Thomas Merton was known to be skeptical of certain technological advances that were too quickly and too uncritically embraced in the middle of the 20th century and rightly criticized those communications media that promise instant proximity while increasing societal divides. Though he died long before the public advent of the internet or social media, Merton’s spiritual wisdom and healthy incredulity about blindly embracing technology lend us insight for our digital age. This presentation focuses on how Merton’s writings might provide us with insight in navigating our complex contemporary world, seeking authentic intimacy with God, one another and all creation today.

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