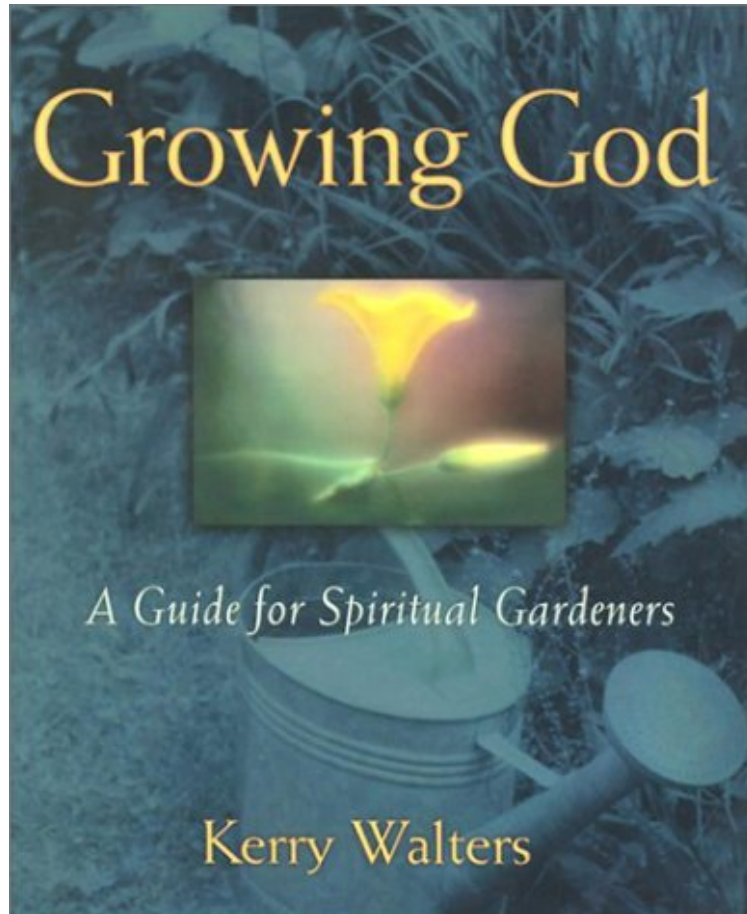


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This beautifully written and uplifting book is a user's guide to "spiritual horticulture" as practiced and taught by Jesus the gardener. Springboarding off the Parable of the Sower, the book explores how spiritual seekers can grow in God

and grow of God. Growth in God is discovering and nurturing the divine seed already within us all. Growth of God is creatively cooperating to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth or what Walters calls the "secret garden." When we cultivate the divine seed within us, we both grow into full humanhood and allow God to grow into full Godhood. Even non-gardeners will relate to the images found in each fast-reading chapter: "Breaking Ground" is about preparing for spiritual gardening by learning to listen first to God, then to the mysterious stirrings within. "Surviving Drought" shows how to prepare for spiritual dryness and how to recognize, within it, opportunities for new growth. "Fertilizing" follows the rule that less is more; over-fertilizing springs from mistrust. "Pruning" is learning single-mindedness of purpose to discover what is realistically possible and what distractions must be dropped. And the final chapter, "Enchanted Garden," talks about finally living in the garden and growing God. Seekers of all Christian denominations will find this a heartwarming and encouraging book that will help them deepen their spiritual lives. It's particularly good for gardeners, for anyone making or celebrating new beginnings, and for gift buyers year round but especially during springtime and Easter. Pastors and pastoral counselors will find this a good general book to recommend as well as to use in group discussions.

This book uses a variety of gardening images to show seekers how to nurture the divine seed within us all. -- Spiritual Book News
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