

# The Sower

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## A Simple Approach

***“As we commune with Spirit, we open our hearts to love. We know that love is the way to spiritual unfoldment; and therefore, we pray to God, our Father and Mother, that we may become love; and in becoming more loving we shall become wiser, and so stronger in the power of Divinity. May this Holy Trinity of love, wisdom, and power become manifest in our hearts and lives. Amen.*”**

“The fundamental purpose of man’s life is that he may find truth; truth which will be unveiled to him by his own inner self. As we search for this truth which lies buried deeply within, the barriers erected by the outer self will vanish and we shall become free: free to hold those we love in the beyond; free to contact the cosmic rays of life-force and healing; free to use them in the service of our brother man; free to become *en rapport* with those beings who minister to humanity from the Spirit.

“The pathway which climbs the mountainside to the heavenly summit is long and steep; and until man obtains a glimpse of the glory which awaits him, he is in travail on the planes of materialism. He suffers pain, sickness, isolation, limitation; remains heir to fear, resentment, anxiety, afflicted by conflicts and wars. But no man need wait until after he is freed from the flesh to realize happiness and his true being. Indeed, unless man learns to seek the Spirit while still on earth, he will not find complete freedom or joy merely by discarding the physical body.

“A glorious future awaits each soul, but it entails hard work, although even hard work can be very interesting. For instance, if you love music and want to express yourself through music, it becomes a joy to practice, to acquire

mastery over your instrument. If you are wholly interested in something worthwhile, you do not mind taking pains, nor do you count the cost of attainment. So it should be with work spent upon your Soul.”

From **“Spiritual Unfoldment One”**  
By **White Eagle**, through the trance  
mediumship of Grace Cooke

## Does Spiritualism Denounce the Miraculous?

The front-page article in the October 22, 1936 issue of **Light**, published by the *London Spiritual Alliance*, later known as London’s *College of Psychic Studies*, is entitled: **“Spiritualists Can Be Christians”**, with the following by-line: **“Psychic Law Displaces Miracle”**.

I strongly encourage all Spiritualists and non-Spiritualists, especially Christians, to read this thought-provoking, yet, in my opinion, troublesome article. For far too long, there has been a subtle (sometimes, not so subtle) antagonism between Spiritualists and Christians. The traditional and fundamentalist Christian communities have been rather vocal in their condemnation of Spiritualism. Perhaps, this is the root of the problem, at least from the perspective of the Spiritualist community.

I find this article rather refreshing; even more refreshing considering it was written nearly 86 years ago. Taken as a whole, it shatters the myth that, if you are a Spiritualist, you are a Spiritualist **only** and cannot adhere to another faith or belong to another community of worshippers. Furthermore, it reinforces the truth that Spiritualism belongs to no religious movement and certainly to no specific church body; it is a Universal, indeed, a Cosmic belief system. Spiritualism is the *ism of the Spirit*. And

since the whole of Creation, including inhabitants of all Kingdoms, is impregnated with Spirit, we are **all** Spiritualist in nature. People from all faiths can openly embrace the Science, the Philosophy, and even the Religion of Spiritualism because Spiritualism is truly Interfaith. Thus, the First Spiritual Temple has always presented itself as being Spiritualist-based, but Interfaith in mission and ministry.

This article brings to light the fact that there are really no contradictions between Biblical narratives and the fundamental teachings of Spiritualism. So, why all the debate and why all the seeming animosity from both sides? Very simple: both sides have taken their open and free expressions of Spirit and locked them into dogma and creed. And once something is locked up, it suffocates. Furthermore, it becomes the prize possession of those who hold the keys to unlocking the prison of creedal dogma. For this, I praise the article.

So, why does this article trouble me as it does? Allow me to quote a paragraph from it:

*“Spiritualism clothes each one of the basic episodes in the life of Jesus with realism, whilst eliminating all necessity for recourse to outworn miracle. Like the Modern Churchman, we too reject miracle, but have an alternative interpretation which accounts satisfactorily for all the phenomena for which miracle has hitherto been claimed as the only explanation.”*

I would like to make the following comment concerning Spiritualism: **Spiritualism may call itself a Science. Spiritualism may call itself a Philosophy. But, if Spiritualism denounces the miraculous, its religious implications become questionable.**

I agree that many of the events portrayed in the Bible and other Scriptures are phenomena which have been and continue to be observed in the séance room. I have been blessed to work with many of the world's finest mediums and I have been equally blessed to witness, first hand, amazing phenomena; ranging from unquestionable messages from Spirit loved ones, to mind-blowing physical manifestations and phenomena, to inspiring and soul-moving trance addresses, to healings that have no medical basis for their occurrence. Even though I have explained these phenomena in countless lectures, here and abroad, I do not, nor shall I ever, deny the reality of the mi-

raculous: events which defy all logical explanation, including the great Laws of Psychic Science.

### **Miracles will never become “outworn”.**

All laws, even those defined by Psychic Science, must adhere to Natural Law. All Spirit, from all realms of Creation, are bound by Cause and Effect, save one: **GOD!** God and **only** God can reverse the Great Laws of Cause and Effect. When that happens, we have what is known as the miraculous, or a miracle. To denounce the miraculous is to denounce our Divine Creator and Divinity's ability to grace us with miracles. I would not be in the position of writing this article were it not for God's divine interventions in my life and God's blessing me with the miraculous.

I have devoted 47 years of my life to promulgating the truths of Spiritualism; the First Spiritual Temple, over 138 years. I believe in the science underlying Spiritualist phenomena. I believe in the philosophical tenets espoused by Spiritualism. I embrace the religious implications of Spiritualism, as they apply to **all** religious and spiritual pathways. The very essence of religion is the miraculous. Without faith in the miraculous, Religion becomes a Science. I would hate to see the amazing and wondrous religious implications of Spiritualism cast aside and relegated to Science. All laws of the Universe, including the Laws of Psychic Science, were set into place by the Great Divine Spirit. Let us not forget the one attribute which distinguishes the **Creator** from the **Creation**: the **MIRACULOUS!**

You may obtain a copy of this fascinating *Light* article by e-mailing me at [revsimeon@fst.org](mailto:revsimeon@fst.org) and I will e-mail you a PDF copy.

~ Rev. Simeon

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