

DUPC Sunday Forums

February 2025

February 2nd

The Spirituality of Thomas Merton

Dr. Monica Weis

Dr. Weis will present highlights from the life of Thomas Merton, an American Trappist monk who was also a social activist, theologian, mystic, and scholar of comparative religions. Dr. Weis, emerita professor of English at Nazareth University, has written several books on Merton.

February 9th

My Spiritual Journey: Fireflies and Illuminations

Gail Mott

Gail has spent many of her 90 years bringing attention and care to those in need, both in our community and across the world. In all of the many justice actions she has been a part of throughout the years, Gail has been there as a gentle, yet powerful presence. She shares that, "after 90 years you would think that the path on my faith journey would now be a straight one-but it continues to be a bumpy road illuminated by great souls who show me the way and help keep me moving forward."

February 16th

No Sunday Forum - Food and Kinship Worship

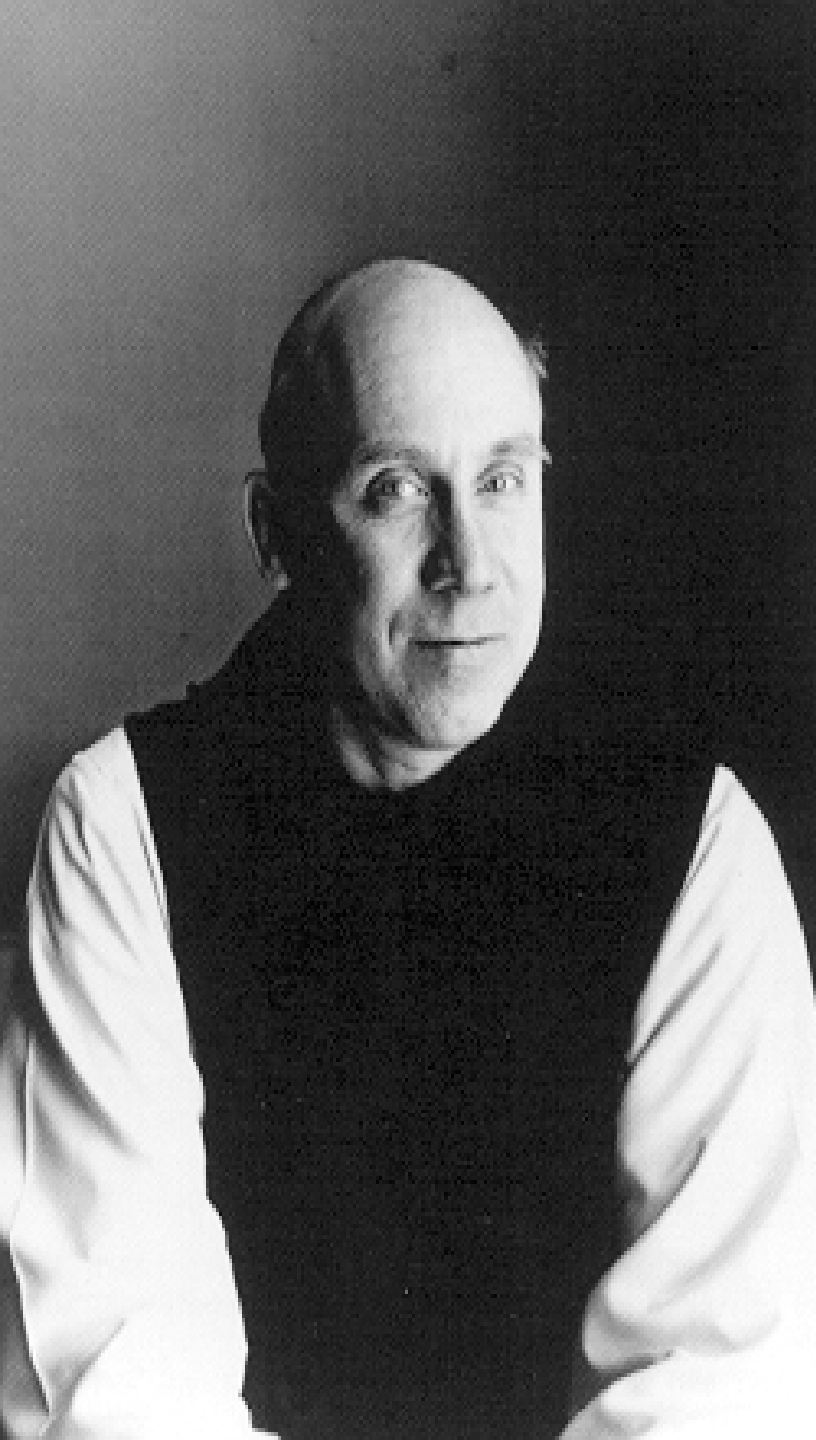
February 23rd

My Spiritual Journey

Reverend Phil Davis

Come hear Rev Davis share about his own faith experiences, from his early days growing up in the Bronx, to his change of careers, to what brought him to DUPC.

Sundays, 9:45 AM ~ The Shaw Room



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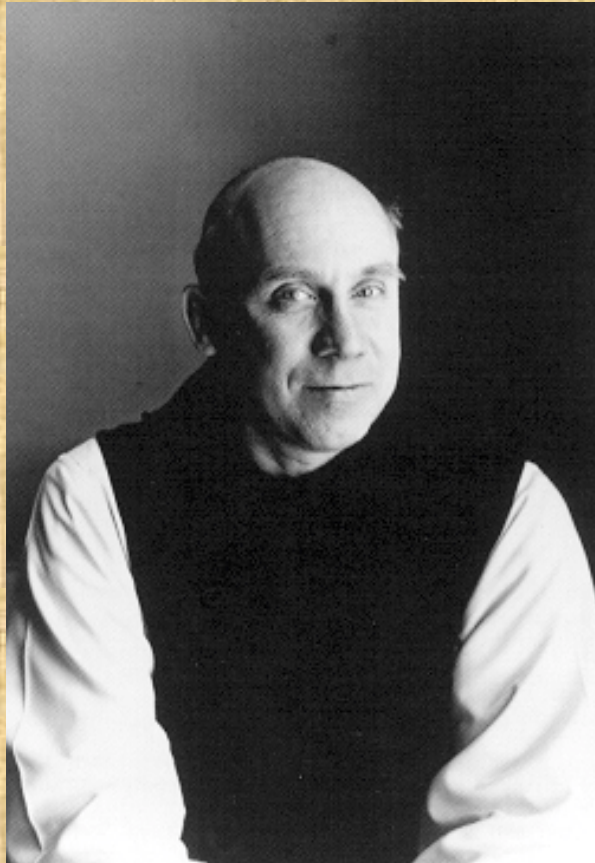
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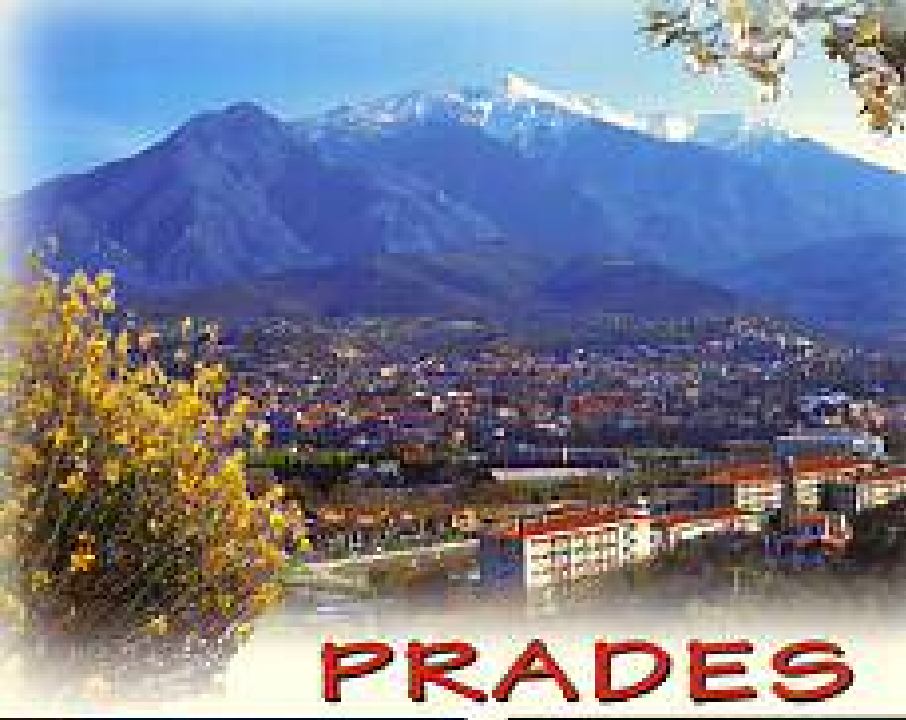
Thomas Merton -monk/writer

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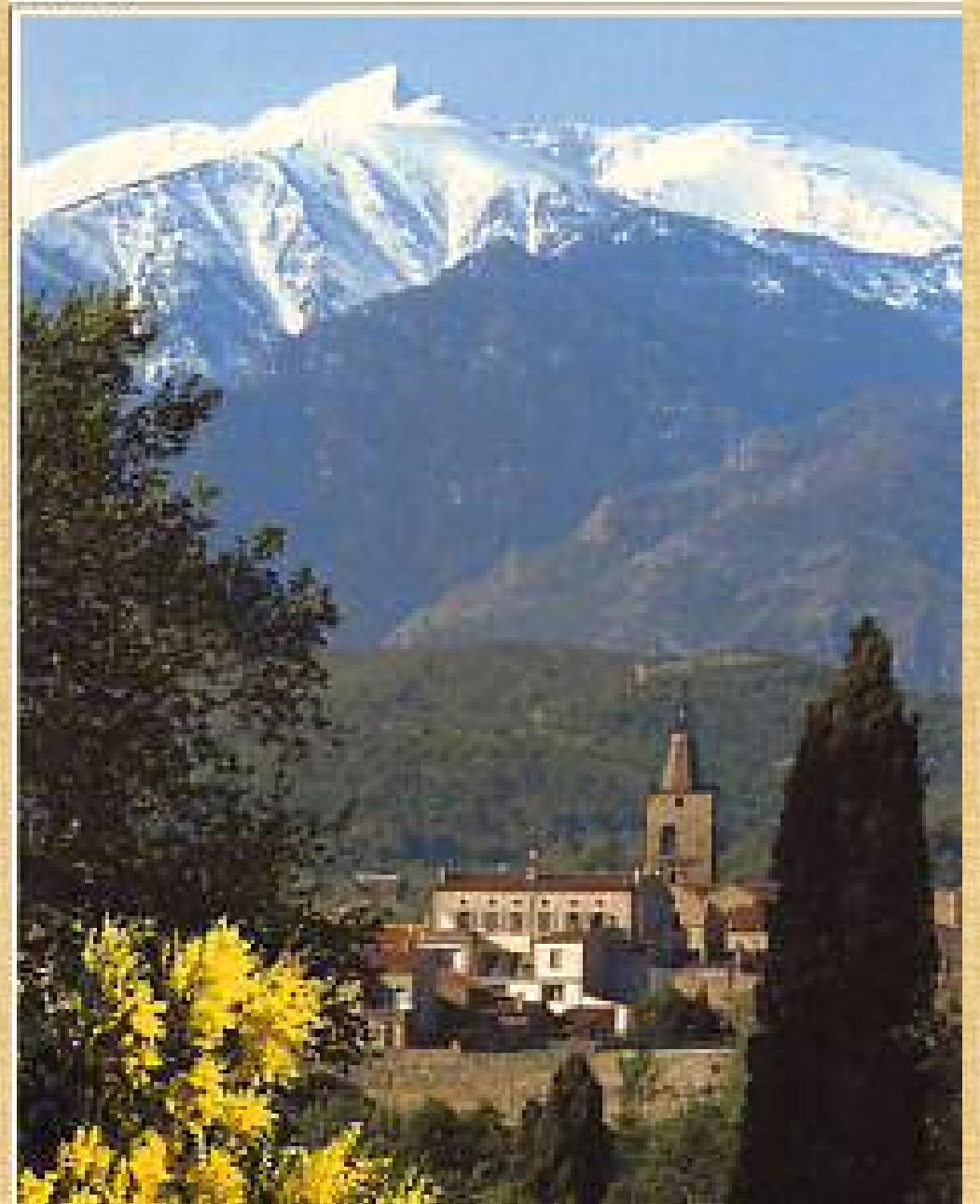


Some thoughtful starters:

- "Human imagination is shaped by the architecture it encounters at an early age."
-- Barry Lopez
- We need to learn how to become "vulnerable" to a place, to build "intimacy with it..."
-- Scott Russell Sanders



Prades







SAINT-ANTONIN-NOBLE-VAL

...this is the
meaning of
all
created
things.



...run
in the woods
and climb
the mountains



Oakham & Brooke Hill



...watching the
changes of light
across the
hills...

Olean, NY

**...breathed
its air and
listened to
its silence.**





...on top of this
wooded
mountain
with miles
of country and
cloudless sky...

St. Bonaventure campus



...drink poems
out of those
hills.



**Snow
comes
early.**

...pale ribbon of road
in front of us....



**...like silver in
the moonlight...**



...calling
me
home.





**...no scruples
about loving
it.**

**...know where
you are put...**



...and feel the spring...





A REVELATION

Merton had a sudden insight at this corner Mar. 18, 1958, that led him to redefine his monastic identity with greater involvement in social justice issues. He was "suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all these people...." He found them "walking around" shining like the sun.

Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander.

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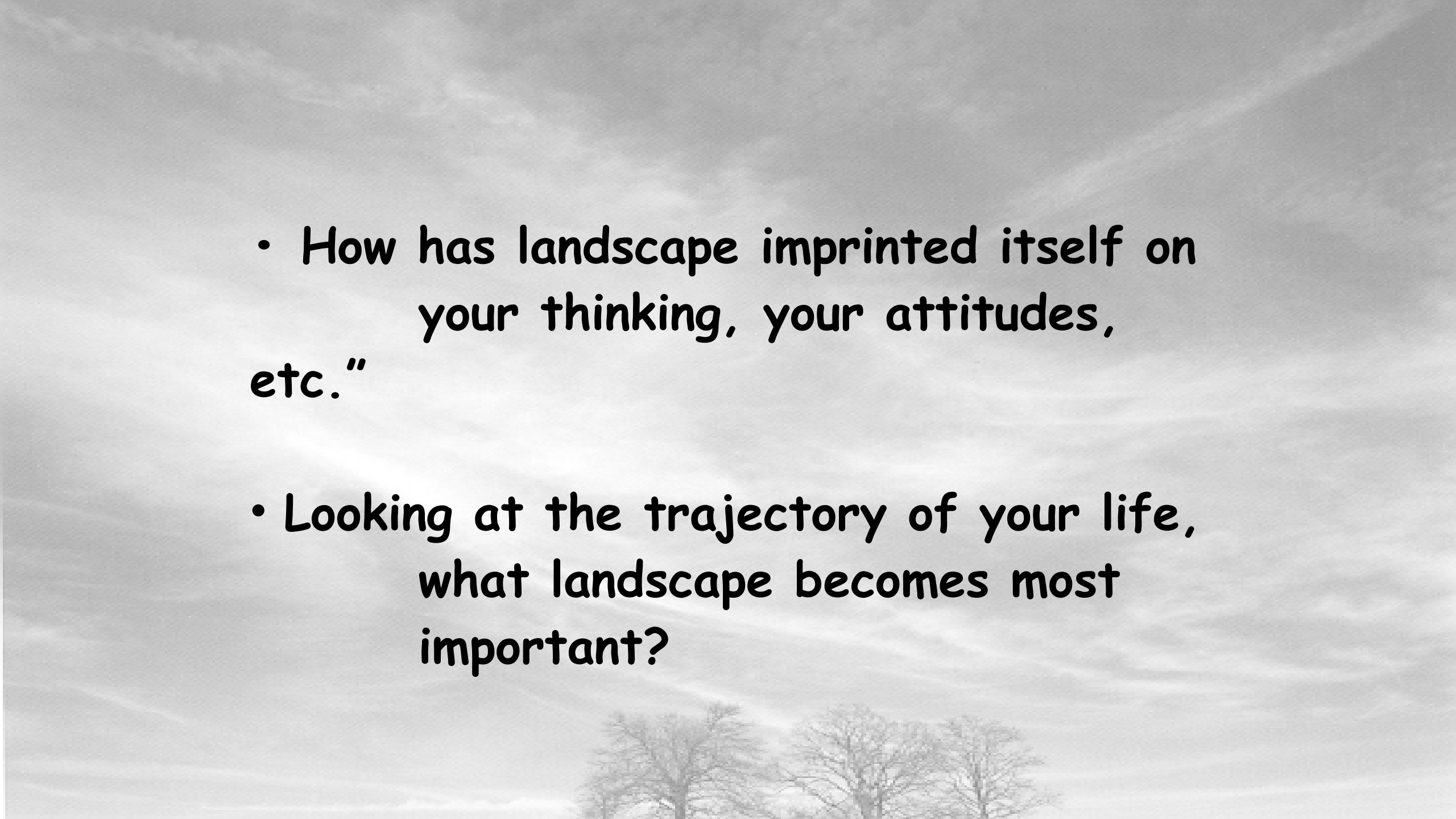
**Our Lady
of Carmel**

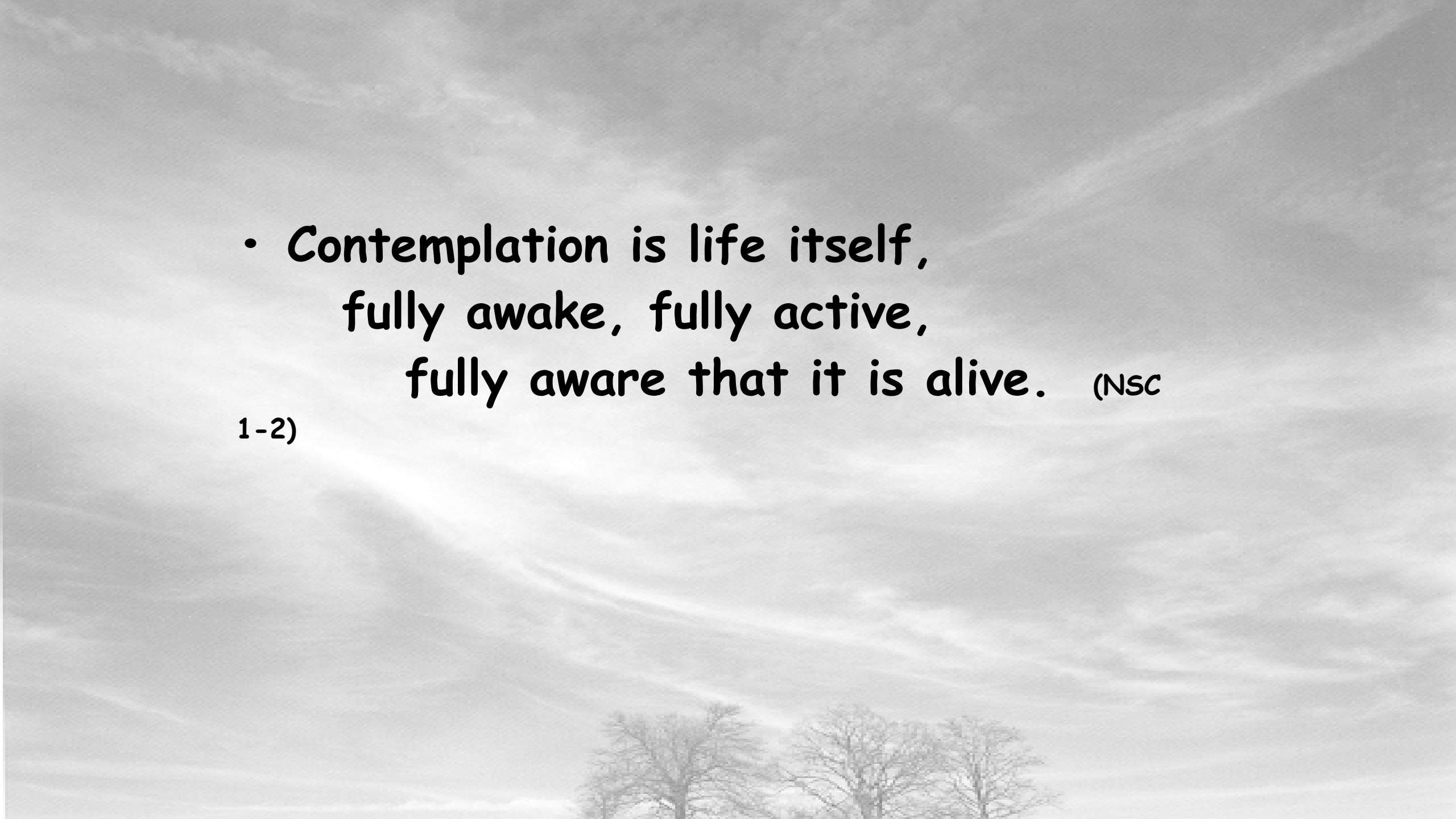




...the whole package
of
meaning
...the immense
mercy of
God
was upon
me.

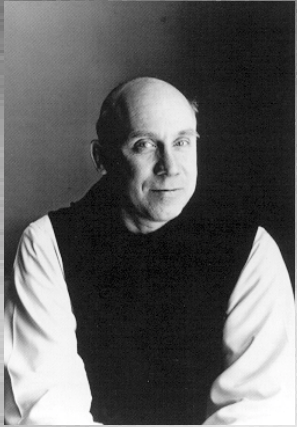


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- How has landscape imprinted itself on your thinking, your attitudes, etc."
 - Looking at the trajectory of your life, what landscape becomes most important?

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- Contemplation is life itself,
fully awake, fully active,
fully aware that it is alive. (NSC

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Finding the Sky Within You