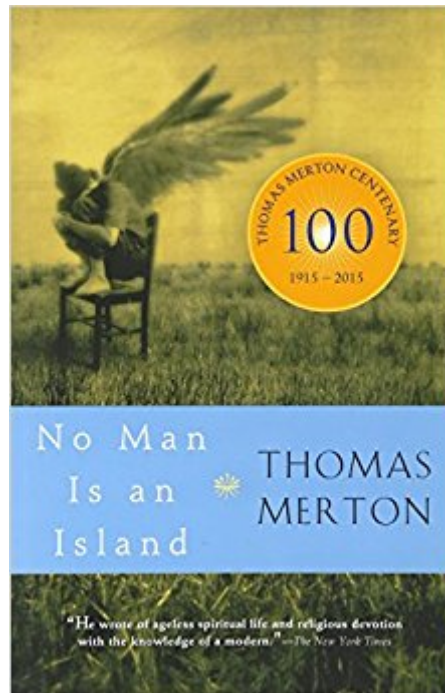




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# No Man Is An Island



## Synopsis

A recapitulation of his earlier work *Seeds of Contemplation*, this collection of sixteen essays plumbs aspects of human spirituality. Merton addresses those in search of enduring values, fulfillment, and salvation in prose that is, as always, inspiring and compassionate. "A stimulating series of spiritual reflections which will prove helpful for all struggling to...live the richest, fullest and noblest life" (Chicago Tribune).

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"Merton wrote of ageless spiritual life and religious devotion with the knowledge of a modern." (The New York Times) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968) was born in France and came to live in the United States at the age of 24. He received several awards recognizing his contribution to religious study and contemplation, including the Pax Medal in 1963, and remained a devoted spiritualist and a tireless advocate for social justice until his death in 1968. *The Sign of Jonas* was originally published in 1953.

If there were ever a life guide that nearly everyone, regardless of belief or creed could relate to-it would be this one. In practical, searingly honest terms Merton gives us scriptural quotes and down

to earth interpretation to guide our waking days and to make our hours more productive. These are not simple language all the time-sometimes I had to re-read just to get the full impact. But that's the beauty of this book-you will find yourself reaching for it again and again. I have this on my Kindle but now I want the physical copy so I can mark it up and return to the passages that most inspire me. A "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" spiritual manual for the ages!

Great Spiritual Book indeed! The author takes you from the basics of catholic spirituality (and even there he takes you into its profound spiritual meaning) to the depths of Catholic faith delving into a wide spectrum of stepping stone in depth journey that tackles different subjects with indepth of insight and modern spirituality such as the love of God and love of neighbour, the virtues such as faith and hope, discernment, right intention, prayer, sincerity and humility, God 's will, vocations, mercy, recollection and more. A valuable spiritual book and great spiritual author.

Merton's words ring with more truth and conviction today than they did 50 years ago. Though we long for the simple life of the past, you will recognize the the nature of men and women is timeless. "No Man is an Island" confronts our selfish nature and the gravity society has upon our lives. Merton will challenge you to look at your soul and to seek God for the strength to change,

This is NOT for the casual reader. Mr. Merton is an incredibly deep thinker, and his points of view on the topics here require a lot of meditation and re-reading. Very rich and inspiring.

Another book about nothing. The writer keeps writing the same thing over and over. I love discussions about religion, but this book is again one man's opinion about God looking inside out. Will not buy another book from this author.

"No Man Is An Island" can only be described as profound. There are many superb writings of spirituality, God and Christ. Thomas Merton's book is one that should not be passed up, it is absolutely profound for the interior solitude, the silence within, our silence where we find God's silence, who knows us and where we know Him. A book by a man of God for men of God, Merton goes far beyond religious organizational teachings and human thinking, to that of the spiritual life with God. I can only say, I have new found respect for the Catholic church, for Merton does not write in defense of her, but for God, men and charity, that go far beyond this life, existing now within us, and bring us to the real life we seek.

Thomas Merton is a must read for anyone interested in contemplation. He has honest and incredible insight.

Thomas Merton has had a profound impact on my life. While not Catholic [Episcopal, and fairly orthodox at that] he is very inspiring in the way in which to be totally surrendered to a good heavenly Father. "The more time we spend looking for perfection here on earth, the more time we waste finding it only where it can be found, in God". This quote has helped me to love people all the more, and love God above all else. I can't thank God enough for saints like Thomas Merton who help lay people and novices like myself be caught up in a huge and wonderful Father.

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