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Seminar on Alpha Course errors



Pastor Chris Hand

The guest lecturer was Pastor Chris Hand of College Park Strict Baptist Church, Lewisham, London.

The organisers of the seminar, Free Presbyterian ministers Revs. Wesley McDowell, Alan Lamont and John Armstrong, were pleased with the attendance of 40 ministers and students. The chairman was Rev. Ivan Foster.

The seminar consisted of four sessions.

First session -- An introduction to the Alpha Course. **Second session** -- The 'Gospel' of Alpha. **Third session** -- The Charismatic and Ecumenical World of Alpha. **Fourth session** -- Voices from Alpha: Comments of participants and the role of Small-Groups in the Alpha Course.

Pastor Hand demonstrated that he was a master of his subject and that he had studied the issues extensively.



Some of the ministers and students who attended the seminar

His analysis of the character of the charismatic phenomena and the contents of the testimonies, reported in Alpha publications of the experiences of some of those who attended the Course, was particularly enlightening.

The united response of those who attended the sessions was one of appreciation for the information and analysis made available.

The minister with congregational responsibilities especially valued the insight given on what has become, in many parts of the United Kingdom, the religious "happening" of the decade. Ulster has not yet succumbed to the extent of the rest of the United Kingdom but doubtless there will be increasing attempts to promote this satanic error in the near future.

The seminar placed valuable information in the hands of ministers which will assist them in the combatting of the advance of this latest ecumenical tactic. The sessions were recorded and the two audio tapes are available from Rev. Ivan Foster [see address on page 1], priced 3.50 including post. We would commend these tapes. They contain extensive quotations from Alpha Course or-



Seminar organisers
Rev. John Armstrong [L], Rev. Alan Lamont [R]
and Rev. Wesley McDowell [2nd R]. Pastor Chris Hand and Rev. Ivan Foster are in the centre.



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organisers and participants that reveal the true character of its theology and teaching. They will prove very useful for any person confronting this evil deception.

The organisers and all who attended the seminar are indebted to Pastor Hand for his labours amongst them, thank him and wish him well in his continued labours for the Master.