

Thomas Merton on Contemplation

**Thomas Merton, O.C.S.O.
Introduction by Fr. Anthony Ciorra, M.Div., Ph.D.**

Introductory Lecture + 5 Talks on 4 CDs

These five carefully selected and digitally remastered recordings of Thomas Merton himself will engage your mind and touch your heart.

Throughout this series, Merton offers profound reflections on prayer and meditation, the monastic life as a journey, and religious silence. It is clear that Merton presents material that he has integrated into his own life. His use of poetic images, scripture, theology and the fathers and mothers of the Church makes these conferences a treasure that you will want to listen to again and again. You may have read Merton's writings, but hearing his voice and manner of expression brings out another side of Merton that you haven't experienced before.

Thomas Merton was one of the 20th Century's great mystics. A monk and best-selling author, Merton struggled with deep questions about God's existence, moral values, and the role of organized religion. His thinking moved from cloistered monastic life to issues of social justice and interreligious understanding. Those who knew him also experienced his gifts as homilist and teacher. These special recordings are part of his spoken word legacy.

Topic Titles

- Introduction by Fr. Anthony Ciorra, Ph.D.
- Prayer and Meditation on the Meaning of Life
- Monastic Spirituality: Life is a Journey
- Cassian on Prayer
- God-Centered Prayer
- Religious Silence