



Thomas  
Merton

The annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion will be held in New York City at the Statler Hilton Hotel, November 15 - 18, 1979. The proceedings this year will include a three-session "Thomas Merton Consultation." Following is the schedule for the consultation.

THOMAS MERTON CONSULTATION

Session I: Friday, November 16 (5:15- 8:00 P.M.)

Mary L. Schneider, Michigan State University, Convener

Robert E. Daggy, Thomas Merton Studies Center, Bellarmine College

"Marginalia of Thomas Merton: the reading and notetaking of a marginal man"

Keith J. Egan, Marquette University

"Thomas Merton: creativity and contemplation"

Peter F. Kountz, University of Chicago

"Thomas Merton's social theory: the monk as a marginal man"

Victor Kramer, Georgia State University

"Merton on language and responsibility within a mass society"

George Kilcourse, Bellarmine College

"Myth revisited: the later poetry and spirituality of Thomas Merton"

Elena Malits, C.S.C., St. Mary's College

"What does Thomas Merton auger for contemporary theology?"

Gail Ramshaw Schmidt, Bronx, New York

"The form in Cables to the ace"

Session II: Saturday, November 17 (2- 4 P.M.)

Elena Malits, C.S.C., St. Mary's College, Presiding

Theresa Lentfoehr, S.D.S., Racine, Wisconsin

"Thomas Merton: poet in his time"

Dennis McNerny, Bradley University  
"Thomas Merton as writer: a conflict of interests"

Mary L. Schneider, Michigan State University  
"The ecclesiology of Thomas Merton"

John F. Teahan, Wheaton College  
"Reason, magisterium, and mysticism in Merton's thought"

George E. Tracy, Rockhurst College  
"Contemplation in a secular society"

Session III: Sunday, November 18 (9- 11 A.M.)

Mary L. Schneider, Michigan State University, Presiding

Daniel O. Brown, California State University- Fullerton  
"Teaching Thomas Merton: problems and perspectives"

Discussants: Lawrence Cunningham, Florida State University  
Keith J. Egan, Marquette University  
Elena Malits, C.S.C., St. Mary's College

Gerald T. Carney, Boston College  
"The 'contemplative person' as the bridge between spiritual traditions"

Robert E. Daggy, Thomas Merton Studies Center, Bellarmine College  
"Sources and resources: news of Merton scholarship"

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