Books for review are in the list provided at the end of this syllabus. Each review will assess the **three** books from the subject area designated. The second review must assess books from a wholly different subject area than the first. Reviews should focus on 1) the central and supporting theses of each text and 2) the points of agreement and disparity between the two. Reviews are to be no longer than 5 pages (approx. 1,250 words) and are **due October 18** and **November 15**.

Final Exam (40%)

The final exam will focus on two major areas. First, the student will be examined on their ability to identify significant persons, places, events and dates described in the class lectures and the assigned text, *Rebirth*. Second, the student will be examined on their ability to identify, explain and synthesize the material covered in class lectures, discussions and supplementary reading. This exam will occur during “Finals Week” on a date and time to be determined by the Registrar’s office.

General Information

All assignments are due *at the beginning of class* on the date designated. Late assignments will lose one-half letter grade per day (weekends included) up to one week. Work received more than one week late will not receive a passing grade.

- It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to AUC Academic Policies, such as the policy on Academic Dishonesty, which are stated in the current Catalogue.
- All assignments are to be completed according to the Canadian Bible College Style Guide. No exceptions. This guide is available at <http://www.aucnuc.ca/pdf/cbc-style-guide.pdf>
- All students have received an e-mail account upon registration. It is the student’s responsibility to check this account regularly as this will be the professor’s instrument for notifying students of important matters (Cancelled class sessions, extensions, requested appointments, etc.) between class sessions.

Proposed Class Schedule

(Changes to schedule will result in new handout)

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Introduction: A Living Tradition

13 A. B. Simpson: Outline of his life

20 Simpson’s spiritual crises and

Alliance History and Thought

_ Readings 1.1 - 1.3

_ Readings 2.1 - 2.5.

20 The Alliance and Nineteenth-

Century Evangelicalism

27 The Founding of the Alliance _ Readings 4.1 - 4.3.

27 The Work of the Early Alliance _ Readings 5.1 - 5.3.
October 4 Developments in Alliance History _ Readings 6.1 - 6.3.
4 The Alliance enters the Twentieth
Century
18 Alliance Missions
Guest: Harvey Matchullis
_ Readings 7.1 - 7.3
18 The Alliance in Canada
Guest: Mel Sylvester
_ *Rebirth*, pp. 1-54, 97-136, 201-443.
25 Simpson's Hymns _ Readings 3.1.
25 The Fourfold Gospel _ *The Fourfold Gospel*, pp. 1-18;
Readings 8.1
November
1
The Early Alliance View of
Sanctification
_ *The Fourfold Gospel*, pp. 19-32;
Readings 9.1 - 9.3.
1 Developments in the Alliance
View of Sanctification I
_ Readings 10.1 - 10.3.
8 Developments in the Alliance
View of Sanctification II
8 The Early Alliance View of
Healing
_ *The Fourfold Gospel*, pp. 33-46;
Readings 11.1 - 11.4.
15 Developments in the Alliance
View of Healing I
_ Readings 12.1, 12.2.
15 Developments in the Alliance
View of Healing II **Guest:** Andy
Reimer
_ Readings 12.3
29 The Coming King _ *The Fourfold Gospel*, pp. 47-64;
Readings 13.1, 13.2.
29 Developments in Alliance
Eschatology
_ Readings 14.1 - 14.3.
December
6
Toward a Doctrinal Statement _ Readings 15.1 - 15.4.
6 Continuity and change, charting
the future
_ *Rebirth*, "Epilogue"

Reading 16.1

Book Review Selections

Sanctification I

McGraw, Gerald. *Empowered: Discovering the Dynamics of Holy Living*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 2000.

Simpson, A. B. *The Gentle Love of the Holy Spirit*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1986.

Stoesz, Samuel. *Sanctification: an Alliance Distinctive*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1991.

Sanctification II

Gilbertson, Richard P. *The Baptism of the Holy Spirit*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1993.

Pardington, George P. *Crisis of the Deeper Life*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1991.

Simpson, A. B. *Wholly Sanctified*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1991.

Healing I

Simpson, A. B. *The Gospel of Healing*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1994.

Sipley, Richard. *Understanding Divine Healing*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1990.

Travis, Drake W. *Christ our Healer Today: The Ministry of Healing in the Christian and Missionary Alliance*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1996.

Healing II

Bailey, Keith. *The Children's Bread*. Harrisburg, PA: Christian Publications, 1977.

Simpson, A. B. *The Lord for the Body*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1996.

Wardle, Terry. *Wounded*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1994.

Missions I

Simpson, A. B. *Missionary Messages*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1987.

Simpson, A. B. *Serving the King: Doing Ministry in Partnership with God*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1995.

Wick, Robert. *God's Invasion*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1990.

Missions II

Krishnan, Sunder. *World Christians: Living on the Wavelength of the Great Commission*, Toronto: Clements, 1989.

Simpson, A. B. *The Challenge of Missions*. New York: Christian Alliance Publishing Co., 1926.

Simpson, A. B. *A Larger Christian Life*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1988.

Recent Scholarship in Alliance History and Thought

Murphee, Jon Tal. *The Love Motive: A Practical Psychology of Sanctification*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1990.

Nienkirchen, Charles. A. B. *Simpson and the Pentecostal Movement*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1992.

Stoesz, Samuel. *The Glory of Christ in His Church*. Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1994.