

The Seed is the Word Luke 8.11 – Rev John Marshall

The Word is the seed 3 (George Appleton SPCK)

Perhaps this is the meditation the book is named for.

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In nature the seed

has the germ of life within it,
the power of germination,
the thin blade
pierces through the earth
and becomes a plant,
a bush, a tree.

So within the human spirit

you sow a word
which will lie hidden
and then burst into life
bearing fruit in maturity,
character and action.

The order of growth

in the harvest of spirit
is the same as in nature
thirty-, sixty-, a hundred-fold.

All I have to do

is to hold it
in the dark of my spirit
in inner warmth;

your word like a seed

does the rest.

My spirit must lie open

to your Spirit

like the earth

to the seasons of the year.

At the right moment

the word will germinate,

push down its roots,

push up its leaves,

its flowers,

its fruit

and become the full expression

of the seed you gave,

O divine Sower.