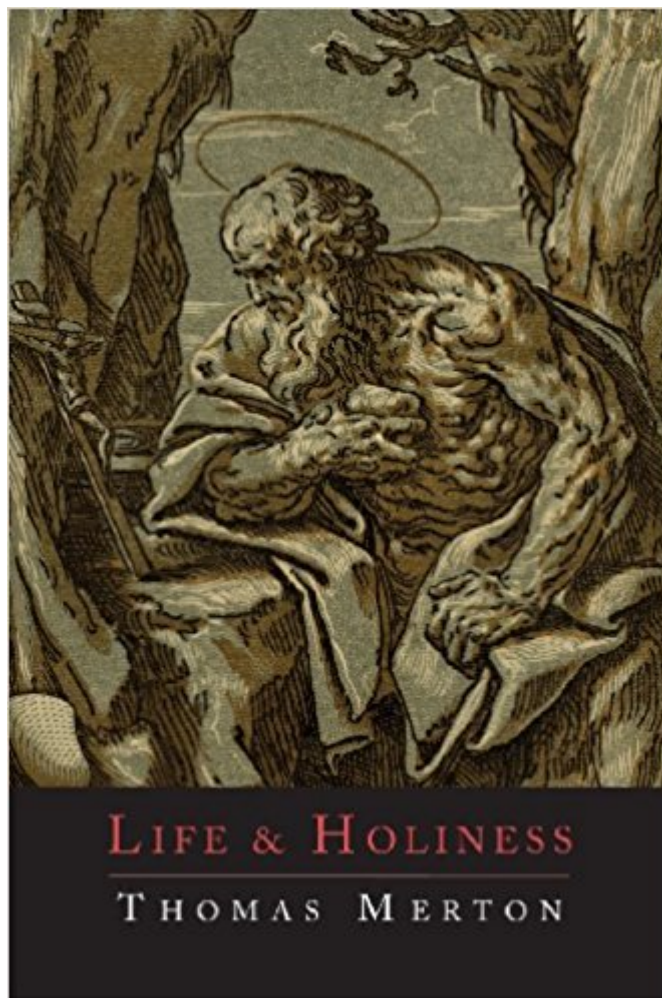


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# Life And Holiness



## Synopsis

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The Chapters are short: 2-4 pages usually, and profoundly rich in content. In My Opinion--ideal for Devotional Reading.I was immediately struck by the way Merton does not elevate Holiness above our humanity. He describes ways in which our fallen human nature can experience transformation just through God's presence. We may not have to try as much as we think we do.Merton describes a Holiness of OUR Humanity, which I suspect is actually closer to the Holiness of Christ, in which Holiness and Humanity are not placed in opposition to one another, but rather in harmony. We don't have to feel ashamed of our humanity to be(come) Holy.I buy and offer copies of this book in my

work as a Pastor. Best book I've read in 15 years!! (Including Seminary)

Thomas Merton is a necessary author for one's library as a pastor. The content is read, but not totally digested for years to come. He is an author which uplifts and strengthens one's faith in our Lord and Savior.

I initially had some reservations about the author but having read the book, I recommend it as necessary spiritual material. The book does its job which is to point the reader to Christ as the source and centre of life and holiness. It won't make for popular reading especially not where I'm from, but for all who are serious in their pursuit of God, it is a great resource.

As always, Merton is concise, unsentimental, and challenging, but at the same time, passionate and full of Christian love. Unlike many of his books, which speak mainly to the religious contemplative, "Life and Holiness" is written for the lay person. How can we lead truly Christian lives in the hustle and bustle of daily life? What does it really mean to have faith, hope and charity in our hearts? In terms of vocation, how do we know what God wants us to do? Are we aspiring to holiness, or are we just trying to get by in our faith? What are the consequences of just trying to get by? In a world so full of seemingly insoluble social problems, what can we do to really change anything? How can we have deep authentic faith without turning our backs on the world? These are just some of the difficult questions Merton tries to answer with his usual insight and common sense. I think this book provides excellent help for anyone seeking to put his/her life in a better, more faith-filled perspective.

Wonderful book but used copy was from a library and, to make matters worse, it was a copy donated to the library and dedicated to a friend who had passed away!

Every paragraph of this book is a morsel upon which to chew and digest for spiritual growth. I've read and re-read it many times, alone and in group settings.

Excellent for a personal spiritual journey

A small book that thinks its way through the headline subject in very segments. Very easy to read and follow the reasoning.

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