

# A MAN — MERTON

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Should we not just stop and enjoy  
a deep breath  
the first one today,  
inhaling the aroma of coffee or roses  
while straining to recognize the odor of sanctity.

As we travel along  
the straight 'n narrow,  
let us heed the signs  
of conversion and naturalization.

This soul  
Though centered not —  
to speak out,  
write of,  
or perhaps, think;  
lived with this converted  
and naturalized conscience.

So as we continue to discover  
this work of joy,  
let us not permit this life to pass by  
forgotten.