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Publications by and about Thomas Merton

We continue with this SEASONAL to list recent publications by and about Merton which have been acquisitioned by the Thomas Merton Studies Center. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich has issued two more Merton works in their Harvest paperback series, THE WATERS OF SILOE and THE SIGN OF JONAS, thus making these early productions available in less expensive format. Valentin Prussakov, who did the first translation of Merton into Russian, has now done a melange of extracts from various works with, of course, his own commentary and interpretation of Merton's role in the modern world.

One of the recent publications about Merton is Daniel J. Adams's book-length study, a revision of his doctoral dissertation submitted to the Aquinas Institute of Theology and Philosophy in Dubuque, Iowa. Titled THOMAS MERTON'S SHARED CONTEMPLATION: A PROTESTANT PERSPECTIVE, it was published by Cistercian Publications who comment on the dust jacket: "Approaching Merton from a background traditionally wary of monasticism and mysticism, the formative elements of Merton's mature life, Adams explores the development of Merton's thought in the light of his personal odyssey from sophisticated worlding to Cistercian monk to social critic and hermit, showing throughout the complementarity of solitude and sharing, of action and contemplation."

Brother Patrick Hart, O.C.S.O. comments in his foreword to the Adams book: "In this volume Daniel Adams rightly underscores the primacy of being to doing, of contemplation to action, in the spirituality of Thomas Merton and he clearly shows how Merton was able to share this vision with others. In an age of ecumenism, one can only be grateful to God for such a sympathetic and enlightened understanding of Merton and his work by a Protestant clergyman, theologian and missionary. Our hope is that it will reach the wide audience it deserves."

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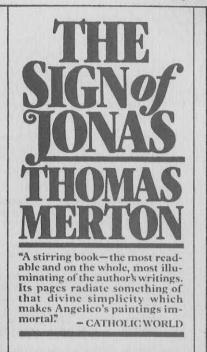
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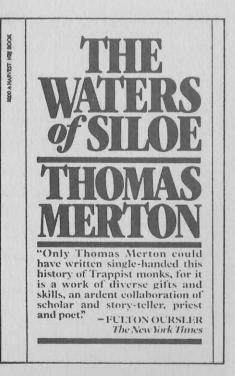
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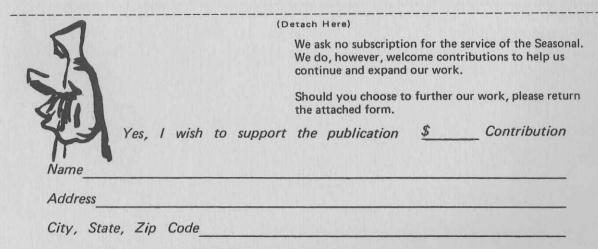
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