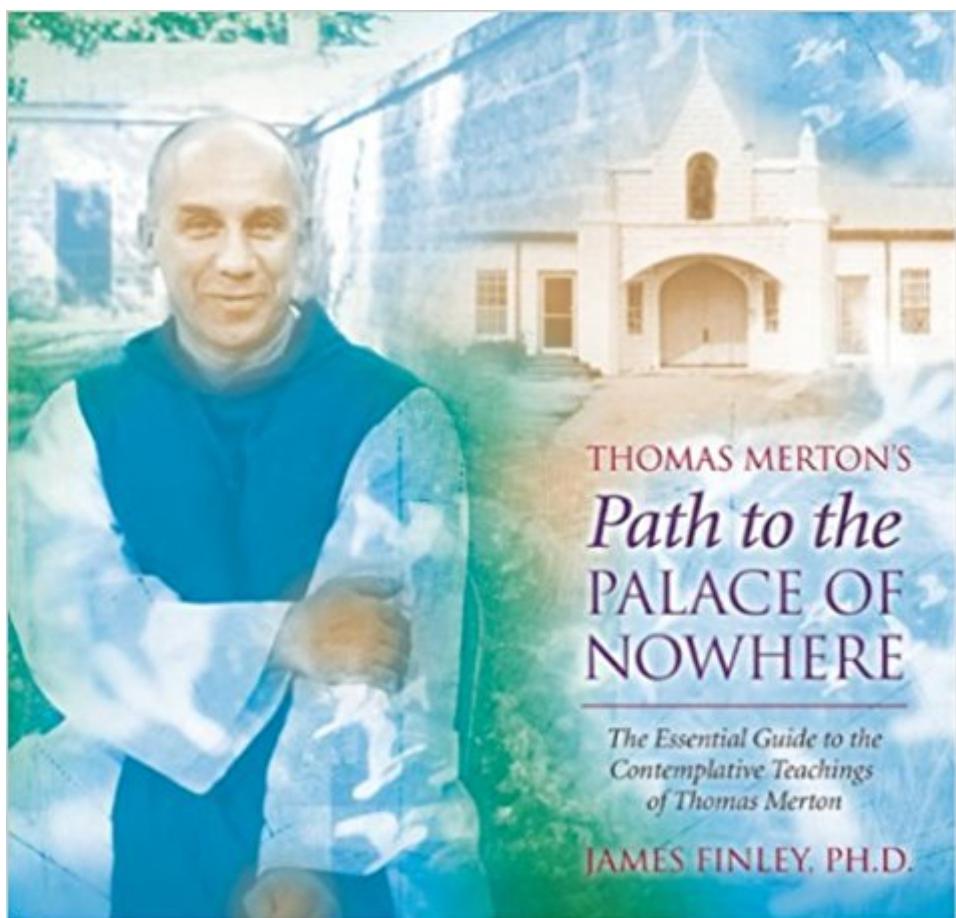


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IF YOU ARE among the growing number of Christians who feel drawn to the contemplative journey, this is a series you must listen to. It strips away the mystique and delivers a straight forward, helpful, guide to the contemplative journey. You should find the series to both informing and reassuring. I've listened to it twice and plan to review it on a regular basis. James Finley is one of today's best living authors on the subject of contemplation. IF HOWEVER, you are a Christian just examining the contemplative life, this is not a good book for you. It is not rooted well in Scripture. It blurs Christian and Eastern meditation practices. The author's delivery is monotone and quiet, most likely putting you to sleep. The central texts come from the writings of Thomas Merton. Important statements are delivered with a casual authority that are not backed up by science nor Scripture, leaving the reader to wonder if they are, indeed correct, or just the opinions of Merton and Finley.

An absolute treasure. This is one of the best wisdom recordings I've ever listened to. Right up there

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