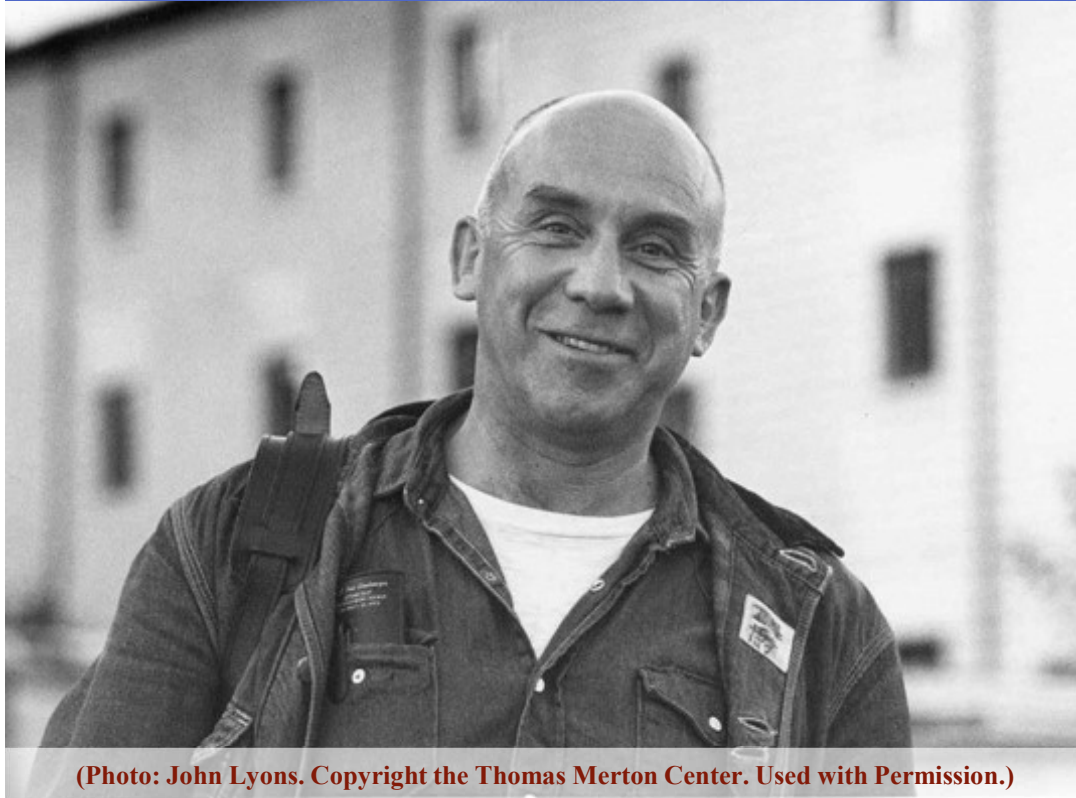


“If We Have The Spirit of God In Our Hearts, We Will Live By His Law Of Love, Inclined Always To Peace Rather Than Dissension.”



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For many people, the start of a new year is a time for deep personal reflection, maybe even a re-commitment to a spiritual tradition...and a promise to embrace what really matters in life.

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A century after his untimely death, Trappist monk Thomas Merton (1915-1968) remains one of the world's most widely read, talked about, and beloved authors, poets, contemplatives, and spiritual teachers in the world.

In our January 8th meeting, we will discuss chapters 4-7 of Thomas Merton's book *No Man Is An Island*, which is available at Baker Book House.

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