

Fr John! Ok, a more thorough reply will follow shortly; I'll dig into the language-as-a-weapon conversation you looped me in on. No time now if I want this to get out tonight.

Yes, I thought you might get a kick out of my Fr. Thomas Merton quotes. 😊 But really, I'm not sure why you're surprised. You asked, "How this happened... I assume organically?" Well, I've read Fr. Merton before, then came across 2 thick books last year, one of his poetry and one of letters & essays. He's a wonderful writer and thinker... how would I not quote him? He inspires me. That particular bit, though, on brainwashing... it was just SO familiar. It echoes everything I've been saying about the prison experience, especially for those with convictions like mine (but it truly applies to all labelled "criminal"), for years now. He just puts it so much better than I ever could, and also, it comes from HIM, not me, so that's a plus. 😊

Again, I'll write more soon here, as well as paper mail to you. Take care!

Your Friend,  
Dyniter