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Introduction

When Marquita Breit and Robert Daggy published their landmark Comprehensive Bibliography of Thomas Merton in 1986, it might have been argued that the field of Merton studies was beginning to slow down. Most of the works which had been planned by Merton himself had been published, and his friends had gathered together the majority of the unpublished essays and seen them into print in book form. A five-volume series of Merton’s letters had begun publication in 1985, and the long-awaited official biography by Michael Mott had appeared in 1984, garnering great attention. Possible publication of Merton’s private journals could only begin 25 years after his death, and in 1986 that date was still years away.

Now another 16 years has passed since the Comprehensive Bibliography, and Merton scholars, readers and fans can be assured that Merton studies did not fade into history. In fact, the Merton Seasonal waxed prosperous, still publishing an extensive bibliography by and about Merton in every issue (providing a major source for this bibliography). A group of Merton scholars got together and founded the Merton Annual to accommodate longer pieces about Merton, and this publication recently saw its 14th edition. With the encouragement of the International Thomas Merton Society, societies have been formed in Great Britain and several other countries, and these gave rise to their own publication efforts (notably the British Association’s Merton Journal and series of Conference Papers.) Merton’s major books continue to be in print, some of them having acquired contemporary introductions for a new generation of readers. Publication of Merton’s journals in the 1990’s has provoked another wave of book reviews and scholarship. Most tellingly for scholars, the writing of these and dissertations on Merton continues unabated. And each year, more books about Merton are published.

In this situation, the need for an updated Merton bibliography is extreme. One of the difficulties is that Breit and Daggy (1986) is long out of print and unobtainable even on the secondary market. It did not seem wise simply to supplement it, and there were difficulties which came perhaps because its editors could not have anticipated what Robert Daggy called “the continuing tsunami” of Merton publication.

The current work is made possible by the funding and support of the Merton Foundation, under the umbrella of a modest effort called “The Bibliography Project,” whose main aim is to clear the backlog and make comprehensive, reasonably up-to-date bibliographies available, on a modular basis. Work is also under way to build data bases to accumulate new items as they arise.

The editors hope to enlist the help of scholars or readers who know of any item that has been missed; hence the subtitle “A Workbook.” Our research this past summer in extensive electronic collections showed us only that there is no collection anywhere which lists everything. So we end this introduction with an appeal: please help us make this the most complete listing possible by informing the editors of anything left out (contact names and addresses are listed on the back of the title page.) We also welcome comments, especially in the difficult task of classifying and presenting all these works.

Classification and Indexing: A Map of the Field

With thousands of items spanning more than 50 years on hand, the editors had to introduce some principles of organization, and did so by subdividing the bibliography into sections which did not exist in Breit and Daggy. Classification also allows the bibliography to serve as a map or portrait of the field to date. The end-users we had in mind are various, running the gamut from scholars who have devoted much time and work to the field and now need to assess it, to the hoped-for “next generation” of new Merton students trying to get the lie of the land, to general readers with questions on individual subjects.

In addition to the classifications listed in the Table of Contents, there is a “back door” in the form of an extensive Index of names and titles. Titles add a difficulty: a traffic jam around the words “Merton” and “Thomas.” It is suggested that readers might benefit by browsing these sections in order to see the enormous variety and scope the titles imply. Of particular interest is the item “Merton and” which connects him to other people, writers old and new, historical figures, friends dead or alive.

Some basic indexing has also been done by subject and theme (subject entries appear in capital letters). Some topics appear to have been very thoroughly covered (see for example “SELF,” which covers the “true self-false self” theme in Merton). The Bibliography and Index may help identify new areas to be tackled. Merton’s works are listed by title throughout the Index, and there are some categories like “POETRY-Merton’s” which treat his work generically.
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General Conditions
There had to be some limitations in order that publication could be achieved in a timely manner. Briefly, the general ones are these:

◊ This bibliography covers English only. Nearly 600 additional items have been collected in a database, in many languages other than English. It seemed inadequate to simply sprinkle these among the nearly 8,000 items printed here. It is our hope in future to enlist speakers of the different languages, preferably people who live in the countries of publication and can undertake research there, so that language resources can be built up for students in those countries.

◊ This is not a “numbered” bibliography but rather a sourced one. Each entry has a code in square brackets at the end, indicating its origin.

◊ Individual authors’ works are listed under their names by date rather than by title in the various sections. It is now possible to see the fruits of some long careers in Merton studies, and with a half-century time span to consider, date order seems the most practical.

◊ The list covers print only; electronic titles are not listed here (that is, essays published on the Internet). These are still few enough that links to them may easily be found on the Merton Center web site. A sample of Media items is given (audio and video cassettes). In this phase, however, the main objective was to list print resources as fully as possible.

General Results
Two main sources supplied the material: substantial parts of sections 4 and 6 of Breit and Daggy, and the Merton Seasonal running bibliography from 1986 to the end of 2000. Included here also is Paul Pearson’s list of Theses and Dissertations, in a new historical arrangement. A thorough search was done using the electronic resources at Bellarmine University and the extensive collection of “e-indexes” in the University of Toronto Library system (see list of Sources and Abbreviations on page vi.) Older print indexes were also consulted in several libraries.

The data and charts on the facing page indicate approximate numbers taken from a data base used to build the bibliography, and do not reflect exact numbers in the printed bibliography. The charts give an idea of the relative sizes of the basic components.

The most difficult problem was book reviews, which outnumber everything else (for good reason, in the presence of so many books by and about Merton). They are listed here in two different ways, by book and by author (in a section of their own called “Reviewers”). Thus a true count of the total number of items in the printed bibliography may be nearer to 8,000.

Another difficulty was the degree to which items are “about Merton.” There is a wide spectrum of publication in the Merton Seasonal and Merton Annual, where works are listed and reviewed if they contain subjects appealing to Merton’s readers, like spirituality and monastic life. Virtually any work about 20th century monasticism has to mention (and usually quote) Merton. The choice of what to put in a bibliography strictly “about Merton” is sometimes difficult to make, and we hope that readers will help us “build the workbook” in this regard.

The order in which items are presented in the Bibliography starts with books, parts of books and categories related to books. The second part, starting with Articles and Essays, deals with “non-book” items.
Sources

Seasonal 2,544
Breit and Daggy 2,227
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Types

Reviews 2,404
Essays 1,700
News* 671
Books & Book Parts 327
Poetry & Arts 299
Theses 213
Total 5,614

*News includes Interviews and Media items

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- 1940's 141
- 1950's 348
- 1960's 450
- 1970's 878
- 1980's 1,790
- 1990's 1,861
- Total 5,468
- Year 2000 144

Steadily rising to the end of the 60's, the amount of new material roughly doubled in the 70's and again in the 80's, before levelling off in the 90's (although still on the rise).

V
The Classifications

Books and Periodicals about Thomas Merton

- Books devoted entirely or substantially to Merton are listed, divided into a few useful categories.
- Book Reviews are printed beneath the title of the book rather than in a separate section (to give a historical context for the books).
- Anthologies and conference papers listed under Books are those devoted entirely to Merton; the individual essays are listed in the Articles and Essays section, with some noted exceptions in the Interviews and Poetry sections.
- Periodicals entirely devoted to Merton studies have an appended list of special numbers of other periodicals commemorating Merton.

Parts of Books

- These are listed separately to give a measure of how far Merton and his influence penetrated into the wider culture.
- Classified as:
  - "Famous Connections": mention of Merton in biographies, letters and books about his well-known contemporaries.
  - "Interpretations": parts of books which interpret Merton’s life, ideas and thought, his place in his own time and culture and later, etc.
  - "Reference Works": Merton entries in encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc.

Editorial Contributions to Works by and about Merton

- Indicates a measure of the astonishing generosity and collegiality of those who have “worked on Merton,” to edit and bring his works to publication long after his death, and to provide introductions and other material to each other’s works about Merton.

Reviews and Reviewers

- Had they been left classified with general Articles and Essays, Book Reviews would have swamped that category, so they are here given categories of their own.
- Reviews listed by book are important in providing a historical context for publications, and by reviewer name in highlighting the contributions of reviewers. Despite the redundancy, they are both provided.
- The objective was to provide as complete a list as possible, so all reviews were listed with their respective books. Because of space considerations, the Reviewers list has been pruned somewhat, in respect of the least detailed items occurring before 1980.

Articles and Essays

- This is something of a “default” category: items were removed to other sections in order to leave a category devoted entirely to essays, which would be of particular use to scholars and students.
- Bibliographic Essays were given a separate category because of their rarity and usefulness, especially to those new to the field.

Theses and Dissertations

- Paul Pearson’s list, re-arranged in date order to allow for historical assessment. English only. Complete listing alphabetically by author may be found via a link on the Merton Center website.

Cistercian Bulletins

- These form a genre all their own. In Collectanea Cisterciensia and later Cistercian Studies, monks and other writers reported briefly to each other on books, and commented on each other’s essays in a general forum for ideas. The Bulletin section is no longer printed in Cistercian Studies, and toward the mid-1990’s it had become more of a straightforward book reviews area. Later items are listed here as regular book reviews.
- Bulletins are reported here by author and then by publication and date, allowing two approaches. The titles may be browsed, particularly for interesting clumps of comments by a single author. The titles also appear in the Index, so that a reader may find a bulletin when looking up an essay or book.
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**Newspaper Articles, Letters to the Editor**
- Arranged in date order, this section provides an opportunity to read headlines which form a history of Merton’s work and the influence he has had over the years. Obituaries and exchanges of letters to the editor are brought together by the date arrangement.
- Trends in attention to Merton are revealed, especially at the ends of decades after his death. What is apparent is that in recent years the attention seems to be growing rather than lessening.

**Interviews**
- These are gathered together to highlight the excellent work of interviewers who have tracked down Merton’s friends and associates, and gleaned information which might otherwise have been lost.

**Poetry, The Arts**
- The Poetry section reveals an astonishing aspect of the field: Merton’s ability to develop an intimate relationship with his readers, who respond with poetry.
- The Arts category is not exhaustive, but gathers together some printed evidence of Merton’s influence. The Merton Center collection attests to the number of people who have done portraits of Merton, written plays featuring him, composed music inspired by him. Many of these categories require bibliographies and descriptions of their own, and this is a bare beginning.

**Selected Media**
- Emphasis on ‘selected’. There are dozens if not hundreds of audiocassettes made during conferences about Merton.
- Items selected are generally those still available. This is another area which deserves its own treatment.

**POSTSCRIPT: A FEW FAMOUS FIRSTS**

First Book Review: John Frederick Nims, “Two Catholic Poets.” Review of *Thirty Poems* by Thomas Merton and *Land of Unlikeness* by Robert Lowell. *Poetry* 65 (October 1944). This is the earliest date in the Bibliography, the only one in 1944.

First Poems: Francis Sweeney, “Letter to Lancelot (for Thomas Merton).” *Commonweal* 46 (9 May 1947); Maxine Brinkley, “After Reading Poems by Thomas Merton—Sonnet.” *College English* 10.7 (April 1949). The second poem indicates how quickly Merton’s work appeared in schools. Perusal of the reviews of Merton’s first three books of poetry indicates that he had already built a solid reputation as a poet before *The Seven Storey Mountain* appeared.

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**BU** = Bellarmine University, W. L. Lyons Brown Library Catalogue  
**UofT** = University of Toronto Libraries, Public Catalogues and “e-indexes” examined on-site

**NOTE:** On-line indexes are sometimes reorganized, with changes of name and characteristics: these were the names when the search was done in the summer of 2001.
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