

A Comment On Thomas Merton

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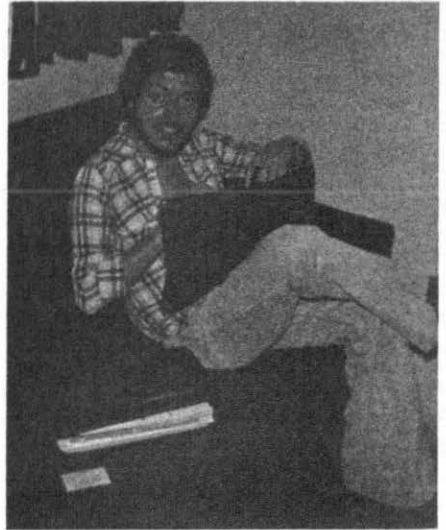
Eduardo de Andrade, an avid Merton reader, is a Brazilian student who lives in Belo Horizonte. He provided us with a comment on Merton and several of the photographs in this issue. He also wrote and illustrated the poem on this page.

I think Merton was not only a Christian monk writer and artist, but also a social anthropologist and philosopher. His works show clearly and profoundly his consciousness of human behavior.

Merton seems to be a person who discovered the genuine sense of the Christian life. In his writings, he seeks to show that every man can aspire, through the sublimation of the moral virtues, to the supernatural field of the theological virtues.

It is always good to read Merton's books and, through his social thought and his spirituality, to understand something of his philosophy of human nature.

The Brazilians like Merton and he is much read and admired in this country. The Brazilian people feel in his books an abundant appreciation of life.



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God may be found during a journey through the world, but also in the seasons, even in the autumn when the leaves detach themselves from the trees and, dead already, fall on the ground. He's present in these leaves and in this ground which some day will receive all of us.

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