

Dec. 10, Thomas Merton

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My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Today is the anniversary of the death by accidental electrocution of [Thomas Merton](#) [1] (1915-1968).

For anyone unfamiliar with his life and writings, [here](#) [2] are his books.

[In the Dark Before Dawn: New Selected Poems of Thomas Merton](#), [3] includes "[For My Brother: Reported Missing in Action, 1943](#)", [4] and many of his other early poems.

Merton's most famous book was his autobiography, [The Seven Storey Mountain](#), [5] published in 1948. [Here](#) [6] is a first edition for sale, "SIGNED BY THOMAS MERTON on the title page (further enhanced by a cross after his name)" for \$9500.

To hear the voice of Thomas Merton, novice master at Gethsemani Abbey, lecturing the novices on Bernard of Clairvaux, click [here](#). [7]

For information about the addition of Thomas Merton to the Anglican calendar of saints and about Merton's relatives' connections with Christ's College in Christchurch, New Zealand, click [here](#). [8]

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