



Canadian Theological Seminary

CH 610

Alliance History and Thought

Festival of Learning 2005

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Class Times: May 1-5, 2006

The class will run Monday evening until 9:00 and finish Friday at noon

Classes begin at 8:30 Tuesday to Friday

Classes finish at 4:30 Tuesday to Thursday

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Course Description

This is a denominational history course. Its task is to orient people training for vocational ministry within the Alliance and interested lay people to the spiritual, theological, and pastoral resources of the denominational heritage. To bring life to denominational history the course employs a concept of "living tradition" as the mode of both appropriating and critiquing this heritage.

When understood as a living tradition, Alliance history and thought is meant to be more than something old and irrelevant to be read about in a textbook. The course is to inform an Alliance sense of identity, to ground teaching and worship, and to find its way into lived commitments. Alliance identity is shaped by a tradition, expressed by Albert B. Simpson as the Fourfold Gospel, which has continually witnessed to the fact that Christ's work has present as well as future implications. It calls adherents to and empowers them for holiness, it affirms God's interest in the physical as well as the spiritual, and it points forward to hope in the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

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.

- Students will have a broadened understanding of the work of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada and throughout the world.

Textbooks













Required

- Kenneth L. Draper, "Readings in Alliance History and Thought," (CBC/CTS, 2000).
- Lindsay Reynolds, *Rebirth: The Redevelopment of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*, (Willowdale: Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, 1992).
- A.B. Simpson, *The Fourfold Gospel*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1984).

Books for Review Assignment

- A.B. Simpson, *Larger Christian Life*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1991).
- A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1993).
- Samuel Stoesz, *Sanctification: an Alliance Distinctive*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1991).
- Gordon T. Smith, *On the Way: A Guide to Christian Spirituality*, (Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2001).

Class Schedule

		Related Reading	Must read
Mon., May 1			
10:00	Introduction: A Living Tradition	 Readings, Preface.	
1:00	A.B. Simpson: His life	 Readings, 1.1 - 1.3.	
3:00	Simpson: Spiritual crises and the origins of Alliance History and Thought	 Readings, 2.1 - 2.5.	2.1-2.4
6:30	The Alliance and Nineteenth-Century Evangelicalism		
8:00	Simpson and Alliance Hymnody	 Readings 3.1.	
Tues., May 2			
8:30	The Founding of the Alliance	 Readings, 4.1 - 4.3.	4.2-4.3
10:30	The Work of the Early Alliance	 Readings, 5.1 - 5.3.	
1:00	Missions and Missions Policy	 Readings, 7.1 - 7.3.	7.1
3:00	Developments in Alliance History	 Readings 6.1 - 6.3	6.2
Wed., May 3			
8:30	Succession and Constitutional Change	 Readings 6.1 - 6.3	6.2
10:30	The Fourfold Gospel	 <i>The Fourfold Gospel</i> , pp. 10-70; Readings, 8.1.	8.1
1:00	The Early Alliance View of Sanctification	 Readings 9.1 - 9.4. Handout	
3:00	Developments in the Alliance View of Sanctification	 Readings 10.1 - 10.3.	10.3

Thurs., May 4

8:30	An Approach to Understanding the Progressive Nature of Sanctification			
10:30	Healing as an Alliance Distinctive	📖	Readings 11.1 - 11.4.	11.4
1:00	A Contemporary Alliance View of Healing	📖	Readings 12.1 - 12.2.	
3:00	The Coming King	📖	Readings 13.1, 13.2, 14.1-14.3.	14.3

Fri., May 5

8:30	Toward a Doctrinal Statement	📖	Readings 15.1 - 15.4.	15.1
10:30	Alliance History and Thought in the 1990s: Living a Tradition			

Course Requirements

1. Each student is expected to be prepared for and to participate in each class session. This is reflected in the proportion of the final mark assigned to participation. Some students will be asked to present an informal summary to the class of one of the required readings.
2. A list of completed required reading will be submitted to the instructor.
3. Each student will write a critical book review which integrates a discussion of the four books listed above. Your review is to evaluate the degree to which 1) each book makes a contribution to Alliance thought and 2) together constitute a recognizable theological tradition. Your analysis will be significantly strengthened by reference to materials discussed in class and referenced in the bibliography which accompanies this syllabus. The review is to be no longer than 10 pages (approx. 2500 words).
4. Lindsay Reynolds outlines the history of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in the twentieth century in *Rebirth*. Use the interpretive grid for Alliance history presented on the final day of class to critically analyse Reynold's book. Assess the degree to which the tensions identified in the lecture are supported by the history of the Alliance in Canada and assess the degree to which this interpretive grid was helpful in identifying central themes in the narrative. This review should be no longer than 5 pages (approx. 1250 words).
5. The research papers are meant to explore new areas of Alliance history. It is suggested that this paper focus on a local church history, either of the church you now attend or one you have been associated with in the past. Papers will be no longer than 10 pages (approx. 2500 words) and should involve primary research.

Due Dates

All assignments are due **July 21, 2006**.

Course Grade

1. Participation	10%
2. Reading report	10%
3. Critical book review	25%
4. Review of <i>Rebirth</i>	15%
5. Local church history research paper	40%
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Select Bibliography

Sanctification

- A.B. Simpson, *A Larger Christian Life*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1988).
- A.B. Simpson, *Wholly Sanctified*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1991).
- George P. Pardington, *Crisis of the Deeper Life*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1991).
- Gordon T. Smith, *Essential Spirituality*, (Nashville: Oliver Nelson, 1994).
- Samuel Stoesz, *Sanctification: an Alliance Distinctive*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1991).
- A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1993).

Healing

- A.B. Simpson, *The Gospel of Healing*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1994).
- A.B. Simpson, *The Lord for the Body*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1996).
- Keith Bailey, *The Children's Bread*, (Harrisburg [PA]: Christian Publications, 1977).
- Richard Siple, *Understanding Divine Healing*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1990).
- Drake W. Travis, *Christ Our Healer Today*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1996).

Missions

- A.B. Simpson, *Missionary Messages*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1987).
- A.B. Simpson, *The Challenge of Missions*, (New York: Christian Alliance Publishing Co., 1926).
- A.B. Simpson, *Serving the King: Doing Ministry in Partnership with God*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1995).
- Sunder Krishnan, *World Christians: Living on the Wavelength of the Great Commission*, (Burlington: Welch, 1989).
- Robert S. Wick, *God's Invasion*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1990).

Recent Scholarship in Alliance History and Thought

- Jon Tal Murphee, *The Love Motive: A Practical Psychology of Sanctification*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1990).
- Charles W. Nienkirchen, *A.B. Simpson and the Pentecostal Movement*, (Peabody [Mass]: Hendrickson, 1992).
- Richard P. Gilbertson, *The Baptism of the Holy Spirit*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1993).

Samuel J. Stoesz, *The Glory of Christ in His Church*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1994).

Daniel J. Ewearitt, *Body and Soul: Evangelism and the Social Concern of A.B. Simpson*, (Camp Hill [PA]: Christian Publications, 1994).