



## The Burning Bush—Online article archive

### Alpha Course boasts of Cardinal Hume's endorsement.

*The following is taken from the official Alpha website. It displays the utterly ecumenical nature of the message it proclaims and that its teaching is acceptable to Roman Catholicism and is being used by them to further popery. That being so, it is clear that The Alpha Course is not faithful to the Word of God otherwise Rome would not endorse it.*

Spanning the Denominations—A course for all the Church

Alpha aims to present the core truths of the Christian faith around which Christians of every major denomination can unite and this is borne out by the huge variety of churches using it as an ongoing programme of evangelism. It is currently running in churches of all the major denominations - Anglican, Baptist, Elim, Episcopal, Free Church, Lutheran, Methodist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army and United Reformed - as well as a large number of house churches and new churches.

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"a valuable contribution to our commitment to evangelisation"

Demand for Alpha among Roman Catholics in Britain has proved so strong that hundreds of priests and lay people have been booked to attend three Roman Catholic Alpha conferences scheduled for 1997, including two at London's Westminster Cathedral Hall. At the first of these conferences, in April, Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster and leader of the church in England, sent a message of support and Bishop Ambrose Griffiths, of Hexham and Newcastle, opened the event. Bishop Griffiths said, "The course is simple, direct, illustrated by wonderful stories... It doesn't contain anything that is contrary to Catholic doctrine. What's more, it provides in wonderful form the basis of Christian belief which many Catholics have never cottoned on to..." The Rt. Rev'd David Konstant, Bishop of Leeds, said, "The Alpha course is a valuable contribution to our commitment to evangelisation as we move towards the new millennium." On the other side of the world, Cardinal Thomas Williams, Archbishop of Wellington, New Zealand, was due to open the Waikanae Alpha Conference in July.