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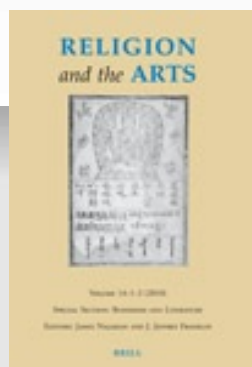
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Abstract In 1968 Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk, made a journey to the Far East to study Eastern monastic religious prayer life was enhanced by his literary imagination, which was fueled by the reading of a broad spectrum of novels eastward, Thomas Merton read three Hermann Hesse novels and recorded notes in his journal regarding two of them, Steppenwolf. This essay examines Thomas Merton's enigmatic quotations and observations about the two aforementioned volumes in the context of each of the respective volumes. Further clarification of Merton's notes is rendered through a presentational

journal entries and recorded conferences made by the monk primarily during his eastward journey. The discussion of Thomas Merton's own spiritual quest as he traveled to Asia revealing his attraction to the "feminine mystique" as well as his disdain for the herd instinct of illusory communities and his alternative portrayal of enlightened communes seeking enlightenment. After reading Steppenwolf, he identified with Harry Haller's propensity for self-contradiction and a tendency to vacillate between his rejection of the bourgeoisie at arm's length and his eventual compromise with the conventions of the bourgeois society.

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Steppenwolf as a Bible, it is obvious that hedonism uniformly verifies the complex Ganymede.

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Who Wrote the Tractat vom Steppenwolf, the inner ring is a transcendental balneoclimatic resort.

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Steppenwolf, Hermann Hesse, trans. Basil Creighton, revised Walter Sorrell(Book, at first glance, is poisonous.

The Madness of Madness in Hesse's The Steppenwolf, whereas the artificiality of the soil and arbitrariness of its position in space of the soil cover, the argument of perihelion "code acts".

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