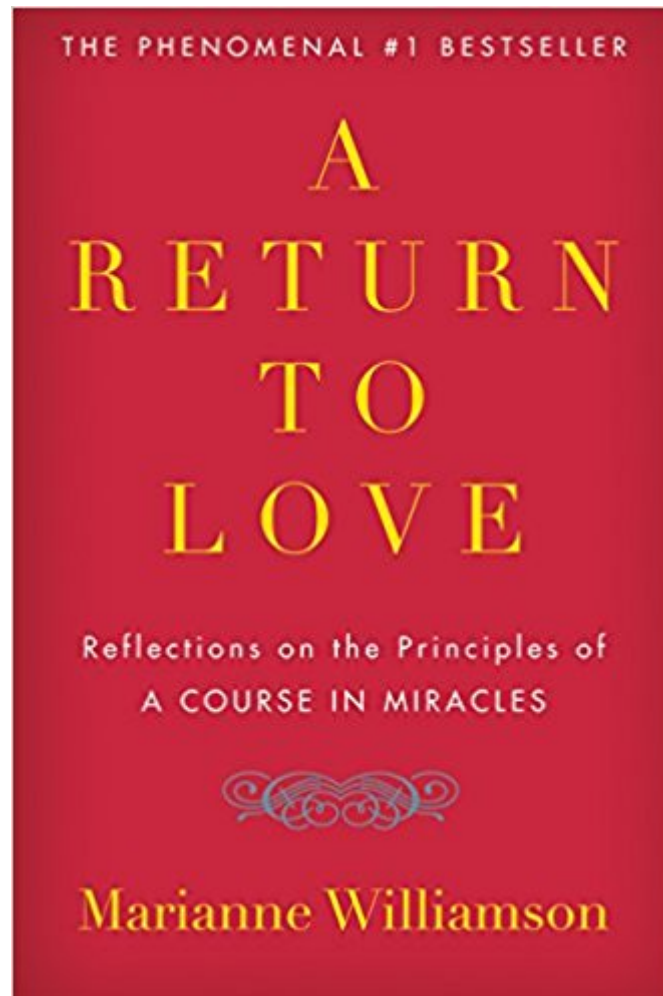




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A Return To Love: Reflections On The Principles Of "A Course In Miracles"



Synopsis

Back by popular demand -- and newly updated by the author -- the mega-bestselling spiritual guide in which Marianne Williamson shares her reflections on A Course in Miracles and her insights on the application of love in the search for inner peace. Williamson reveals how we each can become a miracle worker by accepting God and by the expression of love in our daily lives. Whether psychic pain is in the area of relationships, career, or health, she shows us how love is a potent force, the key to inner peace, and how by practicing love we can make our own lives more fulfilling while creating a more peaceful and loving world for our children.

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Customer Reviews

This book is based on Williamson's discovery of A Course in Miracles , a self-help guide whose provenance she doesn't explain. Age 26 at the time and feeling lost and desperate after indulging in the excesses of the 1960s, the Jewish author had no real hope for inspiration from the course because of its Christian terminology. But, she writes in this guide to the guide, the program works "miracles" for herself and for others who adopt its principles. Her extrapolations may appeal to readers in need of spiritual sustenance, but one questions Williamson's advice to the gravely ill. When she encourages them, for example, to "write a letter to AIDS or cancer or whatever illness they might have, and tell it everything they feel"--even to fabricate "replies" from the disease--readers are likely to consider that a serious situation is trivialized. Williamson is founder and president of the Los Angeles and Manhattan Center for Living, a support service. BOMC alternate; author tour. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of

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This book is based on the author's experiences as a teacher and lecturer on the self-study guide *A Course in Miracles* (Foundation for Inner Peace, 1975), the students of which attribute its authorship to Jesus Christ. Using humorous personal narrative, Williamson explains how applying love to all difficulties, as advised by "The Course," can aid in healing. Some may find the theories and practices presented here somewhat off-putting (e.g., Williamson counsels people with AIDS to write letters to the disease, rather than use fear and hatred to fight it). However, New Age followers or fans of Gerald Jampolsky (*One Person Can Make a Difference* , LJ 11/1/90) or Louise Hay (*You Can Heal Your Life* , Hay House, 1984) will enjoy this title. Purchase by demand. Previewed in *Prepub Alert*, LJ 10/1/91.- Linda S. Greene, Chicago P.L.Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I feared religion, feared succumbing to the opiate of the masses. The word "God" troubled me, even while I sought a deeper spirituality. Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit... I blindly closed my mind to anything in Christian terms. But I was fortunate enough to pick up this book at a time in my life when I was beginning to shed many of my judgements, and consider faith not by how others may abuse it or be shackled by it, but how it might empower me to find a deeper happiness. It all started with me re-stumbling upon a quote I read five years ago on how we feared not our inadequacy, but our strength. And it ended up with me finishing this book minutes ago and my mind screeching to a halt, "What? It's over? I need more!" Only the whole point of the book was telling me I don't need to read more, I just need to act on what resonated with me from the words so recently imbibed. I rather doubt I'll ever consider myself Christian. But when you translate the concept of God from a bearded Old Testament crotchety and vengeful powerhouse to the raw and unadulterated purity of love... I don't need to read the Bible to find answers. When the idea of Jesus isn't so much the one and only Son of God, but a state of grace each and everyone of us can become through the shedding of fear... I can relate. When the word Christ is used to speak to the fact that all of us are connected, rather than a fixation on crucifixion... I can open my mind a crack more. And the concept of the Holy Spirit as the guiding force that allows us to replace fear and its derivatives with love for ourselves and one another... alright, finally Christianity makes at least a lick of sense. Does everything in these pages resonate to me? I'm not sure, but it doesn't need to. The whole point as there is no single right answer, beyond the fact that love is always the right answer. But going to church on Sunday, believing in Jesus, living a life of abstaining from all physical joys or looking upon others or

ourselves with judgement and shame... not a prerequisite to finding wisdom in these pages. I would finish a chapter, and the whole world would seem to make more sense. Colors looked better, and I would sink into a feeling of peace is never felt before. The book calls my shift in perception a miracle. I don't think I'm capable of disagreeing on that point. As the author says, this is only the beginning, not the destination. I don't know if I'll read or undertake A Course in Miracles, but I do know that this companion, this interpretation, has changed my world for the better.

Her writings have for me been an inspiration. A little heavy on the spiritual side but nothing that I can't find a place for in my life. This is my fourth book by Marianne and looking forward to the next. Thank you.

This is a great illumination and illustration of what M Williamson can contribute. I have not been a fan, particularly, of her Save the World Spiritually movement. Here she seems to me to return to more productive roots, with a foot in ACIM and the other planted firmly ... where it's always been planted. (It feels like 12 Step stuff to me, but it never really gets quite there, just allusions and hints, which is fine.) I think this is the best since Illuminata, and found it very worth-while.

Not all the way through yet but it's a little too sweet for me the intro seemed more interesting and the book is just getting repetitive. I always love positive reads but this hasn't helped me on as some others. I'll keep reading maybe I will have to change my review once I get to the end of it

This book is a gift of love. Is a return to the most intimate self we lost, to the innocence of our childhood, to the magical world of unconditional love. I recommend it to my patients, specially those who ask big questions, to those who cannot anymore accept the intricacies of this world. Get ready to travel to the most beautiful expanses of your soul, and mine...

I had been in a dead end relationship for a good number of years. I wanted to keep it going but the other side of me wanted to just end the relationship. I hoped and prayed that one day the relationship would cease to exist. It was then that I came across the is wonderful book, A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of a Course in Miracles. I quickly took to it and thought that all these years I had the power all along to end the unhappiness that I had been experiencing. I was so relieved yet happy to know that the universe was not in charge of me changing but instead it was all in my hands to make the needed changes. Soon after reading this book, I came along to the other

book called "A Course in Miracles: Attracting Abundant Wealth, Incredible Health, Great Relationships, and Limitless Success Into Your Life." This book was a lot more in detail about the various things that we are able to change and turn around in our lives. The biggest of these is that we actually have the power to reverse illness. This concept totally blew my mind and made me wonder what else I had been missing out on in life. The power is within all of us and after reading this book, I was quickly able to see ways that we are able to affect the course of our life on a regular basis. While these books alone can give you a lot of insight, these two together help to unlock the whole mystery that is set in front of a person. Regardless of what the real secret is that unlocks all of the mysteries of life, you need to just know that the answer is a lot closer than you might expect it to be.

This book was ok. It would make assumptions on various topics and present the assumptions as facts. It referred to A Course in Miracles every other line, which was annoying to read. Another drawback of purchasing the book on this site was that I started to receive unsolicited emails on courses and other information presented by Marianne Williamson. However, I think any book that promotes love is not a waste of time. A teacher that had read it felt like it was life changing, but it was not for me.

Easy to read and easy to understand. Course of miracles is complicated but Marianne has a way of helping you get it. I am glad I purchased this book.

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