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Thomas Merton (1915-1968) was a Trappist monk and a writer of spiritual books, perhaps the greatest is *THE SEVEN STORY MOUNTAIN*. His books reflect a deep love for all people and a desire to tell them they are loved by God through grace. Although he was a cloistered monk living in Kentucky, he brought the Gospel to millions.

Merton wrote as he watched people on a street corner in Louisville, “I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness, of spurious self-isolation in a special world, the world of renunciation and supposed holiness.”