

“WHEN SUFFERING COMES TO PUT THE QUESTION, ‘WHO ARE YOU?’ WE MUST BE ABLE TO ANSWER DISTINCTLY, AND GIVE OUR OWN NAME.”

-THOMAS MERTON

MERTON AND ME - A LIVING TRINITY,

is an act of storytelling which explores the dynamics of the false self as seen through the eyes of an actor whose very vocation called him to become someone other than himself. Written and presented by Douglas Hertler (known professionally as Doug Lory), it depicts his unexpected and life-changing encounter with the writings of Thomas Merton, most notably Merton's classic *No Man Is an Island*. While the conflicting personalities of Douglas Hertler *and* Doug Lory struggle to understand the true nature of their respective identities, Thomas Merton appears and reappears, creating a synergy of spirit and psyche that serves as a mirror into the soul.



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