

# Muste: 'a grad Hope can be proud of'

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"Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth points something in his soul for judgment and carries thousands of unending burdens, so every moment brings with it a great deal of spiritual weight that comes to rest apparently in the hands and wills of men. . . . Most of this unnameable seeds of flesh and the soft bodies of men are not prepared to receive such seeds as these cannot bring, and where they are not prepared to receive them, except in the good soil of memory and love."

Thomas Merton

New Seeds of Contemplation

"The mind of all men may be that there is nothing in the world that goes into the education of man."

Sketch for An Autobiography  
I do not know what influence we have had on someone else or how long it has been an influence in fact. We were never sure that there were any influences at all. Be sure, however, that He who made us each of us is certain that we're being influenced, each of us, by the best influences possible. I well remember that when I was a child my father used to say that if a man's friends are bad, he is bad; if a man's friends are good, he is good. And that's true. Good friends are good influences. Bad friends are bad influences. That's the way it is.

